

**District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2010**
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library, 3447 S Meridian.

Members Present

Josh Blick
Tom Engelmann
Hestel Sewell
Gerald Marsh

Staff Present

Officer Gomes, Police
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office
Officer Winder, Police
Jim Armour, Public Works Engineering
Mark Manning, OCI

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

*Due to lack of quorum agenda and previous meeting minutes were not approved

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 submitted.

Staff Presentations

3. **Public Safety Reports**

Community Police Report

Officers present reported the following:

- Increased auto thefts from vehicles left running for the cold weather, putting out informational flyers, but still continues to be an issue
- Parking citations have been issued for improper parking at the south YMCA and this has seemed to resolve the issue
- 25,000 people at the arena opening, but traffic and parking went smoothly

4. Fire Report

Staff present stated:

- fire lane parking at the YMCA has improved
- Carbon monoxide poisoning at Douglas and Meridian
- Increase in fire alarms due to cold, dry weather
- Captain Eck passed away

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

5. Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment (WIRE)

Jack Brown, Kansas University School of Medicine-Wichita staff, presented this item. In October 2008 the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health of the KU School of Medicine-Wichita received an Environmental Protection Agency Level 1 CARE grant in the amount of \$100,000 to establish a local CARE program. The local program is known as WIRE (Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment). The project is in its second year of funding and the Level 1 phase of the project will conclude in 2010. The grant is administered by EPA Region 7 office will administer the grant through a cooperative agreement with the School of Medicine-Wichita in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health. The purpose of the grant is to solicit community input regarding environmental issues associated with air, water, solid waste, and other environmental matters impacting the public. Ideas were discussed with these community groups and categorized as mentioned above. The committee is now asking for additional money to address the issues cited and for PR work also. These ideas will be taken back to the community groups to be prioritized. Some concerns mentioned include recycling, the Arkansas River water quality, air quality, waste disposal and landfills. It was suggested that air conditioning businesses be contacted to assist with this effort due to the dangerous gases old units can release into the air. Mr. Brown also promised to provide more info to the Board concerning the water quality and depth of the Arkansas River.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

6. 2009 – 2018 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

Mark Manning, Finance, and Jim Armour, Public Works, presented the Capital Improvement Plan budget. The City of Wichita CIP outlines infrastructure improvements forecasted for the community over the next decade. The CIP aligns with the core priorities of protecting life and property, protecting infrastructure investment and promoting a growing and sustainable community. The CIP is financed from a variety of sources. No change in the property tax levy is necessary to support the proposed CIP. However, as proposed, adjustments to the Storm Water Utility ERU fee would be increased incrementally in 2012, 2013 and 2015. In addition, Water Utility rate adjustments estimated at 5% annually would be necessary from 2010 – 2013, with smaller increases projected in subsequent years. Adoption of the CIP by the City Council is scheduled for February 2, 2010. Mr. Manning clarified that these figures include stimulus money received by the federal government and that they are trying to prioritize and get projects ready should more stimulus funds become available.

Action Taken: Received and filed

OLD BUSINESS

5. No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

6. **Board Updates and Issues**

- Marsh announced that Sister Cities Board elections are coming up and that he completed his term on the CSBG Grants Committee.
- Engelmann stated that the Library Board is still deciding how to approach implementing plans for the new library as inflation costs become a concern; however, the new library design has incorporated more technology and uses space more efficiently.

7. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.