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Honoring Those Dedicated to Preservation

By Barbara Hammond and Christy Askew

Michael and Bonita Fieser (L.W. Clapp House) and John Belford (Keep Klean Building) were the first recipients of the new “Heritage Award.” The award recognizes the dedication and efforts of property owners in preserving historic buildings or structures according to the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards of Rehabilitation. Both parties recently completed extensive rehabilitation of their respective properties. On May 14, 2007 Michael and Bonita Fieser and John Belford’s efforts were recognized and the Historic Preservation Board presented each with a Heritage Award certificate.



L.W. Clapp House - 1847 Wellington Place

The Clapp residence was built in 1887 by Lewis W. Clapp, businessman, civic leader, mayor, and developer of the City’s park system. Designed in the Queen Anne style by architects Terry and Hayward, the three-story home features varied surfaces and multiple porches. Extensive remodeling in 1907 included enclosing a portion of the wide front porch, addition of a second floor room over the porch, and installation of a massive, carved wood front door designed by Mr. Clapp.

In 1981, Ron Ryan purchased the home and proceeded to completely restore and rehabilitate the property with new plumbing, mechanical and electrical systems. The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1982. The Ryans donated the home to the City of Wichita in April of 1998 to be used as a facility for meetings, retreats, receptions and other community functions. The residence was then purchased last

year by the Fiesers, who have since upgraded roof material, painted exterior, recreated interior wood architectural features, and added new wall and floor finishing.

Keep Klean Building - 810 East Third Street

In 1910, Brace A. Helfrich, Sr. met and started working for Fred Martin, a successful business owner of a linen supply company, supplying linens for roller towel cabinets in office restrooms. With Martin’s blessing, Helfrich started his own business, “The Wichita Towel Supply,” in 1914 in a rented building located at 110 E. 2nd Street, and by 1929 expanded its base of operations into the fireproof building at 810 East Third. Helfrich was one of the first linen suppliers in the nation to purchase a motorized delivery truck, which was custom-painted



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cream to signify the sanitary nature of his business. The truck had gold leaf letters that read "KEEP KLEAN."

By 1950, Brace's sons were managing the family business, which later closed following Brace's death in 1978. Since 1978, the building has been used for storage. In 2006, John Belford purchased and remodeled the building to house the offices of Belford Electric. Mr. Belford has completed the rehabilitation of the previously gutted warehouse and has restored the existing windows, interior trim, and walls, and has replaced the overhead doors with a new storefront window system. Most recently, the Keep Klean Building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in February 2007.



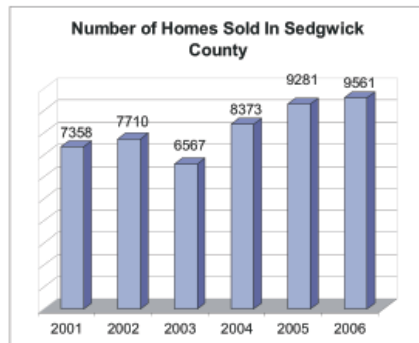
2007 Development Trends

By Stephen Banks

The 2007 Development Trends Report has just been released. It summarizes 2006 development and building activity for Sedgwick County and

all of its incorporated cities. Highlights from this year's report include:

- Wichita's population grew to 360,000, and Sedgwick County grew to 474,500, based on census and building permit data.
- Approximately 100 subdivision plats were recorded last year, of which 70% were located in Wichita or the unincorporated portions of Sedgwick County, and the remaining 30% were in the County's small cities.
- A record 9,561 homes, totaling \$1.3 billion were sold in Sedgwick County.
- The fastest growing areas of Sedgwick County for new residential units continue to be the Wichita NW and NE growth areas.
- Residential subdivision activity fell 11% from Sedgwick County's five-year average. Commercial subdivision activity rose 27%, and industrial subdivision activity fell 53%.
- Over \$327 million was invested in commercial building activity in Sedgwick County for 2006. This was down only 1% from the five-year average.



The Report can be found on the MAPD website at: <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/Comprehensive/07DevTrends.htm>. For questions, call Stephen Banks at 352-4853.

The Buzz in Park City

By Christy Askew

May 5, 2007 marked the Grand Opening of Wild West World in Park City. The new \$30 million cowboy theme park has 24 rides, including a roller coaster and a ferris wheel on 40 acres. Thomas Etheredge, the developer and co-owner, has put together a staff of more than 500 to run the park and financed the development of the park through both local and European banks, a Small Business Administration loan, and through industrial revenue bonds sold by Park City. Jack Whitson, the City Administrator for Park City, said that the City's involvement in the project has simply been to use its credit rating to obtain bonds for the Park and that the bondholders, not the City, assume the risk in the park.

As a result of Wild West World, development is beginning to occur around the Park, including a new Sleep Inn & Suites Hotel that is already open for business and the Sedgwick County Fire Department's new fire station that is currently under construction. The Holiday Inn Express has also shown strong interest in locating next to the park.

Plans are underway for a new arena in Park City as well. Wink Hartman is building the \$20 million facility for the Wichita Wild Indoor football team



that will also include a sports activity building with basketball courts and soccer fields. Expected to open in Spring of 2008, the new arena will hold 5,000 people--a much smaller venue than the 15,000-seat arena planned for downtown Wichita.

