

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, February 5, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Council Member Carl Brewer
Treatha Brown-Foster
Gerald Domitrovic
Shane Dundas
Debra K. Miller Stevens
Janice Rich*
Steve Roberts
James Thompson
Shontina Tipton
Lavonta Williams

Members Absent

Inga Taylor

Guests

Beverly Domitrovic, 1219 Geo Washington Blvd
Curtis Tatum, Goodwill Literacy Program
Ange Aubrey, Wichita Lifeline
Tim Austin, Poe & Associates
Scott Brian, LDG Development
Nick Esterline, Landmark Commercial Real Estate

***Alternates**

City of Wichita Staff Present

Viradena Gilkey, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Justin Whyte
Officer Cavanaugh
Officer Gerdes
Mark Stanberry, Housing
Gordan Baasham, WPD

Order of Business

Call to Order

Council Member Brewer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed the guests. He asked if anyone present wished to be added to the Public Agenda. No one came forth.

Approval of Minutes

Roberts (Brown Foster) made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried 8-0.

Approval of Agenda

Brown Foster (Roberts) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 8-0.

Public Agenda

1. Goodwill/Literacy Program

Curtis Tatum, Vice President of Workforce Development, presented information on the 107 year old Goodwill/Literacy Program which: provides education, training, employment, and educational growth opportunities for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment, serves 217 persons daily through literacy programs, hosts the Goodwill Adult Literacy Program for reading and math skills training, provides employment services for transition to Community Employment, and conducts the EDGE (Education, Development, Guidance, & Employment) program. Retail operations consist of 81% of their budget.

Mr. Tatum stated that there are currently 86,000 illiterate citizens in Wichita. The goal is to provide training and job placement for disabled citizens. The programs are offered free of charge.

(Mr. Tatum's response is in italics)

Brown Foster asked where did they obtain the 14 to 15 year olds? *High school counselor, peers, parents, and youth residence halls refer many students to our program. We also have a partnership with the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce due to the high school drop out rate among Hispanics.* **Roberts** asked what types of programs are provided for illiterate adults and how many do they currently serve? *Prior to offering programming, we conduct the CASAS testing to determine where placement should be. After that there is one to one tutoring, basic reading, writing, and math assistance, and GED preparation. There is also ESL tutoring. We currently have 52 matches for assistance.* **Dundas** asked if there were any programs that train deaf persons and if there were special visual curriculum? *We used to, but we lost our proficient staff person. We serve this population mainly through referrals and vocational rehabilitation .Our assistance is more so through employment services. All of our materials are on video.* **Thompson** inquired about the guidelines for loaning medical equipment. *We only ask that the equipment be returned in the same manner loaned out. Wheelchairs are loaned for up to 90 days. Basically we collect the name, address, and phone number of the borrower.*

The board received and filed.

2. Off Agenda Items

No items submitted.

Staff Reports

3. Police Report

Officer Justin Whyte, 32 Beat Coordinator reported: a) there has been a mail theft increase: W-2's, credit cards, bank statements, etc. Some suspects are two in a car, but citizens are not getting the license plate numbers; b) robberies are occurring on 32 and 34 Beats. At 800 South Crestway, a suspect kicked in the front door and another pulled out a gun; c) the Kansas Boat and Travel Show has donated a boat for auction. Funds will benefit 150 kids in a youth program. The cost to enter is \$8.00. Kids under 12 enter free of charge.

(Officer Whyte's response is in italics)

Brown Foster asked if the Federal government is assisting with the mail theft issues? *They will get involved if the thief is caught. The problem area is south of District 1. Prevention information is on the website of a few of the officers.* **Council Member Brewer** encouraged the board to attend the event.

Officer Cavanaugh, 21 Beat Coordinator, reported: a) Washington and Lincoln Elementary Schools has experienced issues with parking violations, which will be enforced if parents refuse to comply; b) auto thefts doubled in January 2007 and residential and non-residential thefts are down; c) the Trail Motel, 23 Beat, has huge issues. WPD is working with management for resolutions; and d) residential burglaries have decreased on 23 Beat.

Officer Gerdes, 45 Beat Coordinator, reported: a) Officer Kimble, 47 Beat, reported that three churches were hit with AC compressor theft. There are no suspects at this time; b) Officer Judi Jones is back on patrol and has been replaced by Officer Gary Morris; c) Officer Eric Smith, Beat 44 Coordinator, is on military leave with the Air National Guard and Officer Patton is his replacement.

