

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; eight District Advisory Board members were in attendance; five City staff and 13 members of the public were present (one did not sign in).

Members Present

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

Teresa Cook

Staff Present

Chief Tammy Snow, WFD
Lt. Jose Ocadiz, WFD
Officer John Bogle, Patrol East
Officer Mo Floyd, Patrol South
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

Guests

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Members Absent

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At 7 p.m. **Council Member Smith** called the meeting to order. Minutes from the March 2, 2011, meeting were approved.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Scheduled items

Kent Foley, Arrest A Pest, was asked by Council Member Smith to come speak at the DAB meeting regarding bed bugs and brown recluse spiders. **Foley** explained that bed bugs have become a national issue, primarily because the chemicals that can effectively eradicate them have been removed from the market and the new products don't work. He said because bed bugs aren't considered a significant health risk, there isn't funding available to do research on new, more effective products.

Foley offered the following tips when traveling

- Upon entering your hotel room, immediately take your luggage & set it in the bathtub
- Take off the bedding and look at all the seams on the mattress
- Run a piece of cardboard behind the headboard of the bed
- If you find signs of bed bugs, ask for another room and do the same thing
- When you get home, don't put anything from your luggage away, even if you didn't wear it; take everything to the laundry room immediately and wash it
- Bed bugs are hitch hikers and your luggage can pick up bed bugs in airplane cargo holds and taxi trunks

He said bed bugs are being discovered in all sorts of environments including theaters, hospitals, nursing homes, etc., and that Kansas is about three years behind states with larger metropolitan areas in terms of bed bug infestations.

Brown Recluse spiders are very bad in Kansas according to **Foley**. He said you usually won't feel the bite of a Brown Recluse and it typically occurs at night. He said it may look like a mosquito bite at first, but if it becomes apparent the bite is something more than a mosquito, you should seek immediate medical attention. In order to find out if you have a Brown Recluse problem in your house, he suggested putting down the

sticky bug boards around the water heater and once there are some spiders on it; examine it to see if any of them appear to be Brown Recluses.

Charlotte Foster asked about the effectiveness of over the counter sprays; **Foley** said they probably aren't going to work. **Foster** asked if spraying around your house foundation helps. **Foley** said it does help and most spiders prefer to live outdoors and will only come inside when the weather is bad; however, Brown Recluses are very happy living indoors.

Larry Manny said hair spray works well on spiders.

Foley said he is more than happy to give free talks to groups who are interested in learning about pest control.

Council Member Smith acknowledged newly elected District III Council Member James Clendenin and welcomed him.

Sedgwick County Commissioner Jim Skelton presented certificates of appreciation to the DAB members who served under him during the six years he was the District III City Council Member.

Non-Scheduled items

No items

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STAFF REPORTS

Community Police Report

Officer Maurice Floyd, Beat 27 Patrol South, reported that Officer Warehime on 28 beat has been promoted to Detective. She asked him to share the fact that a lot of cars are being broken into in the area of 47th and Seneca and her beat is still seeing three or four burglaries a month. **Officer Floyd** said the MO is still the same – they have vehicles, break in rear doors and steal large screened TV's.

He also reported there will be no Easter Egg Hunt at Watson Park this year due to budget cuts; there was a homicide at 2500 S. Bennett and an arrest has already been made; there was a shooting at Kingsboro Apts, but the victim wasn't cooperative; and ever since a drug warrant was served at a house in the 2700 block of S. Bennett, the burglary problem in that area has diminished. There were two robbers and arrests were made on those and the Valley Center Police Dept. served a warrant on a possible chop shop in the 2200 block of S. Euclid.

Joann Hartig asked if Officer Floyd had any information about the robbery at Broadway Burger; he said no, but it wouldn't surprise him if it wasn't the two that were arrested for the other robberies because so far they have been tied to eight robberies.

Officer John Bogle, Beat 36 Patrol East, said Patrol East participated in the March 23rd Operation Impact to address traffic issues on Kellogg. In a 24 hour period they issued 368 citations for 402 violations including 277 for speed (83 mph being the highest), 44 seat belt violations, two felony drug charges and one DUI. He said WPD will be doing a similar operation the end of April on Broadway.

Officer Bogle said burglaries continue to be the biggest issue and the Field Services and Investigations Divisions are working together on the issue. He also announced that Police Officers will be seeking donations (toys and gift cards) to give away during the summer youth camps.

Billie Tucker wanted to know what's happening at Harry and Ollie's; **Officer Bogle** said it's being turned into a hair salon.

Wichita Fire Department Report

Division Chief Tammy Snow reported the following Fire Department statistics.

	2011	2010
Total Feb.fires	18	13
Feb. structure fires	7	7
Feb. EMS calls	474	364
Feb. service calls	134	98
Total calls	626	475

She said of the seven structure fires, two of them were investigated. The fire at Joyland was determined to be arson and the fire in the 4300 block of E. Boston was determined to be accidental.

Chief Snow reported WPD is partnering with Juvenile Court and providing opportunities for juvenile offenders to complete their community services hours; she said it has been a win/win situation.

Chief Snow also covered the following items:

- WFD personnel will participate in the Gang Walk on April 30
- They are expanding the fire program from Northeast Magnet to North and West High Schools. South High would also like to have the program, but WFD is too busy, so the Sedg. County Fire Dept. is going to do that one.
- There are still some slots left in the Citizen's Fire Academy
- WFD is participating in Task Force 5 natural disaster training

Lt. Jose Ocadiz, Fire Prevention, reported they recently trained 150 people on how to properly use a fire extinguisher and did two puppet shows for around 40 children.

He also announced there will be no burning allowed in Wichita during the month of April. **State Representative Jim Ward** explained that the agricultural burning in the Flint Hills impacts urban areas such as Wichita and Kansas City and can send them over the EPA thresholds for air quality.

Lt. Ocadiz said people can still use their grills and reminded everyone that gas grills should be used at least 10 feet from the house and charcoal grills should be 10 to 15 ft. from the house. He said neither one should be used on a deck. Also, don't dump your ashes in your dumpster; there can be embers that ignite the trash can. He suggests putting them in a metal container and then wetting it down.

Chief Snow point out recently the wind has been a major fire hazard and reminded everyone to be careful with anything that is ignitable like cigarettes, etc.

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NEW BUSINESS

No new business items

UPDATES, ISSUES AND REPORTS

Council Member Smith reported on the following items

- Upcoming Legislative meeting
- His visit to Greensburg
- Issues with water meters
- Free paint program
- WIN trash survey
- Recognized the DAB members for their service during his 14 week tenure

Charlotte Foster expressed concerns about the façade program and how that money is being spent; **Council Member Smith** said there is discussion occurring regarding that program

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 7 p.m., May 4, 2011, at the Water Center at 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant – District III

Guests

Paul Davis
Commissioner Jim Skelton
Betty Strickland
Tom Strickland
Larry Manny
Kathy Manny
Stanley Unrein
Sandra Rogers
Don Rogers
Phillip Huaud
Kent Foley
Rep. Jim Ward