Revitalization Plan Adopted

By Scott Wadle

The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan, a key component of the revitalization efforts for the City of Wichita, was recently adopted by City Council on April 17th. The Plan identifies the strategies and target areas for the revitalization efforts of the City of Wichita utilizing both HUD and State funding.

Significant changes to the 2007 Neighborhood Revitalization Plan include expanding the area to include the South Central Neighborhood. The new Plan also incorporates Transforming Wichita initiatives by using the same measures to track the City's impact on the revitalization target areas. The City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, and USD 259 all hope to have an inter-local agreement in place later this year to enact some of the financial incentives identified within the Plan.

The Plan is available through the Community Housing & Services Department; and online at <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Housing/CommunityInvestments/default.htm>.

Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization News

Articles by Brent Holper and Scott Dunakey
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Changing Guidance

The Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO) currently is in the final stages of assembling a new Policy Body. Previously, this group consisted of nineteen voting members and one non-voting member. The new Transportation Policy Body will consist of nine members, all of which will be eligible to vote. Representation will consist of appointed and elected officials: (one) appointed Metropolitan Area Planning Commission member, (one) appointed KDOT representative, (three) elected City Council members from the City of Wichita, (two) elected Sedgwick County Commissioners, (one) elected official from the Sedgwick County Association of Cities, and (one) Butler County/Sumner County Commissioner. The WAMPO Transportation Policy Body is the decision making group and oversees the implementation of transportation documents, such as the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Policy Body also reviews the adequacy of current and future transportation plans and programs. WAMPO appreciates all of the hard work and time dedicated by previous members of the Policy Body and welcomes the new members.



WAMPO Planner Joined National Committee

Nancy Harvieux, WAMPO's Transportation Planning Manager, recently joined the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) Technical Committee, which is a national committee that provides technical advice to the AMPO – Policy Committee. The Technical Committee is tasked with identifying key technical priorities, planning development, and future MPO issues. Nancy's participation enables WAMPO staff to have input into future national transportation legislation.

WAMPO Welcomes New Transportation Staff

WAMPO welcomes two new staff members, Brenton Holper and Vester Adams. Brenton Holper, Associate Transportation Planner, most recently worked in Staples, MN for the Region Five Development Commission (R5DC) as the Regional Planner. While at R5DC, Brenton was responsible for the Community Development Department and assisted with various transportation projects. Prior to his work at R5DC, Brenton worked for the Spatial Analysis Research Center (SARC) at St. Cloud State University. Brenton holds a Bachelor's Degree in Geography from St. Cloud State University, with an emphasis in GIS and a minor in Community Development.

Vester Adams, Transportation Planning Analyst, recently worked for the Wichita Police Department as a Section Supervisor. Prior to working for the City of Wichita, Vester spent seven years with the U.S. Air Force as a Logistics Planner. Vester played an integral part in planning Air Force logistical support for Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as well as Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. Vester and his wife Carrie moved to Wichita two years ago from Warner Robins, GA. Vester holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Georgia, and a M.S. in Logistics Management from Georgia College & State University.

KDOT Issues Call for Transportation Enhancement Projects

The Kansas Department of Transportation has announced the Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding program for the Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010. For a project to be eligible for TE Program funding, it must be surface transportation-related and qualify in at least one of the three major categories: 1) Historic, 2) Scenic and Environmental, and 3) Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities.

Applications to KDOT for funding that originate from within the WAMPO planning area must be submitted through WAMPO. All applications are also subject to WAMPO's TE Policy. The application and information about the TE Program are available at: <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/Transportation/>

For information, please contact Scott Dunakey, Principal Planner, at: sdunakey@wichita.gov or by phone at (316) 268-4457.

Key Dates-

May 23, 2007 - WAMPO TE Workshop

August 16, 2007 -KDOT Workshop

October 31, 2007 - Application Deadline

November 26, 2007 - Applicant Presentations to
WAMPO – TAC

January, 2008 (TBD) - WAMPO Transportation Policy Body
Makes Recommendation

SimCity at Work with Youth

by Christy Askew

At the annual EARTH Workshop last April, the MAPD utilized SimCity software to demonstrate to students how development and urban planning decisions impact the environment.



In a mock city setting, the students were asked to reduce air pollution by constructing environmentally friendly energy plants, by implementing car-pooling programs, and/or by passing regulations to encourage industrial

businesses to reduce pollution. Students were also asked to determine how best to reduce traffic congestion by either widening the road or implementing additional bus/mass transit services. Another scenario included figuring out whether the city should expand its

landfill, construct an incinerator, or implement recycling programs. Implications of each option were discussed, including short-term and long-term financial and environmental implications, as well as, overall long-term effectiveness of each option. SimCity proved to be an innovative educational tool to demonstrate complex issues, outline potential options and observe the outcomes of the students' decisions. MAPD's exercise also helped students understand the type of issues that urban planners, city officials, and developers face in order to create a community in which citizens want to live, work and play.

What's Your Dream for Wichita Parks?

By Scott Wadle

If you're a Wichita resident, now is your opportunity to get involved with planning the future parks, recreation, and open space resources of Wichita. The City of Wichita is currently updating the Wichita Park, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan).

Here's how to get involved:

- *Check out the PROS Website- www.wichitaprospan.org*
- *Take the PROS Plan Online Survey*
- *Attend the Dream in Green Speaker Series Events*
- *Participate in Community Meetings*
- *Check Out PROS Resources at Wichita Public Libraries*



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