

**District III Advisory Board Minutes**  
**October 5, 2011**  
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Wichita Water Center at 101 E Pawnee; seven District Advisory Board members were in attendance; three City staff and 12 members of the public were present.

**Members Present**

Jody Bennett  
Paul Davis  
Elena Ingle  
Danny Johnson  
Gay Quisenberry  
Wendy Ratliff  
David Robbins  
Council Member James Clendenin

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Officer Rebekah Johnson, Patrol East  
Officer Dave Hinners, Patrol East  
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

**Guests**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

At 6:30 p.m. **Council Member Clendenin** called the meeting to order. Minutes from the Sept. 7, 2011, meeting were approved.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

**Scheduled items**

No schedule items

**Non-Scheduled items**

No items

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Community Police Report**

**Officer Rebekah Johnson, Beat 34 Patrol East**, reported there had been a recent homicide in the 800 block of S. Beverly, but it was not a random incident. Approximately two weeks ago there were several drive by's with a shotgun damaging property. The incidents occurred in the Patrol East, South and West bureaus.

**Officer Johnson** reported having 52 larcenies on her Beat in the past two months; 22 of them were from a vehicle.

**Elena Ingle** asked if there had been any progress on the theft of the air conditioners from the church on Mt. Vernon; **Officer Johnson** said they have a burglary suspect in custody that may be responsible for that theft.

**Officer Dave Hinners, Beat 35**, announced Halloween in the Park. He said when they first started this event they had about 100 children participate. It has grown each year and last year they were pretty overwhelmed when over 2,000 children attended. WPD is seeking donations of candy. This year the event will be held in Edgemoor Park on Friday, Oct. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m.

**Action: Receive and file.**

**No Wichita Fire Department Report**

## NEW BUSINESS

### RV Park development

Local businessman **Bill Morris** presented his plan for an RV park at 609 E. 47<sup>th</sup> St. S. He noted that Wichita does not have a nice RV Park – in fact Wichita isn't even listed in the Kansas RV Directory. He is proposing a RV park with 91 slots that is concrete and sod (no gravel). Included in the park will be a two bedroom house where an onsite manager will live so someone will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There will also be a building that will serve as a tornado shelter and meeting room, and include showers and a laundry matt. **Morris** said he believes the RV Park will be beneficial to the surrounding businesses – he said there are 24 places to eat within one block of the RV Park site.

**Jody Bennett** asked if the RV Park would also double as a mobile home park; **Morris** said no.

**Elena Ingle** wanted to know how wide the street is leading into the park; **Morris** said 70 feet.

**Dave Robbins** asked what it costs to rent a space in an RV Park; **Morris** said the minimum is \$30 per day/night.

**Jody Bennett** wanted to know when Morris will start building the park; he said as soon as he gets the permit from the City. He said it will take about three months to complete.

**Dave Robbins** asked if there would be any drainage issues associated with the Park; **Morris** said no, that he couldn't ask for a better situation. Much of the infrastructure was run when he built the nearby mobile home park.

**Gay Quisenberry** asked how Morris plans on marketing the park. He said he will use billboards and advertise in Good Sam and other well known RV publications.

**Jim Gulick** wanted to know if there would be water and sewer hookups at each slot and if the sewer lines would be sufficient. **Morris** said yes there would be and there is already an 8 inch water main that runs to the center of the property. He said the electricity is ready to go – all the utilities are already stubbed in at the Park.

**Connie Klassen** wanted to know if Morris would put any restrictions on renters to prevent them from becoming permanent residents. **Morris** said no, but that he wasn't too worried about people trying to live there permanently because at \$30 per night it could get pretty expensive.

**Paul Davis** recognized Bill Morris as a long time South Wichita business person and a charter member of the South Wichita Business Association.

**Dave Robbins** commented on the positive impact this will have in supporting other businesses in the area.

**Action: Receive and file**

## UPDATES, ISSUES AND REPORTS

**Council Member Clendenin** made a number of announcements:

- there will be a 10 a.m. ribbon cutting ceremony at the 47<sup>th</sup> Street project on Friday and invited everyone to attend. **Judy Dillard** noted that this is the first KDOT project that has taken into account the potential for a positive economic impact.
- The 34<sup>th</sup> and Broadway bridge project finally has its environmental clearance and the right of way acquisition process has begun. The house with historical significance will be moved to a nearby location

- The next District III brunch will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> at Furr's Cafeteria. He would like as many people as possible to attend.
- On Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> he will be meeting with residents at Georgetown to hear their concerns.
- The entire intersection at Harry and Edgemoor is scheduled to be re-done
- On Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> he will attend the National League of Cities convention and attend various classes
- The Kansas League of Municipalities will be in town next week and will be present for a huge 150 festival and parade downtown on Saturday
- Council Member Clendenin passed out fact sheets regarding the new trash proposal. **Elena Ingle** asked if the disposal of yard waste would change; CM Clendenin said he didn't think so. **Jody Bennett** asked what would happen in the event of a natural disaster like a tornado; **CM Clendenin** said he expects it would be handled the same as it has been in the past. **Lonnie Wright** thanked CM Clendenin for asking the City Manager to put some information out on the proposal. **CM Clendenin** said the City needs to do a better job of getting facts out to the public
- Reported he is working on the possibility of getting a library in southeast Wichita at the Office This (old Wichita Mall) location. He said he and his library board members toured the facility and he was impressed.
- Regarding the Douglas Place project, **Council Member Clendenin** said the project can benefit District III by providing much needed jobs. He said it will provide 100 permanent jobs once it opens and that doesn't include all the part time jobs and the construction jobs it will create. He said these big projects often lead to even more development and reported that the old Henry's building is going to be renovated. **Elena Ingle** said Wichita has lost a lot of various conventions because it doesn't have enough hotel rooms to accommodate visitors. **Danny Johnson** pointed out that in a county of approximately 500,000; there are currently around 80,000 families on assistance. He said he supports any projects that provide employment opportunities and will get people back to work.

DAB members had the following comments and concerns:

- **Dave Robbins** said his neighborhood is concerned about declining properties in the area; they continue to monitor
- **Jody Bennett** said their area has the same concerns and they continue to work closely with OCI. She also noted that the sod which died on the new area of Hydraulic has been replaced.
- **Elena Ingle** reported they had a guest speaker from the Water Department at their last meeting who discussed how to read your water bill and this month they will have the Director of the Water Department there to discuss water rates.
- **Gay Quisenberry** reported things have been fairly calm in Hilltop recently, she is working with some other groups to plan some activities
- **Paul Davis** said he attended the railroad meeting. He said it was a good meeting, but nothing was presented that resembled a Wichita rail plan.
- **Danny Johnson** reported he recently visited a business in District III that has been very successful at helping welfare recipients and persons with felony convictions in entering the work force. There are hopes that this project can be duplicated.
- **Wendy Ratliff** announced the grand opening for the Hunter Health Clinic was very successful and the new Save A Lot store is hiring and should be opening in November.

**Elena Ingle** said AARP volunteers do taxes for free for low income families and senior citizens and they are always looking for more volunteers.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

The next meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 6:30 p.m., Nov. 2, 2011, at the Water Center at 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant – District III

**Guests**

Sandra Rogers  
Don Rogers  
Steven Walters  
Connie Klassen  
Jim Gulick  
Jan Hunt  
Lonny Wright  
Pat White  
Tom Strickland  
Ron Becker  
Judy Dillard  
Bill Morris