

**District V Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 07, 2008**  
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The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 443 S. 135<sup>th</sup> St. W. In attendance were eleven (11) District Advisory Board members, four (4) staff and thirteen (13) citizens with seven (7) signing in.

**Members Present**

Council Member Longwell  
David Dennis  
Dana Brown  
Joey Ellzey  
Bryan Frye  
Jay Buckmaster  
Jay Flinn  
Mike Hill  
Darrell Leffew  
Clarke Sandberg  
Pat Ream- Alternate

**Members absent**

Mike Bell  
Kelly Watkins  
Logan Fritz- Youth Member

**Staff Present**

Officer Lori Kimrey, WPD  
Sharon Dickgrafe, Law  
Larry Hoetmer, Park and Recreation  
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Assistant

**Guests**

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**Order of Business**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Motion to approve the minutes from the March 03, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.**

**Motion to approve the agenda for the April 07, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.**

**Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled items**

No scheduled items

**2. Off Agenda items**

A representative from H.R. Block spoke about the Economic Stimulus Package. Those persons who either received their refund or paid their taxes through direct deposit or withdrawal will

receive their stimulus payment into their account by May 16, 2008. Those persons who mailed payment or received payment through the mail will receive their stimulus payment by mail starting in July based on the last 4 digits of their social security number. To calculate the amount of your stimulus payment you can visit [irs.gov](http://irs.gov).

**Linda Reidle, 2246 N. Sandplum Ct.**, shared her concern over the high speed and amount of traffic on 21<sup>st</sup> St. East of Ridge Rd. near the park entrance. She is concerned about the lack of representation for the 303 homeowners in that area; it is not in the City of Wichita limits and the County has not responded to her concerns. She has asked for a traffic light, but was told there is not a sufficient amount of traffic to warrant a signal according to the State of Kansas.

**Mike Hill** suggested Ms. Reidle contact County Commission Chair Tom Winters. He might be able to respond better to her concern.

### *Staff Presentations*

#### **3. Community Police Report**

**Officer Lori Kimrey, Community Police** reported on crime stats on beats: 16, 18, 19, and 199.

**Beat 16:** There continues to be a crime trend of auto thefts, esp. in apartment complex areas. These vehicles are unlocked with valuables left in plain sight. She has created an informational flyer for distribution. There has been some activity at the new Wichita Ballroom- gun fire. The bouncer staff has left. Police is keeping a watch on it. **Beat 18:** Auto larceny is still a trend. There was an arrest made after a car chase and a backpack full of garage door openers was found. Lightening Joes continues to be a problem as long as it remains open. **Beat 19:** Aggravated residential larceny is a problem: theft while the resident is home through open garage. A neighborhood watch program is in the works. Out of 19 burglaries, 18 were open garage door cases with 5 stolen vehicles- keys inside vehicle. Out of 51 larcenies, 18 were in unlocked vehicles outside of the home. **Beat 199:** as in beat 19, residential burglaries and auto thefts remain a trend. A possible solution: use a lock on your automatic garage door.

**David Dennis** brought up a concern about the I-235 and Central construction: drivers are not following the posted traffic rules. **Kimrey** responded that Officers are aware and working out a plan on how to patrol.

**Officer Kimrey** presented a Certificate of Appreciation to DAB member **Dana Brown** for her help with the 2007 WPD Holiday Drive.

**Action: Receive and file.**

### *New Business*

**4. Ordinance amendments on Title 8 (Neighborhood Nuisance Enforcement Code), Title 5.37 (Graffiti), and Title 11.52 (illegal parking)**. Sharon Dickgrafe, Law, presented on the amended ordinances. Most of the ordinances are being revised due to the OCI/ ES staff transfer. These revisions give staff the authority to ticket, or distribute notices for code or parking violations. The amended ordinances will allow OCI to revise the required notices to be more

friendly, informative and useful to notice recipients. The amended ordinances will also facilitate more effective neighborhood code enforcement.

**Joey Ellzey** asked about the increase in loud animal cases in Environmental Court lately. Has a related ordinance changed? Dickgrafe responded there has been a change in the way these cases are filed: through municipal court which would cause them to go into court. Dickgrafe continued to explain the process of these cases; we first try to mediate to reach a resolution to the complaint. If this does not work, the complainant has to sign an official complaint. When the case goes to court a fine is assessed put on probation or ways to monitor the loud animal are suggested. Currently there is no way to remove the animal.

**Darrell Leffew** asked which OCI inspectors does the traffic ordinance amendment affect? Dickgrafe responded both the zoning and the neighborhood inspectors. Training has occurred for the inspectors that transferred over from ES.

