

District III Advisory Board Minutes
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Wichita Water Center at 101 E Pawnee; seven District Advisory Board members were in attendance; six City staff and 10 members of the public were present (1 did not sign in).

Members Present

Judy Dillard
Charlotte Foster
Jim Gulick
Joann Hartig
Brian Nelson
Billie Tucker
Bill Ward
Council Member Roger Smith

DeWayne Kitchen

Staff Present

Dale Miller, MAPD
Capt. Frank Buck, WFD
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Officer Stephanie Neal, Patrol East
Officer Kim Warehime, Patrol South
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

Members Absent

Teresa Cook

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

At 7 p.m. **Council Member Smith** called the meeting to order. Minutes from the Feb. 7, 2011, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Scheduled items

Brenda Salvati, Stand Together Coalition, announced that the Coalition will be focusing their efforts in the Patrol East area. The mission of the organization is to collaborate with schools and neighborhoods to provide programs and services that prevent and alleviate teen substance use and other problem behaviors in the targeted area.

Non-Scheduled items

Shane Schumacher, Wichita Public Schools, showed a rendering of the new addition for Allen Elementary School. Currently the school uses its gym for a cafeteria; the new addition will include a new cafeteria that can also be used as a multi-purpose room. **Schumacher** said the project is still in the design phase, but it is under contract, so the project will be completed.

Billie Tucker asked about the plans for Jefferson Elementary; **Schumacher** said he didn't know the status of that particular school.

Action: Receive and file

STAFF REPORTS

Community Police Report

Officer Stephanie Neal, Beat 32 Patrol East, reported there has been an increase in auto thefts in the ## Beat, but a suspect was arrested on Monday and is being charged with at least four cases. Patrol East staff recently met with the Lord's Diner to discuss security. The Diner is slated to open in mid-May and for the first year, there will be two off-duty police officers providing security. Patrol East Officers continue to address the traffic issues on East Kellogg.

Officer Kim Warehime, Beat 28 Patrol South, reported there were five burglaries on her beat during the month of February. She said they are daytime burglaries and the suspects are apparently parking in the driveways and going behind the houses to break in. The 27 Beat also had a number of burglaries, but a search warrant was served on a suspect's house and an arrest made, so hopefully that beat will see a decrease in burglaries. **Warehime** said so far this year, the city has recorded nine traffic fatalities, and only three of them were DUI related. She said most of the time; the accidents have been due to high speeds and inattentive driving.

Charlotte Foster wanted to know if the State Legislature were to pass the increased speed limit proposal, would it affect Kellogg. **Warehime** said she didn't know, but she sure hoped not. She said working accidents on Kellogg presents major safety challenges for Officers and for other motorists.

Joann Hartig asked if she had any information on the 24 Beat; **Warehime** said they have seen an increase in burglaries and auto thefts and are working some drug houses in the area which they believe might be related.

Council Member Smith wanted to know if Warehime knew the cause of the recent accident at GWB and Harry; **Warehime** said there have been so many accidents lately, she wasn't sure on that one. Someone mentioned they read in the paper it was due to running a red light. **Smith** said he has observed this particular violation occurring with more frequency.

Wichita Fire Department Report

Capt. Frank Buck, reported the Fire Department responded to six fires in District 3 in February, three of which were considered significant. Two of those were determined to be accidental, related to electrical problems and the third one (The Heritage Restaurant) is still under investigation. **Buck** said there was a total of \$897,000 worth of fire damage in February.

Judy Dillard asked if there are more fires in the winter than in the summer; **Buck** said there seem to be.

Mark Gietzen asked how District 3 compares to other parts of the City in terms of fires; **Buck** said he wasn't sure, he didn't have those statistics with him.

Charlotte Foster asked about the safety of space heaters; **Buck** said it's okay to use them, just don't plug them into overloaded outlets and never leave them unattended.

Action: Receive and file.

