

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2008
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library. In attendance were nine (8) District Advisory Board members, five (5) staff and approximately thirteen citizens (13) citizens with twelve (12) signing in.

Members Present

Nancy Wilhite
Joshua Blick
Mary Cockburn
Hestel Sewell
Michael Gisick
Ed Koon
Gerald Marsh
Tom Engelmann
Jim Benton

Staff Present

Officer Tejada, Police
Paul Gunzelman, Public Works
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office
Gary Janzen, Public Works
Don Henry, Environmental Services
Officer Vogle, Police
Officer Wolfram, Police

Members Absent

Peggy Bennett

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Gisick (Marsh) moved to approve the agenda for the February 6, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

Marsh (Cockburn) moved to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

Public Agenda

The public agenda allows members of the public to present issues not on the agenda to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to five minutes unless extended by the Board.

1. Scheduled Items

No items were submitted

2. Off-Agenda Items

No items were submitted.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Officers present reported the following:

- **13 beat** – Smoking, drinking, truancy, trespassing issues around West High. “Dolly” will be present more in the spring.
- **14 beat** – Auto larcenies increased
- **15 beat**- Orchard Breeze will begin having monthly meetings.
- **16 beat** – Auto larcenies increased at Central and Ridge area
- **17 beat** – Increase in car thefts south of 31st St S between West and Meridian; increase in suspicious character sightings on Leonine

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

4. Environmental Services Update

Don Henry, Environmental Services, presented an overview of the department’s activities.

ES programs provide regulatory oversight through permits, inspections, licensing, and general enforcement of City of Wichita codes. Food protection, childcare licensure and registration, and air quality programs also help to ensure compliance with state regulations through inspections and compliance recommendations to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Due to the complex funding mechanisms and variety of services provided, ES would like to provide Council DABS with a 2007 service report. Notable accomplishments this year include:

- KDHE Ark River WRAPs Grant for Ark River and watershed assessment (\$50,000);
- Environmental Maintenance staff transferred to OCI, ES retained one Public Health Sanitarian 1 for illegal dumping on public property, surfacing sewage, solid waste vehicle inspections, premise conditions on commercial properties and animal maintenance permits;
- Passage of a new local child care ordinance that incorporates state regulations;
- Animal protection and control code updated including dangerous dog improvements;
- 98% response rate to approximately 30,568 animal service requests; and
- The groundbreaking for a new Animal Care Campus in December.

Blick asked why the number of food establishments increased, but the number of inspectors decreased. **Mr. Henry** explained that this is due to turnover and short staffing.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

5. ZON2007-00066

Jess McNeely presented a requested zone change from “MF-29” Multi-family Residential to “LC” Limited Commercial on a site generally located east of S. Meridian and south of Merton (1702 S. Meridian Ave.)

Based upon information available prior to the public hearings, planning staff recommends that the request be approved subject to the dedication of 10 feet of ROW on Meridian, dedication of access control except for two openings spaced a minimum of 150 feet along Meridian, and filing a cross-lot access agreement with the abutting north and south properties.

There was discussion regarding replatting of the land and amount of frontage available

Action Taken: Blick (Benton) motioned to recommend approval of the requested zone change subject to staff recommendation. Motion passed 8-0-1.

6. Meridian Improvements, between Pawnee and Orient

Gary Janzen and Paul Gunzelman, Public Works, presented the plan for these improvements. The project will provide four through lanes on Meridian and a center two-way left turn lane. The available right-of way will be landscaped, and new sidewalk will be constructed on both sides of Meridian. A large drainage system will be constructed to carry storm water runoff to the Arkansas River. The proposed routing of the drainage system is along Dora between Meridian and Exposition, and generally along or south of May from Exposition to the Arkansas River. Construction is planned for 2010. The project budget contained in the Capital Improvement Program is \$9,000,000. This project will alleviate current basin problems and will take almost a year to complete.

Action Taken: Gisick (Blick) motioned to recommend approval of the improvements. Motion passed 9-0.

7. 2006 and 2007 Traffic Signalization Program – Hoover and MacArthur Intersection Improvements

Gary Janzen and Paul Gunzelman, Public Works, presented the plan for these improvements. The improvement consists of constructing left turn lanes at all four approaches to the intersection, with traffic signals will be installed. Work is planned to begin this spring. The project is being expedited so that a three week street closure can occur with one week during spring break, so as to minimize the impact on Oatville Elementary School. The detour for the improvements should last a maximum of three weeks. The existing budget is \$700,000. The additional funding in the 2007-2016 CIP is \$350,000 for a total budget of \$1,050,000. The funding source is General Obligation Bonds.

It was suggested that local businesses be contacted and made aware of this.

Action Taken: Gisick (Blick) motioned to recommend approval of the improvements. Motion passed 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS

8. No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

9. **Board Updates and Issues**

- **Engelmann** was re-elected president of the Park Neighborhood Association
- **Marsh** announced that February 1 there was an annual Sister Cities meeting in Cowtown
- **Blick** announced that CSBG funds were just approved and ready to go before City Council

10. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.