**Bryan Frye** asked about the ordinance for boat trailers on driveways. **Dickgrafe** responded this is still enforced by OCI as an accessory use to residential property. It is acceptable May-August. Unacceptable use is when the boat is left on the street and unhooked.

**Dennis** asked about the graduated series of fines in the nuisance ordinance; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> convictions. **Dickgrafe** responded that the range has increased to be consistent with the Minimum Housing Code.

**Dana Brown** asked if the graffiti ordinance amendment was an effort to get property owners to take more action to clean up the graffiti. **Dickgrafe** responded the ordinance still allows the owner 5-7 days for clean up. The amendment only allows changes to the required notice to be more general. A task force is being formed to look into graffiti cases.

**Action: Receive and file.**

##### **5. Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan (ARCAP)**

**Larry Hoetmer, Park and Recreation**, presented on the ARCAP project. This plan came to the City Council for approval in March, 2008. Council asked Park and Recreation Department to present to the DABs and obtain public comment. **Hoetmer** shared an ARCAP fact sheet and power point paper presentation highlighting the project partners, the project area, background, vision, and goals.

The project partners include the City of Wichita, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks, Sedgwick Co., Reno Co., Sumner Co., the City of Hutchinson, the City of So. Hutchinson, the City of Derby, the City of Oxford, and the Arkansas River Coalition.

The project area is a 100-mile long corridor along the Arkansas River from the Rice/ Reno County line to Oxford, KS.

The project vision is to establish the Arkansas River as a premier recreational amenity for the state and for the region.

Project goals include protection of the character of the Arkansas River corridor, developing a master plan and access points for recreational river access, designing access point types and supporting facilities and raising public awareness and support for the project vision.

There have been 6 public input meetings thus far: 2 in So. Hutchinson, 2 in Wichita, and 2 in Oxford. The reasoning for presenting to the DAB groups is to get feedback about the plan and hear what members of DAB and the public would like to see as part of the Master Plan.

**Dana Brown** asked about the types of sponsors they were looking for to sponsor the access points. **Hoetmer** responded sponsors could be a municipality, a township or a special use group or a private owner.

**Joey Ellzey** asked who will police the body of water/ the River. **Hoetmer** responded it would depend on the area of jurisdiction on the river: it could be the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, or the State of Kansas. Ellzey suggested that the Coalition involve Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks in this issue. Ellzey asked if the commerce group had looked into canoe/ kayak rentals. Hoetmer responded those are some issues they hope to come up later in the plan.

**CM Longwell** wanted clarification that the City Council had approved the Master Plan and Sedgwick County had not. **Hoetmer** responded that the City Council had asked for more public input, the County was in the process of approving.

**Darrel Leffew** asked if the project would affect any private land. **Hoetmer** responded that only public land was being used at this point.

**Pat Ream** asked if the plan included loading and unloading docks. **Hoetmer** responded because the River is a living element and changes with the seasons there would be River ramp development, but no docks.

**Ben Huey, 1211 Rolling Hills Drive**, commented on some previously raised concerns from public meetings: 1. This project is not imminent domain. The land being used is public land. There will be an opportunity for private land owners to put in access points later. 2. Concerning vandalism- even though there is not a “plan” for handling- citizen patrol can deter such crime by being responsible and help monitor.

**Citizen** stated that the state needs to dedicate officers to patrol the waters. He also noted the concern that the River is not navigable from one end to the other. He would like to see it cleaned up and dredged out, but the Coalition needs to look at what the reality of the River is.

**Scott Blume, 905 N. Cedar Park**, spoke in support of the project. He suggested the coalition look into sufficient off street parking areas.

**Kim Austin** asked the coalition to look for corporate sponsorship: Cessna, Koch, etc.

**Richard Schodorf, 2330 N. Valley View**, commented that the state can tap into the many contacts that are interested in seeing this type of project come to life in this area.

**Zach Myers, Jane Byrnes, and David Foster** spoke in support of the project.

**Frye** asked if there was any plan to add access point near the Keeper of the Plains. **Hoetmer** responded that current access points at Sims Park and Gander Mountain were close. Because of motion sensors and the fire feature the Keeper area was not ideal for an access point. Exploration Place might be considered as a future access point.

**Action: The Board provided comments and feedback.**

## *Board Agenda*

### Board Updates and Issues

**Bryan Frye** reminded the board about the Bob Martz Golf Tournament and Dedication event on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Auburn Hills Golf Course.

**Action: Receive and file.**

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Assistant

### Guests

Kim Austin	1815 S. Eisenhower
Jane Byrnes	9500 Delano
David Foster	11514 W. Central Park Ct.
Jim Germozus	168 S. Maple Dunes Ct.
Butch Nuss	13672 W. Highland Springs
Scott Blume	905 N. Cedar Park St.
Richard Schodorf	2330 N. Valleyview