

District III Advisory Board Minutes
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Wichita Water Center at 101 E Pawnee. Ten District Advisory Board members were in attendance; seven City staff and 14 members of the public were present (two did not sign in).

Members Present

Teresa Cook
Charlotte Foster
Jim Gulick
Paula Hearn
John Kemp
DeWayne Kitchen
Georgia Lambke
Billie Tucker
Bill Ward
Council Member Jim Skelton

Joann Hartig

Staff Present

Officer Claudale Cavanaugh, Patrol South
Officer Justin Whyte, Patrol East
Officer Dave Hanners, Patrol East
Janet Johnson, City Manager's Office
Fire Chief Ron Blackwell, WFD
Fire Marshall Ed Bricknell, WFD
Scott Knebel, Planning

Members Not Present

Judy Dillard

Guests

Listed on the last page

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At 7:04 p.m. **Council Member Skelton** called the meeting to order. The meeting minutes from Sept. 5, 2007, were approved.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Scheduled items

No items

Non-Scheduled items

No items

STAFF REPORTS

Fire Department

Newly Appointed **Fire Chief Ron Blackwell** was present to introduce himself. He said that he served on the Wichita Fire Department for 23 years before leaving to go to Maryland in June of 1999. **Chief Blackwell** said he is very excited about being back in Wichita and he will be looking for new opportunities to serve the community.

Bill Ward and **Billie Tucker** both made personal remarks welcoming **Chief Blackwell**, and **Tucker** also complimented the skills of **Fire Marshall Ed Bricknell**, who was also present

Award presentation

Council Member Skelton presented a certificate of appreciation to **Jesse Sheffield** for his service on the District Advisory Board.

Community Police Report

Officer Claudale Cavanaugh, Patrol South Beat 26, reported there have been some arsons in dumpsters at Riverwalk apartments. She said Patrol South has been very busy running special assignments on everything from prostitution to larcenies. She also said there have been concerns raised over two new half-way houses in at 1101 Crowley and 1013 Luther.

DeWayne Kitchen asked what kind of halfway houses they are. **Cavanaugh** said prisoner re-entry for women, and she also said there is some concern because they are located about two blocks from Anderson Elementary.

John Kemp asked if the houses are part of the County's prisoner re-entry program. **Cavanaugh** said she believes so.

Charlotte Foster said that she read the Environmental Court docket and saw a person listed in her neighborhood named Clinton Knight and then she saw the same name listed in the RICO indictments that ran in the Eagle. She said she called Deputy Chief Tom Stolz and he confirmed it was the same person. She said she was upset to find that a CRIP was living in her neighborhood

Officer Dave Hinnners, Patrol East Beat 35, assured Charlotte that the police had been aware of Mr. Knight for quite some time and that he had not occupied the noted residence for many months. Hinnners also reported that Beats 32, 34, 35 and 36 have been experiencing a lot of non-residential burglaries where sheds are being broken into and lawn equipment stolen. He also reported a crime trend where burglars are gaining access to businesses by throwing rocks through the windows. He said businesses could help prevent burglaries by leaving their cash register drawers open so would-be burglars can see there is no money in it, and by posting signs that money is not kept on the premises at night.

Council Member Skelton told **Officer Justin Whyte** that he is concerned about activities taking place at the Parrot Fa Nalia building. **Officer Whyte** said he would be addressing the Council Member's concerns.

Action: Receive and file.

NEW BUSINESS

Grant Application for South Central Neighborhood East Bank River Trail

Scott Knebel, Planning Department, will present on the South Central Neighborhood Plan that was adopted by the City Council in May 2005 includes a bicycle/pedestrian path as a priority project for the revitalization of the neighborhood. The proposed "East Bank River Trail" would connect the pathway running through downtown that ends at Kellogg with the pathway that runs along the east bank of the Arkansas River from Broadway to Garvey Park. Additionally, the pathway in Garvey Park has been funded through a Transportation Enhancement Program grant for

an extension to connect with the pathway along the Canal Route. The reconstruction of Mt. Vernon also will include a bike lane and/or pathway that will connect the proposed East Bank River Trail to the pathway along the Canal Route. The East Bank River Trail was endorsed by the Park Board at their meeting on June 18, 2007.

The Transportation Enhancement Program grant application must be submitted to the Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for review to ensure that the project is compliant with WAMPO's Transportation Enhancement Policy. In addition, a resolution of support and commitment must be approved by the Wichita City Council as a required component of the application. Upon City Council approval and completion of WAMPO's review, the City of Wichita will submit the application to KDOT for Transportation Enhancement Program funding consideration.

KDOT requires a minimum 20 percent local match of the project cost and 100 percent local funding of the design cost; however, staff is proposing a 30 percent local match in order to score higher points under KDOT's rating scheme and to raise the probability of the project being selected.

Knebel said the estimated cost of the project is \$4.7 million and the 30 percent local match and design costs would be around \$1.8 million.

Foster said she thinks the City should apply using a 20 percent match instead of a 30 percent match because the nearly ½ million dollars that would be saved could be put toward something else.

Kemp said he would like to know why the City could always come up with money for projects, but it can't come up with any for the 47th Street interchange project. **Council Member Skelton** said because it's a State interchange, so it's a different type of project and it's harder to get funded. **State Representative Terry McLachlan** explained that the State operates on a 10-year Transportation Plan and for money to be available for the project today; it would have had to be allocated 10 years ago. **Rep. McLachlan** also reported that he was recently in a meeting with Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller and they are expecting a 32-37 percent decrease in Federal highway funds in 2009.

