

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**
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**Monday
June 6, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Clubroom /Lounge**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. First Pro-Tem **led** the meeting with eight (8) District Advisory Board members in attendance, six (6) city staff and one (1) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Cathy Landwehr
Denise O’Leary-Siemer
Scott Dunakey
Bob Aldrich
John VanWalleghen
Joel Weihe
Charlie Claycomb
Pat Randleas

Members Absent

Anita Mendoza

Staff Present

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Carlson, Patrol South
Officer Williams, Patrol West
Officer Sharp, Patrol North
Robert Layton, City Manager
Derrick Slocum, Planner

First Pro-Tem Dunakey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes for approval.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to re-arrange the order of the budget presentation. (**Aldrich/Claycomb 5-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** *Deborah Sanders, 2020 Wellington* stated since May 2010 she has had a problem with people burning trash at night and has spoken to the fire department about it. *Sanders*, said fire officers told her it is hard to enforce as people will say they are making barbeque. *Sanders* has trouble breathing and included that Hispanic people put stuff in with trash and burn it and with all the trash in their yards she is afraid more things can catch on fire. What can I do as a private citizen as Fire has said there is nothing they can do?

Weihe arrived at 6:33 p.m.

Aldrich said he thought you needed a permit to burn and there was no burning being allowed by the county.

Dunakey said we would get info and follow up to Deborah about this.

Sanders said if neighbors have no money to pay for trash, couldn’t they get trash together and pay? **Dunakey** told her each home is required to have a trash receptacle and pick up.

Sanders said again she has called and complained and nothing is done.

**** **Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol South: *Officer Carlson*, Old Town stated that any trash complaints should be identified thru OCI on the City web page and for illegal burning Call 911 or Call Fire Station # 1. *Carlson* also reported 2-3 times a year-up there is an increase of larceny to autos and on 21 beat, 30 cars were hit last month. Officers are doing special assignments using plain clothes and bike patrol and we have caught some suspects. I have walked near area bars and shopping centers where you see vehicles with articles on display to steal. Warmer weather increases vandalism and a variety of articles viewable to the outside have been stolen.

Claycomb asked when is this happening, at night or when? *Carlson* responded around dinner time and between 11 – 2 a.m. We're trying to handle which parking lot it happens at.

Patrol North: *Officer Sharp*-48 Beat reported officers started using new cameras about a month ago to record and see if people are doing graffiti or illegal dumping in hot spots. The cameras are to deter criminals and come with pre-recorded messages. *Sharp* said he has suggested to businesses to use fake cameras and also is the point of contact for these cameras for Patrol North.

Randleas arrived at 6:47 p.m.

VanWalleghen said they should put the cameras at I-235 and the Big River as it's always covered with graffiti. *Sharp* told him that is probably good idea but that area is covered under Patrol West. Unfortunately we haven't caught anyone to prosecute yet.

Patrol North: *Lt. Espinoza* 2nd/watch said the new Flash Cams are being worked on to get the kinks out and that all the community police officers would be attending a meeting to learn more about them and the Big Ditch is a hard location to do. *Espinoza* reported officers have been working with the Evergreen Camp playing youth kick ball, soccer and basketball once a week.

VanWalleghen asked if you could still sign up kids and *Espinoza* responded it is \$20 a week per child and didn't know if scholarships were still available.

Patrol West: *Officer D. Williams*, Beat 15 reported a homicide on June 1 a mid-day shooting and the individual was in custody. Beat 11 reports larceny to autos has increased and Beat 12 reports there is an increase in residential burglary. Near Maple and Seneca two individuals were arrested we believe to have been involved with the residential burglaries. They were taking stuff out of sheds and cars. Other issues officers have been dealing with are people eating at *Buffet City* and not paying, fighting at Orchard Park where some parents watched and someone was putting the recorded fights on the internet. Beat 14 reports 14 larcenies and 12 burglaries to autos. We have seen a lot more larceny due to school being out. *Williams* also said he was the contact for the FLASH CAM. The I-235/21st/Big Ditch, we will need to review to see if we can put the cameras there.

VanWalleghen said he reports graffiti there a lot. *Williams* said he will check with the county to get the graffiti covered and I don't know if they have cameras. **Aldrich** asked if any body has contacted the County if not, please find out. **Aldrich** also asked about Orchard Park has anyone made contact with the residents about go-carts.

Williams said he has contacted them except for the 3rd individual. The others were told their vehicles would be confiscated if they continued as they are 14-15 yr. olds.

O'Leary said she was concerned about the territory boundary that enforces the laws. Is there any working agreement between the City/County to alleviate these disputes? *Williams* responded there is limited deputy status and we need a permit to assist with the county. If the graffiti is not a priority the City will take care of it.

Dunakey thanked the officers for their reports.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

4. **Fire Department Report**

There were no Fire Officers to report on District VI events.

New Business

6. **2012 – 2013 Proposed Budget Issues**

City Manager Robert Layton discussed the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget that sets the service level priorities and projected expenditures for the City of Wichita. Layton explained the revenues and expenditures and general fund projections for 2011, 2012 and 2013. A handout was provided with budget strategies and key facts that were also reviewed.

