

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
DISTRICT I**

March 4, 2002

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th

Members Present

Treatha Brown Foster
David Franks*
Kenneth Hemmen
Carrie Jones Williams
Lori Lawrence
Debby Moore
Sharon Myers*
Celina Porter Robinson
Steve Roberts*
James Thompson
Marcia Traylor
Lois Tully-Gerber
Willard Walker
Ken Woodard

Members Absent

Council Member Brewer

Guest List

Gary Rabourn, 616 N. Volusia
Norma Smith, 2427 Menlo
Betty Hemmen, 2427 Mesita
Dorothy Nave, 1802 Looman
Cherie Nave, 1802 Looman
Kent Morgan, 537 N Dellrose
Paul Fortier, 1257 Greenwood
W.H. Fortier, 1652 Northwest Parkway
Carol Fortier, 1257 Greenwood
Joann Hartig, 1756 S Masa
Debra Miller, 1431 S. Hillside
Carl Ligon, 1736 Northeast Parkway

Staff Present

Leah Hoffman, Park & Recreation Department
Walt Bratton, Park & Recreation Department
Jack Brown, Environmental Health
Kurt Schroeder, Office of Central Inspections
Matt Jordan, City Manager's Office
Cliff Fanning, Park & Recreation Department
Lt. Wand Givens, Wichita Police Department
Heidi Farmer-Drew, Neighborhood Assistant

*Denotes District Advisory Board Alternates

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Ken Hemmen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve February 2002, DAB I minutes as submitted, **Traylor (Thompson)**, motion carried (8-0).

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items - No items submitted

1a. Gary Hassenflu – St. Francis Project withdrew from March agenda. Will resubmit for the April 2002 meeting.

2. Off-agenda items

2a. Linwood Park/New School

Norma Smith (President, Schweiter Neighborhood Association) **and Paul Fortier** (Friends of Linwood Park)

- **Smith** stated that the Schweiter Neighborhood Association was opposed to the building of the school at Linwood Park for the following reasons:
 - Building school at Linwood park site would not leave enough room for school district to build a playground
 - Building school would destroy trees that are over 100 years old
 - School not designated as a neighborhood school
 - Students not able to walk to school
 - New school expected to accommodate Kellogg school students (Kellogg school to be closed)
 - Schweiter Contract specified how land was to be used
 - No schools have been built on park land before – resent trying in Schweiter Neighborhood
 - People who object to this issue are larger than just the Fortier Family

Smith was not able to give DAB members a suggestion for an alternative location.

Fortier stated that he would be willing to answer questions of the DAB members. Fortier also stated that this issue would be going before the school board on the eleventh, then to City Council.

Public Works - No items submitted

Staff Reports

3. Adopt-A-Park and Adopt-A-Median

Park and Recreation staff, **Leah Hoffman** and **Walt Bratton**, presented the *Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Median* program, which is geared to encourage community groups to take ownership of specified areas throughout the city, by way of planting shrubs, trees, flowers, etc. and/ or picking up debris. Signs similar to those used for “Adopt-A-Highway”, would be posted once an organization adopted a park or median. Parks and Recreation requested input on the forms that were distributed to DAB members and Neighborhood/Homeowner Associations.

Hoffman stated that legal had already reviewed the document, and that additional input was needed from citizens on ways to improve the document. (how document is worded, whether or not it is understandable, etc.).

DAB members expressed the following concerns regarding the *Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Median* documents:

- Document was unclear as to how many organizations could participate
- Clarification for item # 3 “trained in landscape maintenance” – the way it is currently stated makes it sound like there are few people qualified to do landscaping/planting
- One year agreement may be too long for a group to make a commitment

Hoffman stated that the Park and Recreation Department would be flexible as to the time frame organizations would want to commit to an area. Hoffman also stated that DAB members could call her or Walt Bratton if they had additional questions or concerns regarding the *Adopt-A-Park/Adopt-A-Median* programs.

4. Neighborhood Nuisance Code Enforcement Program

Matt Jordan, Jack Brown, Kurt Schroeder, and Lt. Wand Givens were present to advise DAB members and citizens of the proposed joint *Nuisance Code Enforcement Program* and receive feedback. **Matt Jordan** gave an overview of the proposed program, which would increase the number of staff with the authority to enforce neighborhood nuisance codes and remove the violations more quickly. Violations covered in residential Districts only would include:

- Junk Vehicles
- Illegal front and side yard parking
- Noxious Weeds
- Trash, Junk, Debris
- Illegal Outdoor Storage
- Nuisance lighting
- Graffiti
- Illegal Right of Way signage

Jordan stated that the City is looking at a single phone number for reporting the Nuisance code violations, which would likely include a phone menu and have caller to leave a voice message – a response would be given within twenty-four hours.

Overall, DAB members expressed being in favor of the proposed joint *Neighborhood Nuisance Code Enforcement Program* and commended City staff for their efforts. Other concerns expressed by DAB members included:

- Concerned that five days to comply with codes would not allow someone enough time – recommend two weeks
- Consider including Basketball goals in the street as part of the nuisance code
- Consider including loud noise violation
- Consider including litter bug law
- Ensure that public is educated as to what is happening

Jordan advised DAB members that presentations to each Districts' DAB members would be complete by mid April. Jordan also stated that the City was trying to keep a manageable number of violations to initiate the program- noting that other violations may be added as the program develops. **Brown** stated if approved by the City Council, the program may begin within a month of Council approval.

Hemmen stated that the DAB board was generally in favor of the proposed program

Unfinished Business – No items submitted

Planning Cases - No items submitted

New Business - No items submitted

Board Agenda – No items submitted

General Comments/Announcements

Treatha Brown Foster

- Passed out flyers for USD 259 meetings to include:
 - Ingalls/Isley Integration/Desegregation Meeting – March 12, 2002 at Atwater NCH
 - April 18, 2002 Boundary Committee Meeting at Atwater NCH
 - May 16, 2002 Isley
 - New Northeast Middle and Elementary schools (meetings on boundaries/busing)

Debby Moore

- Plastic Hood 16th & Hillside (921 East 16th)
 - Recyclable items must be clean
 - Open Monday- Friday 9-4 and Saturday 9-noon
- Worker's Compensation number – 800-332-0353

Being no further business, **Ken Hemmen** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Jones Williams (Traylor)** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Heidi Farmer-Drew
Neighborhood Assistant,
Council District I