

**District IV Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 2, 2006**  
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library. In attendance were five (5) District Advisory Board members, eleven (11) staff and approximately twenty-one (21) citizens with nineteen (19) signing in.

**Members Present**

Council Member Gray  
Peggy Bennett  
Jim Benton  
Joshua Blick  
Mary Cockburn  
Ed Koon

**Members Absent**

Tom Englemann  
Michael Gisick  
Gerald Marsh  
Jerry McGinty

**Staff Present**

Officer Floyd, Police  
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office  
Jean Hatfield, Library  
Officer Inkelaar, Police  
Brandon Kauffman, Finance  
Steve King, Public Works  
Shawn Mellies, Public Works  
Jay Newton, Finance  
Officer Perkins, Police  
Officer Voyles, Police  
Chief Williams, Police

**Guests**

Listed on the last page

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Benton (Bennett)** moved to approve the agenda for the August 2, 2006 meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

**Blick (Benton)** moved to approve the minutes for the June 7 and July 5, 2006 meetings. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled Items**

No items were submitted.

**2. Off-Agenda Items**

No items were submitted

## Staff Presentations

### **3. Community Police Officers**

**Officer Perkins** reported the following:

- Vehicles are being broken into at Lawrence Dumont Stadium.
- West High will continue the truancy program this year which was very successful last year
- Police have begun visiting hotels and motels and enforcing compliance with applicable statutes and ordinances.
- McAurthur bridge will be closed again between Hoover and 36<sup>th</sup> St and will be done in November or December
- There has been a report of two incidences of burglary at 1924 W Douglas
- August 12<sup>th</sup> Safety Fair @ Town West
- August 18<sup>th</sup> Delano Celebration at 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Officer Floyd** also presented issues in some of the district beats:

- National Night Out – over 150 parties.
- Thefts of copper from vacant building.
- Be aware of school zones and be cautious (ask parents to help).
- Want radar at South High School.
- Crimes change when school begins.
- Someone is taking from the boxes of businesses with the after hour payments.
- Southwest Neighborhood Association Meeting August 11<sup>th</sup> @ Osage Park.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – Welcome Back to School/ Stranger Danger @ Kelly Elementary in the Gymnasium.
- Recent burglaries have been reported in the mobile park areas.

**Officers Inkelaar & Voyles informed the Board of the following:**

- There has been an increase in larcenies reported in public parking. Make sure you lock your vehicles and don't leave valuables in sight.
- More recent automobile break-ins being reported at schools.
- We are stepping up law enforcement at schools.
- Watch out for kids on Seneca coming from school campus.
- If you see or know of any children not properly being taking care of, please let us know!
- Look out for pets and the elderly during the heat.

**Norman Williams, Chief of Police**, also commented on policing issues in District IV. Major crime rates are down 2% and minor crime rates are down 1%. In 2005 District IV had its lowest crime four (4) years, from 2004 to 2005 it went down 9%. Thanks to the citizens of the community, they help to make sure our neighborhoods are safe. We must continue to focus on safety first before we focus on other resources such as cameras. It is important that we continue to focus on our needs not our wants. There are other things we must take care first. We have 19 new officers who will be starting classes on August 12.

**Cockburn** asked what type of crime is speeding? Chief William responded that speeding is a traffic infraction unless a DUI, which can be a felony after 4<sup>th</sup> time. Need to step up to make safer. Kellogg is harder to enforce because of officer safety concerns when stopping a vehicle.

**Action Taken:** Received and Filed.

## **New Business**

### **4. Proposed Budget Report**

**Brandon Kauffman & Jay Newton, Finance**, presented on the Proposed Budget for 2007 to 2008. City Finance staff along with the Leadership Team for Transforming Wichita have coordinated the development of the 2007-2008 City Manager's proposed budget. City staff have been working in strategy teams since January of 2006 to develop the base budgets and recommend the inclusion of service adjustment plans in the 2007-2008 proposed budget. Service Adjustment Plans are any increase to the current service levels through reallocating current resources or adding additional resources to add increased service to the public. The proposed budget is aimed at impacting the five core goals that were adopted by the City Council. The 2007-2008 Proposed budget will affect the Safe and Secure Community, Economic Vitality and Affordable Living, Efficient Infrastructure, Quality of Life and Core Area and Neighborhood goals.