(Officer Gerdes's response is in italics)

Brown Foster asked if the Boys and Girls Club is still experiencing problems with theft? *I don't have the answer to that, but will find out.* **Council Member Brewer** inquired about the problem nightclub and the liquor license request. *I know that they applied for the license and I believe they were granted.*

The board received and filed.

New Business

4. Request for Resolution of Support for Application for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (Inwood Crossing Apartments)

Mark Stanberry, Housing and Community Services, presented a request for low-income Housing Tax Credits in connection with the development of the Inwood Crossings Apartments to be located on a currently vacant tract of land near Inwood and 35th Street North. He explained that the site is considered to be “split-zoned”, as the zoning designation for the north 8 acres is MF-18, and the zoning designation for the south 14 acres is MF-29. The apartment complex will provide 260 apartments, including 40 one-bedroom units, 90 two-bedroom units, 100 three-bedroom units, and 30 four-bedroom units. The Office of Central Inspection recommends additional “berming” and landscaping, over and above the landscape code requirements, and further recommends that the building setback be increased from 25 feet to 35 feet. The City's Low Income Housing Tax Credit Policy requires a set-aside of 20% of the units for market-rate tenants.

Scott Brown, LGD Development, stated that the 260 units will be Class A multi-family units, a local property manager would be hired, area is properly zoned, and amenities would be provided include a clubhouse with a fitness center and business center, a large swimming pool and patio area, a playground area with equipment, and cookout areas with picnic tables. There would also be a “community room” where police officers can conduct business. Rent will be priced at top market rate due to the top of the market product.

(Mr. Brown's response is in italics)

Tipton inquired about the theater room and if the residents had been engaged with the lack of a neighborhood or homeowners association in the area. *The theater area would hold 15 to 20 seats that recline. We have not spoken with residents yet, but are committed to do so. It is there desire that people feel ownership in the project.* **Mark Stanberry** added that residents within 200 feet would be notified as required by law. **Brown Foster** suggested that they contact Wichita Independent Neighborhoods for assistance and asked where the Community Police would be placed. *We will have to get with WPD, but the plan is to place them in the clubhouse.* **Dundas** asked for clarification of the location, which was provided. **Williams** commented that she appreciated the explanation for “top of the market” rate and suggested that they could start their own association with residents in the future.

Williams (Thompson) made a motion to recommend approval of the project as recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department. Motion carried 8-0.

Unfinished Business

No items submitted.

Board Agenda

5. Updates, Issues, and Reports

- **Virdena Gilkey, staff**, handed out information on WAMPO and announced the tax assistance program at neighborhood city halls is underway.
- **Brewer** announced: a) the District I Coalition Breakfast Meeting will be March 3, 2007, Cisro's Restaurant. At the February breakfast, Chief Williams presented staffing information that has been affected due to military leave; b) pay close attention to copper tubing thefts as it affects the sale of homes. According to the law, if a house is vacant for more than 30 days, insurance does not have to pay for damages; c) the 21st Street Market and the Amoco station had copper stolen and the building are destroyed; and d) the next meeting of DAB I will be March 5, 2007, Atwater Neighborhood City Hall.

Brewer asked that Deb Legge and Kay Johnson be invited to the next DAB meeting to explain all of the staffing changes in District 1.

- **Brown Foster** reported that NE Millair NA would resume their monthly meetings the third Saturdays of each month at Patrol North. They do not meet in the winter.
- **Williams** reported that the CSBG committee meeting would take place this week. They should find out where the funding will be allocated.

Ange Aubrey, Wichita Lifeline, asked to report to the board. She reported that the agency provides services to the elderly and handicapped individuals who have health risks. Service is provided in Wichita and 48 surrounding communities. Lifeline is a medical service that allows residents to remain in their homes by providing assistance whenever needed through a monitoring device that has a trained professional to respond. When activated, the Lifeline Monitor contacts a neighbor, loved one, or emergency services to respond to a specific need.

(Ms. Aubrey's response is in italics)

Tipton asked if the service is only for senior citizens and what is the cost? *It is for people that are disabled in some way. Our youngest client is 16 years old. The cost is \$35.00 per month with a one-time setup fee of \$55.00. Services are usually only cancelled due to a client's death or entry into a nursing home.* **Brown Foster** asked if they had a local office. *Yes, we are located at 149 South Ridge Road and our office number is 265-1700.*

The board received and filed.

With no further business, **Roberts (Tipton)** made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Virdena Gilkey
Neighborhood Assistant