

District II Advisory Board Minutes

February 5, 2007

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Rockwell Branch Library, 5939 E. 9th Street North. CM Schlapp, 9 board members, 5 staff and approximately 2 citizens were in attendance. Only those individuals who signed in are listed as guests below.

Members Present

Marty Weeks
Tim Goodpasture
David Mollhagen
Daryl Crotts
Larry Frutiger
Joe Johnson
Brian Carduff
Sarah Devries
Aaron Mayes

Council Member Sue Schlapp

Staff Present

Officer Darlene Zerr, Patrol East – Beat 37
Officer Paul Kimble – CP Officer, Beat 47
John Schlegel, Planning Department
Scott Knebel, Planning Department
LaShonda Porter, Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Max Weddle, 826 S. Zelta Court
Sandy Pickert, 8434 E. Mt. Vernon Court

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The **Board** did introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The meeting agenda for February 5, 2007 was approved. (**Goodpasture: Carduff, 9-0**)

The meeting minutes for January 8, 2007 were approved as submitted (**Crotts:Goodpasture, 9-0**)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Scheduled items

Pure & Simple Lifestyles, Sandy Pickert – Project Director, provided information on the Pure & Simple Lifestyle abstinence education program. The program is funded through a \$2M dollar grant and the grant year goes through September 2008. Recently, the Abstinence Education, Inc. teamed up with The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita to evaluate the Pure & Simple Choice curriculum for effectiveness and to make improvements to the program.

1st Year Evaluation Results

- Curriculum is successfully introducing and reinforcing pro abstinence values
- The pre/post survey administration protocol is appropriate when program is implemented properly
- Efforts should be directed at reaching more at risk youth and increasing pre/post survey completion

Teen graduates from the program:

DISAGREED MORE STRONGLY with these statements:

- I would drink if asked
- Intercourse shows you care
- My partner would love me more after intercourse
- If I had sex my friends would approve

AGREED MORE STRONGLY with these statements:

- Saving intercourse is the best choice
- Abstinence shows self-respect
- Using drugs increases chances of having sex
- Abstinence is important to my close friends

Mrs. Pickert concluded the presentation with an invitation to “Revolution Wichita” at Friends University, March 1, 2007, 7:00 pm. This event was held on the February 1, 2007 and the event had a great turnout. Mayor Mayans, CM Gray, and the School Board were in attendance. **Mrs. Pickert** also stressed the importance of getting the word out and getting the community more involved in this program.

DAB members wanted to know how long she anticipated the grant to last. **Mrs. Pickert** advised that they have used half of the funding from the grant and are looking for assistance from businesses and other grants to help support the program in the future.

The **Board** thanked **Mrs. Pickert** for her presentation.

2. **Off-agenda items**

No items were submitted.

STAFF REPORT

3. **Community Police Report**

Officer Darlene Zerr, 37 Beat (Patrol East), advised that storage facility burglaries are increasing. The burglar(s) are cutting the hasps and locks off of the doors and then entering the unit and stealing property. **Officer Zerr** also mentioned that one of the suspects is believed to be renting a unit staking out the storage facility and then making their mark. The storage facility on Kellogg and Zelta has been burglarized twice in the month of January.

DAB members were interested to know if the storage facilities had security cameras. **Officer Zerr** advised that not all of them do, and that the perpetrator knows which one’s do.

Officer Paul Kimble, 46 Beat (Patrol North), advised that this area has issues with accidents, traffic and speeding along Rock Road. He also advised that the City of Wichita is experiencing some problems with people stealing the inside parts of air conditioning units. Churches are the main targets, so the churches should monitor their outdoor air conditioning units.

The **Board** thanked the **Officer’s** for their reports.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan

John Schlegel, Planning Department, presented the Board with information on the plans for the area around the new Arena. The City has partnered with Sedgwick County and the Wichita Downtown Development Corporation in formulating an Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan. The Plan is bounded by the central rail corridor on the east, Kellogg on the south, Main Street on the west and extends ½ block north of Douglas.

The **Vision** of the plan is that this portion of downtown will become a vibrant, redeveloped urban place where people want to live, work and visit due to its proximity to existing and proposed downtown assets. Guiding principles for this Plan are as follows:

- Build on existing linkages and assets
- Encourage private investment that creates a special urban place
- Acknowledge distinct districts that exist within the Plan area
- Manage parking and enhance mobility
- Commit to implementation to maximize return on public investment
- Demand quality development

Envisioned in the Plan are four distinct **Districts** that compromise the Plan area:

- *Douglas Street Corridor District* – A highly intense business corridor, primarily office and support commercial uses with upper level residential opportunities.
- *English /William Street District* – An urban mixed-use district of primarily commercial and office uses with supporting public and residential uses.
- *Broadway Neighborhood District* – An urban residential environment, which support commercial opportunities serving area residents and Kellogg users.
- *Commerce Street Arts District* – A unique mixed-use district where artists have opportunities to live-work.

Parking and mobility is a concern for residents. Generally they are concerned with downtown parking overall, but have expressed real concern with parking when there is an event at the Arena. The Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan has four key objectives related to this element:

1. *Improve vehicular circulation and convenience* – The plan calls for the phased conversion of one-way streets to two-way streets and designing streets by major function (balanced, pedestrian or plaza).
2. *Create and implement a Downtown parking master plan* – The Plans promotes the multiple use of parking facilities that are priced accordingly, and giving people better parking information and choices.
3. *Use transit to move people from parking to destination, and from place to place.* The Plan promotes the increased use of trolleys to create an enhanced circulator system. Transit would have to be scheduled to link parking areas to event centers.
4. *Create better linkages and pathways through Downtown.* The Plan advocates the creation of easy-to-recognize, safe and interesting pedestrian pathways.

The City of Wichita realizes a more active role in parking downtown is needed. They are looking at ways to address the concerns through educating residents on where they can park, and through better signage and information.

Concerns and feedback expressed by the **DAB** members included:

- Citizens voted on an Arena with a parking garage, and until they get the garage they won't be happy
- Parking should be abundant and free to bring more people downtown.
- Have we considered multiple garages strategically located, instead of just one, as this would help all of Downtown
- Would like the Arena to be built correctly the first time and is willing to put the garage on hold
- The key to parking issues will be ingress and regress
- Add the option of purchasing a parking ticket with your event ticket and get assigned parking (Ex: Blue Lot, Red Lot)
- Ensure that the trolley process is thought out, because if you have everyone parking at other locations and the trolley bringing them for that event at the Arena, what happens to the residents that are trying to patronize the business that Arena goes have parked there cars
- Will the Library fit in any of the districts

John Schlegel responded to the feedback stating the key is letting people know where they can park and identify other opportunities available Downtown. The parking study downtown will identify the opportunities available to help us make a sound decision. **CM Schlapp** advised that currently that the Library is not a concern for the Plan.

Max Weddle, 826 S. Zelta Court, expressed concern with parking as he is a member of a Citizen Committee that monitors the budget for the Arena and currently it does not appear that any funds are allocated for parking. There is always a question on who is paying for what? City or County?

Action Taken: Board provided feedback.

BOARD AGENDA

5. Updates, Issues, and Reports

No items submitted.

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

The next DAB II meeting will be **March 5, 2007** at the Rockwell Branch Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

LaShonda Porter, Neighborhood Assistant