#### **Projected Staff Increases:**

- 1 New Firefighter
- 1 Arson Investigator
- 6 Beat Officers – SRO's
- 1 Probation Officer
- 1 Prosecutor
- 2 Security Officers
- 3 Animal Control Officers

#### **Economy Status:**

- IRB rates are up.
- The one million dollars for incentives to businesses have been cut down.
- After adoption of Budget – Refine goals and continue to measure.

The Board and citizens presented asked questions regarding the budget (*Mr. Kauffman, Chief Williams and Mr. Newton's responses are in italics*)

**Cocburn** asked the following questions: 1.) Will Student Resource Officers (SROs) still be in schools? *City met with school and whatever amount of funds to spend match 1/2 is equivalent to 6 officers. Currently there are 22 SRO's provided at the cost of 16 SRO's of \$700,000.00. The schools will tell us which schools are eliminated.* 2.) What are the reserves for the general fund? *The reserves are typically 13% of the total expenditure, but the budgets expenditures are up, so this % is lower this year, but the amount money for the reserves is till the same* 3.) Explain what IRB's do? *IRBs assist with offsetting administration fees.* 4.) How do Wichita's property taxes compare with other cities? *Taxation structures differ in other states, so this is hard to measure and compare accurately.*

**Blick** asked about the status of the Ice Rink contract? *City Council has approved a new contract under new management and it will take effect September 1.*

**Lonnie Wright** asked when the new animal control positions take effect. *They will start in 2007, but the City Manage could authorize sooner.*

**Sue Klick, 742 Sunrise,** asked if 1 million will be put in the budget for arts and new cultural projects? *A certain amount for arts and cultural projects has been set aside for all cultural projects to apply for along with an additional 2.2 million for the Art Museum for operational costs.*

**Action Taken:** Provided Comment and Input for City Council Consideration.

## **5. York Petition**

**Steve King and Shawn Mellies, Public Works,** presented on Petition to pave 37<sup>th</sup> St. South, Flora and York in Skyline Heights and Wheatland Place Additions (north of MacArthur, east of Hoover). The signatures on the Petition represent 28 of 53 (52.83%) resident owners and 43.23% of the improvement district area. The project will provide paved access to a developed residential and commercial area. The estimated project cost is \$360,000 with \$340,272 assessed to the improvement district and \$19,728 paid by the City. The method of assessment is the fractional basis. The estimated assessment to individual properties is \$8,133 per tract, except for the large tract at the northeast corner of Hoover and MacArthur, which has an estimated assessment of \$24,400. The City share is for the cost of intersection construction. The funding source for the City share is General Obligation bonds. This project will address the Efficient Infrastructure goal by providing paved streets in an existing development.

Citizens asked the following questions (*Mr. King's responses are in italics*)

**Mike Braz, 3739 S. Arapahoe:** 1.) Why do you have to pay when it don't affect us? *You would have no access to these streets.* 2.) Why do the people on Hoover have to pay? *Benefits the district. half way to next street and each citizen in the City is eligible to be assessed for 2 streets, a side street and a main street. When MacArthur & Hoover were paved, none of the streets were assessed. Up until 20 years ago citizens paid for a major portion of arterial, but now the Capital Improvement Funds pays for this.* 3.) Will the church be required to pay an assessment? *The church doesn't pay general taxes, but it will pay for the water and sewer lines.* 4.) Will paving

on Flora eliminate ditches. *Will add curb and gutter and storm sewers.* 5.) Will Flora open to McAuthur? *Yes.*

**Evelyn Hefley**, When Flora opened on McAuthur, Case and Cessna had employees that were speeding. *Hope to alleviate the cal-de-sac, but not right away.* What about a traffic signal? *Don't feel that a traffic signal will help stop this activity.*