Jim Gulick asked after the bike path is built, where will the maintenance funds come from. **Knebel** said they would come from the general fund and be included in either the Parks Department or Public Works budget. He said they estimate maintenance to be between \$50,000 to 60,000 a year.

Teresa Cook asked if the projected cost includes lighting and benches. **Knebel** said yes, it includes all the special features.

Rep. McLachlan said he would sure rather see the money spent in South Wichita as opposed to another area of the city.

Kitchen said he felt like the Board should support the project and it ties in nicely with other plans such as the Water Walk.

Kitchen (Kemp) moved that the Board approve the grant application as recommended by staff.

Foster asked if the motion was with a 20 percent or 30 percent match. **Knebel** said the staff recommendation is 30 percent. **Kitchen** said he understood that when he made the motion.

The motion passed 9:0.

Action: Gave approval to move forward with the grant application.

DR2005-21: Proposed re-zoning of properties near McConnell Air Force Base at the northeast corner of Clifton Avenue and 55th St. South to the IP-A Industrial Park – Airport zoning district

Scott Knebel, Planning Department, will present information on the zoning code text and zoning map amendments required to implement the recommendations of the Implementation Coordination Committee for the *McConnell Air Force Base Joint Land Use Study, May 2005* (JLUS). The majority of the area proposed to be rezoned is within the Zoning Area of Influence for the City of Derby. On September 20, 2007, the Derby Planning Commission considered the proposed rezoning. The Derby Planning Commission voted to recommend that the proposed rezoning be denied for those properties owned by people who appeared at the hearing and indicated opposition to the proposal. The Derby Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the rezoning for the remainder of the properties. The final decision regarding the recommendation of the Derby Planning Commission will be made by the Sedgwick County Commission after also receiving a recommendation from the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

The District Advisory Board for City Council District III also is asked to make a recommendation regarding the rezoning of these properties. The properties proposed to be rezoned were donated to the City of Wichita for the development of a park. If the properties were rezoned to the proposed IP-A, Industrial Park – Airport zoning district, then any park located on the properties would be limited to activities that attract no more than 25 participants or spectators per acre at any one time. This limitation of the IP-A zoning district is intended to prevent large concentrations of people in an area with a high concentration military aircraft operations.

Knebel pointed out that this area does include the land that was donated by Jay Russell.

Elena Ingle, 3608 Meadow Lane, asked how many acres are included in that property. **Knebel** estimated somewhere around 100.

Ward (Gulick): moved to approve the proposed rezoning to the IP-A, Industrial Park – Airport zoning district as recommended by staff.

The motion passed 9:0.

Action: Gave approval of the application, which will move forward to MAPC and City Council.

Community Education

This presentation was deferred due to the presenter being ill.

BOARD AGENDA

Updates, Issues and Reports

Foster said Capt. Allred presented at her Neighborhood Assoc. meeting. She also said she received a phone call from Rep. Todd Tiahrt and there were 10 other people on the line sharing concerns. She said her concerns were trucks coming in from Mexico and Medicare.

Cook said they will have a neighborhood garage sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, 944 S. Topeka.

Kemp reported that their cleanup is slated for Oct. 13 and he keeping an eye on Dean's Auto and all the tires that are piled up there.

Georgia Lambke said at their last South City Neighborhood Assoc. meeting, Jesse Sheffield had a plaque made up that was presented to the Peters family who lost their son in a homicide recently. **Sheffield** said he was an outstanding young man and they wanted to honor him.

Gulick reported that Grandview Heights has appointed a committee to provide input on what to do with the Dry Creek parcels at Bluff and Mt. Vernon. He also said he wanted to publicly thank the City Manager for getting the sign for the Linwood Branch Library. Grandview is going to have a lawn/edging clean up at the end of October.

Paula Hearn reported Dry Creek met and discussed the Wal-Mart issue and that they are also still interested in a community garden.

Kitchen said volunteers from the Eastminster Church did several projects in Planeview including painting all the fire hydrants and the bridge rails on Roosevelt. He also announced the Planeview clean up will be on Oct. 20 and the Hazmat truck will be there.

Billie Tucker reported the Hilltop Revitalization Committee is moving forward with its efforts and that Hilltop also had Eastminster volunteers that did work in the neighborhood.

Council Member Skelton

- Reported that at the Council workshop yesterday, the proposal for an ATV Park at the Furley site was presented. He said he's not convinced Furley is the right location for this. He said he's not sure that Council is done with the landfill discussion.
- Said that work is underway on the temporary fixes for the South Broadway Bridge and it should be back open sometime between the end of October and the middle of November.
- Said he is very disappointed that federal transportation funding is being cut because the nation has many infrastructure needs – it's a national issue.
- Reminded everyone that the next brunch is slated for Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. at Furrs and that Deputy Chief Stolz will be the guest speaker.

Janet Johnson told DAB members who are going to be attending the Water reclamation tour on Oct. 15 that they need to board the bus at 5:15 p.m. at Lawrence Dumont Stadium.

Action: Receive and file.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 7 p.m., November 7, 2007, at the Water Center at 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Johnson,
Neighborhood Assistant – District III

Guests

Elena Ingle	3608 Meadow Lane
Bill Barnes	2707 S. Hillside
Goldie Barnes	2707 S. Hillside
Kathy Manny	1116 Alturas
Larry Manny	1116 Alturas
Betty Strickland	1302 S. Galena
Tom Strickland	1302 S. Galena
Claudia Lee	2826 Greenwood
Donna Thorton	2714 Southfork
Jesse Sheffield	2526 S. Mosley
Andy Soultter	703 Marcilene
Rep. Terry McLachlan	1008 W. 30 th St. S.