NEW BUSINESS

DER2010-16: Wireless Communication Master Plan Update

Dale Miller, Metropolitan Area Planning Department, Several recent wireless communication cases have involved requests for lattice towers to support microwave antenna installations for point-to-point data communications. Each of the requested lattice towers was shorter than 150 feet in height; therefore, Section VI.B.3. of the Wireless Communication Master Plan indicates that the type of tower that should be approved for such requests is a monopole. However, the applicants asserted that the sway and twist capabilities of a lattice tower are superior to that of a monopole and are necessary to avoid data loss in a microwave-based point-to-point data communications system.

Miller provided DAB members with the new wording for design guidelines: Lattice-type support structures are generally appropriate in areas outside the "Urban Growth Areas" identified in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan: lattice-type support structures inside the Urban Growth Area boundaries generally should be limited to installations that have antennas mounted flush to the support structure with

cables attached to the main support arms rather the girders. When an antenna array that protrudes from the tower is used on a support structure inside the Urban Growth Area boundaries, the support structure generally should be a monopole.

Judy Dillard wanted to know what the “Urban Growth Area” includes; **Miller** said it is three miles outside the City limits.

Bill Ward asked if a lot of the design concerns had to do with the amount of wind; **Miller** said yes, particularly when it comes to broadband vs. microwave towers; he said micro-wave towers can’t take the twisting and turning that broadband can. He said in order to construct a monopole that can withstand the wind, it would cost three times more than a lattice tower.

Judy Dillard asked how often lattice towers are being used; **Miller** said USD 259 is the only organization currently that he is aware of. He went on to say, in the majority of these cases the tower is already in existence and it just needs to be moved. He also explained that unlike other tower users, USD 259 does not allow other providers to use their towers. **Dillard** asked how many carriers there typically are on one monopole; **Miller** said three.

Council Member Smith had a question regarding the height requirements; **Miller** said this change only applies to towers that are 150 feet or less.

Charlotte Foster asked if the lattice towers would only apply to public property; **Miller** said it would apply to private property as well.

Jim Gulick asked about attaching the cable to the main support arms; **Miller** referred him to the photographs and said towers usually have 2 inch black cables running up them and it looks better if they are attached to the support arms and not the girders.

Mark Gietzen wanted to know why this was a preferred method and if was strictly for aesthetics; **Miller** said yes, it gives a better appearance.

Connie Klassen wanted to know the difference between a lattice and a monopole tower; **Miller** said the base on a lattice tower is generally wider. **Klassen** wanted to know how much wider; **Miller** said it depends on the size of the tower.

Jim Gulick (Dillard) made a motion to recommend to City Council that it adopt the March 2011 Update to the Wireless Communication Master Plan as an amendment to The Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan.

Action: Motion passed 7-0.

Updates, Issues and Reports

Council Member Smith reported that USD 259 had been discussing the possibility of closing Jardine Middle School in Planeview. He said he recently spoke to the principal at Jardine and he said he has been told the school will not close for the 2011-2012 school year. **Smith** pointed out that the budget cuts this year are quite deep.

He also made information available on a number of other topics including

- The April 30 Walk Against Gang Violence
- Legislative updates

- Evening of Burlesque in Cowtown
- Library news
- March 19 SCK meeting in Derby
- Free dental clinic for children at Grace Med on March 5
- Help Stop the Blob
- Who to contact for graffiti

Council Member Smith also gave an update on the Planeview Transformation Coalition that is working on expanding the Hunter Health Satellite clinic, and reported he had designated a little over \$10,000 of CDBG funding to be used to pay for the various building permits required for that project.

Judy Dillard reported weather had prevented much work being done on the 47th St. project, but since it has warmed up, the crews are back at it.

Dillard also reported that President Obama is looking at cutting CDBG funds and they have heard everything from 50 to 60 percent, to completely.

Charlotte Foster said she worked on the election board and when voters came in she asked them about their neighborhoods; she said she heard good things about Hilltop, including that crime is down.

Connie Klassen reported they have broken ground on three new Habitat for Humanity homes in her area.

Council Member Smith reported he volunteered at the Extreme Home Makeover.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 7 p.m., April 6, 2011, at the Water Center at 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant – District III

Guests

Paul Davis
Connie Klassen
James Clendenin
Mark Gietzen
Betty Strickland
Tom Strickland
Brenda Salvati
Brian Foster
Shane Schumacher