**Chris Siler, 3818 S. Flora:** 1.) How much for the driveway? *It depends on the size of the driveway. Up to 16ft. could cost \$1,000 to \$1500.* 2.) Will tax value go up? *Yes, your property value will go up once this project is completed.*

**Jim Heftey, 3828 S Flora:** Will there be a barrier fence to separate residential and strip mall? *It depends on zoning. When this is platted fencing requirements will be determined.*

**James Lewis, 5520 W McAuthur:** The roadbed is higher then the driveway, will you lower it? *Most likely we want the yard to drain into the curb so we will find a way to do that.*

**Jeff & Vickie Windell, 5520 W 37<sup>th</sup>:** 1.) Is the street the same width? *It will go from 29 to 31 feet wide.* 2.) Will asphalt go past the fire hydrant or will you change it? *We will let you know 10 to 15 days ahead of doing this.*

**John Smith, 5430 W. 37<sup>th</sup>:** What about including a hammerhead instead of a cal-de-sac? *Prefer to see cal-de-sac but may do hammerhead* 2.) How long will the driveway be? *From the back to the property about 10 to 15 ft.*

**Allison Syler, 3818 S Flora** asked when the final assessment cost will be given for this project, since these costs were estimated over a year ago. Also, **Ms. Syler** asked what will be done if it is over the amount previously stated? *We usually factor this in and there is a clause with the contractor that the cost can go up 1% a month. So possibly a 15% increase. These costs may have to be refigured, depending upon how much the difference in costs is.*

**Action taken: Blick (Benton)** moved to approve the petition with the condition to include a cal-de-sac or a hammerhead at Flora & MacAuthur and purchasing right-of-way to be assessed to the assessment district area. Motion passed 4-1 (**Koon**).

## **6. Petition to pave 50<sup>th</sup> St. South, Osage and Osage Circle east of Seneca**

**Steve King and Shawn Mellies, Public Works**, presented the item. This project will provide paved access to a partially developed residential area 50<sup>th</sup> St. South, Osage and Osage Circle east of Seneca. The signature on the petition represents 1 of 12 (8.33%) resident owners and 75.67% of the improvement district area. The estimated project cost is \$259,000 with the total assessed to the improvement district. The method of assessment is the fractional basis. The estimated assessment to individual properties is \$6,088 per lot with a front street assessment and \$2,214 per lot with a side street assessment.

**Russ Klick 742 Sunrise, and Reberto Villa, 930 W Sunrise** asked questions regarding the amount that they would be assessed as well as why they would be assessed for this project when they are not completely located in the entire area that will be paved. Mr. King explained that all

residents in the City of Wichita are assessed for the paving of two streets and clarified misstated assessment amounts.

**Action Taken: Benton (Bennett)** moved to recommend approval of the petition. Motion passed 5-0.

**7. Petition to construct a Storm Water Drain for Sycamore Pond Addition and part of Angel Acres 2nd Addition (east of Seneca at 50th St. South)**

This item was deferred indefinitely due to possible change in ownership of property within this area, which would effect consideration of a valid petition request.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.**

<u>Guest</u>	<u>Address</u>
Leo Waldscmhidt	5419 York
Susan Robison	3832 S Flora
Bob Boyle	3840 S Flora
Mo	211 E Pawnee
Twila Evans	830 W Sunrise
Chris Bolun	5520 W McAuthur
Carly Lewis	5520 W McAuthur
Russell Klick	742 W Sunrise
Sue Klick	742 W Sunrise
Allison Siler	3818 S Flora
Chris Siler	3818 S Flora
Jeff & Vickie Windell	5520 W 37 <sup>th</sup> St. S
Charlen & Leroy Stine	3819 S Bonn
Gerald House	5510 W 37 <sup>th</sup> St. S
Patricia Coombs	1926 S Bonn
Marjorie Griffith	713 Savannah
Oatville Community Church	3814 S Hoover
Lonny Wright	
Harold Roberts	930 S Sunrise