

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, November 7, 2011**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19<sup>th</sup>, Wichita, Kansas 67214**

**Members Present**

Janice Rich  
James Roseboro  
Bill Wynne  
Vicki Churchman  
KC Ohaebosim  
Janet Wilson  
Beverly Domitrovic  
Brandon James

**Members Absent**

Jesyka Ware (Youth Member)  
Twila Chaloupek  
Steve Roberts

**Guests**

Gerry Domitrovic  
Citizen

**City of Wichita Staff Present**

Officer Neal Beat 32, Wichita Police Department  
Officer Recio Beat 22, Wichita Police Department  
Captain Bahr, Wichita Fire Department  
Bill Longnecker, Planning Department  
LaShonda Garnes, District 1 Neighborhood Assistant

**Order of Business**

**Call to Order**

**Bill Wynne** called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.and proceeded with the first order of business.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Roseboro (Ohaebosim)** made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried. 8:0**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Roseboro (Ohaebosim)** made a motion to approve the minutes with the amendment to the address listed regarding the gang activity on page 2 of the October minutes. **Motions carried. 8:0**

**Public Agenda**

1. **Agenda Items**  
No items submitted.
  
2. **Off Agenda Items**  
No items submitted.

**Staff Report**

3. **Fire Report**  
**Captain Bahr, Station 10, Wichita Police Department** gave an update on the fire activity for the month of October.

Citywide Total Fires 17

District 1 Total Fires	4		
<b>Under Investigation</b>	2		
5700 E. Mainsgate		\$500 Structural Loss	\$100 Content Loss
13 <sup>th</sup> & Estelle		\$20K Structural Loss	\$5K Content Loss
<b>Accidental</b>	1		
500 block of N Estelle		\$20K Structural Loss	\$10K Content Loss
<b>Undetermined</b>	1		
1400 block of S Ida		\$15K Structural Loss	\$2K Content Loss

**Captain Bahr** also advised that the Fire Department was working on their annual fire hydrant inspection, which will be completed by the winter.

**Wilson** noted that they have seen an increase in the number of vacant properties that are caught on fire. She wanted to know if that was common all over the city. **Bahr** advised that most of the fires in October were ruled accidental, and that there is no data to support whether or not there is an increase in fires in vacant properties, but it was something they could look into it. **Wilson** asked if he would and report back to the Board.

**Wynne** thanked the Captain for his updates.

**Action Taken: Received and filed.**

**4. Police Report**

**Officer Neal Beat 32, Wichita Police Department** advised that she and LaShonda have been working with a neighborhood to help resolve their concerns with a hoarder. She noted that they attending the Board of Code Standards and Appeals and they have approved the condemnation of the property at 722 S Estelle, which has been one of the primary concerns of the neighborhood.

**Officer Neal** advised that the Schweiter Neighborhood Association is trying reorganize and that they had their first meeting on Halloween. **Garnes** asked if she could provide the names and contact information of the organizers. **Domitrovic** advised that this is her Neighborhood Association and that she would get that information to Garnes. She also noted that she was excited about the reorganization of the group.

**Officer Recio Beat 22, Wichita Police Department** advised that the larcenies in Old Town were up and that many of them are due to purses being left in plain sight. **Recio** advised that on Beat 25 they have been having problems with residential burglaries.

**Recio** also noted that robberies are starting to increase and that it is starting earlier than normal. He also noted that there was a robbery in the 1200 Block of East Central and the workers were tied up with tape and the robbers stole cash from the store.

**Recio** advised that there was a clean and fall festival on Saturday and they picked up approximately 150 tires and collected 3.5 – 4 skids. The clean up included areas from Lincoln – Kellogg and Emporia – Santa Fe.

**Roseboro** wanted to know if the robberies were gang related. **Recio** advised that the majority of the individuals they see are affiliated with gangs.

**Wilson** wanted to get more information on the individuals that were caught in Old Town breaking into cars. **Recio** advised that it was husband and wife or boyfriend and girlfriend duo that lived in the 300 block of Pine.

**Wilson** wanted to know what the difference was between a burglary and robbery. **Recio** explained that a burglary is when it is done with no force/weapon and a robbery is when force or a weapon is used.

**Wynne** thanked the Officers for their updates.

**Action Taken: Received and filed.**

### New Business

#### 5. CUP2011-00036

**Bill Longnecker, Planning Department** presented information on the request for an amendment to the increase of a signs square footage for a sign located at 545 N. Carriage Parkway. **Longnecker** advised that the applicant advised that she has ordered a sign that is 5'5" x 11' in size, or 60 square feet, and is seeking an amendment to the CUP to allow the larger size of this sign, from 50 square feet to 60 square feet.

**Longnecker** advised that Carriage Parkway has approximately 40 different uses on property zoned LC and GO General Office. About 30 of these businesses are located along Carriage Parkway and the remainder front directly onto Central Avenue. The freestanding signs located on Carriage Parkway are placed in both medians at the intersections with the arterial streets (central Avenue and Edgemoor Street), plus three ground signs of major medical facilities.

**Longnecker** advised that staff is recommending approval according to the conditions in the staff report which include:

1. The sign shall be limited to no more than 60 square feet in sign face area, and otherwise in compliance with all other requirements of the Wichita Sign Code.
2. Any major changes in this development plan shall be submitted to the Planning Commission and to the Governing Body for their consideration.
3. The transfer of title of all or any portion of the land included with the Community Unit Plan does not constitute a termination of the plan or any portion thereof, but said plan shall run with the land for commercial development and be binding upon the present owners, their successors and assigns, unless amended.
4. The applicant shall submit four revised copies of the CUP to the Metropolitan Area Planning Department within 60 days after approval of this case by the Governing Body or the request shall be considered denied and closed.

**Longnecker** also advised that the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission heard the case on November 3<sup>rd</sup> and recommended approval of the request unanimously.

**Churchman** asked if there were any houses on this block. **Longnecker** advised no.

**Wilson** wanted to know why they needed a bigger sign. **Longnecker** advised that a letter was submitted to the MAPC indicating that they ordered a sign and it was larger than specified and because it is a LED sign she wouldn't be able to reduce the size, so she is requesting the amendment.

**Action Taken: Recommended approval for the amendment, subject to the conditions of the staff report. (Domitrovic) Churchman. Motion carried 8:0**

**Updates, Issues and Reports**

**Domitrovic** advised that she is trying to assist Schweiter as they re-organize. She noted she was excited to see the young people step forward.

**Churchman** advised that South Central had their clean up last Saturday.

**Wilson** advised that A Price Woodard, St. Paul, and Murdock would have a combined Neighborhood Association meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Madison Apartment Community Center. She advised that they would be discussing problem gambling and predatory lenders.

**Roseboro** advised that the Annual WIN membership meeting would be held on January 9, 2012 at All Occasions and tickets are \$15. He also advised that they were selling raffle tickets for the event as well. **Roseboro** noted that NE Heights, Kenmar, Matlock Heights, and NE Millair would be having a joint Christmas Party on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All are invited and should bring a dish.

**Rich** advised that on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. there would be a dedication at Veterans Memorial Park.

**Churchman** advised that they were hosting their Annual Open House for Christmas on December 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. They tour would start at their home and the other address will be announced.

**Garnes** advised that Operation Holiday has begun and that applications were being taken at Atwater.

**Garnes** also advised the Board that Vice Mayor Williams sent her apologies for not attending the DAB meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**LaShonda Garnes**  
Neighborhood Assistant