Landwehr arrived at 7:12 p.m.

The Board asked the following questions/comments: *Responses in Italics*

- I Would like to request to get a briefing of Budget and CIP ahead of time of this presentation.
- What % of health care do employees pay? *The City probably pays 80%.*
- In a non-government world we pay 100%. I consider you look at employees pay a higher share of health care. *To negotiate with the union it's hard to scale back as employees have gone without raises.*
- I don't suggest you take from fire/police as that should be the first thing funded. *Those are Council's feelings too.*
- What about using electric cars or employees use bicycles and walking. *We have discussed for employees to get to work with alternative methods and we are looking at more efficient equipment for work use.*
- What about connecting OCI/Environmental to Public Safety as OCI may uncover criminal activity for Police? *We are looking at consolidating services maybe for four depts.*
- How the hybrid vehicles cost savings are is it working? *We have not seen it yet and we're looking at Hybrid buses. Hybrid pays off and we can also keep them in fleet for a long time.*
- Citizen Survey results - how did they turn out? *This was a national survey with random selection. It was Statistically sound- but the results revealed they were disappointed with City Services. What will priorities be when the economy goes back up? The survey shows demand for service. Our infrastructure and Park and Rec. show great success, they have already increased. People have greater expectations than we provide.*
- Orchard Park Park/Rec. looks better. Are there other areas that may also be contracted out? *Building maintenance. put together labor management and reduce staffing/supervision possibly save money. Also we're struggling with Water-Sewer Production and the Call Center is up and running but the answer time is slow so it's possible we need outside help.*
- What about joint purchasing with the county? *Private printing and four departments we're looking at and see where those services go.*
- 2011 - 1/3 budget short fall-disapportion, are you looking at cutting Park and Rec. again? *Yes, moving people to working ¾ year. Union came to us to take them off furlough. Union staff saw reduction in forestry and maintenance where the people on furlough could work, but the dept. has to be re-organized to make this work.*
- Why don't you stop with all the new stuff and step back and look at beefing up infrastructure then wait for new until we can? *That's why we're looking at two programs CIP & Water/Sewer. This is the way to go.*

*******Action:** Receive and file

Zoning

5. CON2011-00019 318 N. Meridian / ZON2011-00015 318 N. Meridian

The District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered a City zone change from SF-5 Single-Family Residential to GO General Office (ASSOC. w/CON2011-19); generally located north of 2nd street on the east side of Meridian Avenue and a City Conditional Use for Personal Improvement on property zoned SF-5 Single-Family Residential (Assoc. w ZON2011-15); generally located north of 2nd street, on the east side of Meridian Avenue

The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting. *Derek Slocum*, Planner presented the case background, reviewed the staff recommendation and answered questions of members and the public.

The Board asked the following questions/comments: *Responses in Italics*

- Is DAB to decide between the two options presented?
- This plan does not conform to the Land Use or Delano Plan.
- How long has the applicant run a business? *Zoned LC, I don't know how long the applicant has run a business.*
- This is taking away residential area.
- Where will the primary access to the building be? *The alley will be the primary access.*
- Has the Preservation Board reviewed this plan? *Yes*
- Concern there is lack of input from Delano.
- Has there been a request to vacate the alley? *No*
- This won't be a 9-5 business because of the classes they will hold.

There were no members of the public to speak in favor or opposition of this case.

Dunakey stated these location guidelines are not specific, there is certain criteria if these conditions exist and Functional Land Use says this is where this should occur. This is not consistent with the two adopted plans and this is tearing away residential area.

Randleas asked if this does not match the Delano Plan and is passed does Delano have some way to revoke this. *Slocum said Yes as the recommendations need to go along with the Delano overlay.*

*******Action:** The District VI Advisory Board members made a motion to recommend to City Council **Denial** of the zone change and the conditional use request based on this request does not conform to the Comprehensive Land Use Guide and does not conform to the Delano Plan. (**Aldrich/Claycomb 8-0**)

Board Agenda

7. Problem Properties

Benjamin/Hyacinth: Retail operation-once a month, a jewelry sale and purses.

3600 Block N. Arkansas: Wild blue internet sign on fence.

36th/Salina: Trailer Park with 10 old mobile homes and one small trash receptacle-there is trash everywhere. Also gun shots are heard there.

***** **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

8. Neighborhood Reports

RCA: Annual pancake feed on July 4th. Please attend.

International Mkt. has had some trouble getting vendors.

Farm and Art Market: Come to Old Town during River fest we have plenty of vegetables on Sat. morning.

Neighborhood Tri-Picnic: June 18th at Minisa from 6-8 p.m.

HMCA gala: June 25th with a silent auction.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

UPDATES FROM COUNCIL MEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **DAB Super Budget Presentation**, Wednesday, June 29, 2011 from 6-8:00 p.m. City Council Chambers at City Hall.
- **Next DAB Meeting will be on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 due to the 4th of July Holiday**

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Guests

Deborah Sanders

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant