

**District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2002
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The District IV Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at Stanley Neighborhood City Hall at 1749 S. Martinson. In attendance were the District IV City Council Member, seven (7) District Advisory Board Members, thirteen (13) City Staff, and twenty-five (25) citizens.

Members Present

Councilmember Bill Gale
Dorman Blake
Jim Benton
Tom Kessler
Ed Koon
Bea Vickers
Paul Ward
Wayne Wells

Members Absent

Iola Crandall
Gary Stein
Jerry McGinty

Staff and Guest listed at bottom

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 17, 2002, were approved by a vote of 6-0 pending two changes (**Benton/Vickers**).

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted by a vote of 6-0 (**Benton/Blake**).

Tom Kessler arrived at 7:06 p.m.

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five (5) minutes unless extended by the Board.

- 1. Enterprise School construction and traffic update (35th and Gold)** – Citizens requested an update on the status of the school and how it will affect traffic in the immediate area. **Scott Logan**, Traffic Engineer, teamed up with **Corey Schultz**, architect, to explain what plans are in place and what options are available for the area of 35th and Gold.

Corey Schultz, P.B.A. Architects Project Manager, gave a background of the project. He was commissioned by the school district to create prototype school (3 classes each). The

architects did not select the site. The original Enterprise site wasn't large enough for the new building. Seneca and I-235 traffic caused the district to look elsewhere for land. The School District already owned the ground, which could be why they picked the location they did. The architects wanted to respect the residential area and not impede on neighbors who had been there for years. They broke up long walls by using different materials.

Pros and cons of the current site: Gold St is very narrow so there is no parking. To respect neighbors, a street was added along the inside edge of the property to keep traffic off the main street. Separate parking for buses and cars, a drop off area, and rear service entry was all included to alleviate traffic issues.

The following are questions from citizens and the board. Answers are in italics.

Marvin Gates – There is a street on the property? *Yes, the "street" off of Gold allows complete north to south driveability.*

Gary Huber - No school zone signs? *Yes, they will be there.* What about motion detectors? *Not sure.*

Jim Benton – What is the area between the school and street being used for? *It is a big swail for drainage so it doesn't back into street. This project is creating more paving making drainage even more important.*

Gary Huber - Gold and 35th, anything done to improve this? *Not sure.*

George Brown - South High School has nine school buses using Gold Street now. What will they do with the extra buses? *The District will route buses from McArthur. **Officer Kraft noted** Enterprise starts at 9:00 whereas South H.S. should be gone by 3:30 at the latest. Enterprise gets out at 4:00.*

Council Member Bill Gale - Introduced **Officer Adam Kraft**, School Resource Officer at South H.S. and **Scott Logan**, Traffic Engineer.

Scott Logan - Usually have to replat property but school already had it platted, so no chance was given to require school to widen street. city only owns right of way on 1/2 of street, other 1/2 is owned privately. All students at South (50%) will be bused in, so parents drive that's only bus traffic for those students, 10 to 20% walk, and the rest. Currently 1900 trips per day on Gold, this will add 250 trips per day, so increase around 10 to 15%.

Gary Huber - Platting, how long does it take? *Up to property owner. City can't request that, but can work through school district to do an improvement.*

Jim Benton - Parking on Gold now? *No, not on Exchange.*

Dorman Blake - Concerned about S curve. Can property be dedicated to that? *Possibly. There is currently not enough room for buses to turn.*

Council Member Bill Gale – Is there still time to look at this and work with schools? *Yes, but we need to start ASAP.*

Paul Ward - Can City and School Board look at purchasing ROW? *It's not usually City practice.*

Janet Johnson - If improvements or sidewalks are put in, who would have to pay? *It hasn't been discussed. Sidewalks can only be put in by petition only.*

Dwight Foyser - Go past Gold to turn in off new street? *Good idea.*

Officer Kraft - Does City own rights to 35th and McArthur? He was concerned that residents will have to deal with traffic from 3 to 5 p.m.. Are there any plans for improvements? *None on the CIP. In this case, developer should pay and the developer is the School District.*

Dan Johnson - How far is drive from 35th to turn in? *100 to 120 feet.*

Mike Bushman - Is traffic a concern north or south from South H.S? *The concern is the intersection. Has a stoplight at Gold and McArthur been considered? Not yet but could be in the proposal.* **Bushman** noted schools, Boeing and other aircraft companies get out at the same time. *Good point. We (the City) will study it. It's better to look at it now rather than later.* Has anyone taken a bus down there to try it yet? *No.*

Blake - How wide are the drives? *24 feet.*

David McCumbers – Is it possible to put in an access road from Exchange to 33rd? *Yes, but it will cost \$700,000 to \$800,000.*

Marvin Gates - Does the school own the space between Gold and the parking lot? *No.*

Mike Bushman – Would it be possible to put a road north to Carpenter field to funnel the buses back to the West? *It would be up to the schools.*

Janet Johnson - Because the district owns it, they didn't have to consult the city on platting? *Only on driveway entrances.*

Officer Kraft - If improvements are made by the school, USD 259 pays for them? *Yes.*

Territa Reeves - They are building a trailer park behind the property so there will be more traffic there also. She suggested stop signs or yield signs at Gold and 35th.

Officer Kraft - There is a tree there.

Territa Reeves - The speed limit is 40 mph on Gold South of 35th. *The City will look at that also.*

Council Member Gale - Thanked everyone for getting this started early.

Officer Kraft - Offered to let traffic Engineer ride when South H.S. gets out.

Bushman - How will they be notified of future meetings/improvements?

Council Member Gale - asked Officer Kraft to make more flyers, needs help passing them out. Neighbors offered to help.

Aaron Hamilton will send agendas to all attendees tonight for the December followup meeting.

Paul Ward - Can we have a follow up meeting on the 1st Wednesday of December?

Logan – *Yes, he'll get with school district on this.*

Recommended Action: staff will work on recommendations and with school officials. A follow-up meeting was scheduled the first meeting in December.

Public Works Agenda

2. No items were submitted for this meeting.

Planning Agenda

3. No items were submitted for this meeting.

Board Agenda

4. Budget Presentation – Rob Raine, Budget Officer of Finance, presented next year's proposed budget for public comment. Adoption by the City Council is scheduled for August 13, 2002, in compliance with state law.

The following are highlights of the 2003 budget:

- \$2.7 billion in assets
- \$360 million operating budget
- \$1.6 billion CIP (\$160 million per yr)
- \$773 million pension fund
- \$200 million in idle funds
- The City of Wichita maintains 1,800 miles of streets, floodway (5600 acres), 4880 acres of Parks, 10 recreation centers, 12 pools, City Arts, and 11 Branch Libraries
- 18 Fire stations (36,000 rescue calls annually) answer calls within six minutes & 19 seconds 90% of the time.
- There are 641 Police officers with an average response time of 5.71 minutes.
- 35,000 cases are processed by Municipal Court, which makes us the busiest in the state.
- 31,000 requests for Animal Control are handled annually.
- The City of Wichita licensed 2,500 contractors and issued 21,500 building permits.
- If you adjust for inflation, we spend less now than in 1990 and are still able to do public safety initiatives despite the city being 13% larger. This is the tenth year without a mill levy increase.
- Franchise fees have been declining (mutual agreement between the City and utilities). City of Wichita residents spend \$300 million a year on electricity and with the setup now, are saving \$50 million a year. These help keep the property tax down also.
- There are two City Council mandates: 1) No tax increase 2) Balance the budget.
- State legislature (demand transfers) were capped so they could retain money for themselves, so we lost \$500,000.
- Sales Tax collections are down due to layoffs.
- The budget is 1.8 % higher than last year (General Fund 3 % growth)
- There are 17 new firefighters for the new station and ten for aerial services.
- Fire station were relocated instead of rebuilt which is saving over \$30 million.
- The City of Wichita is adding two Police beats.
- \$2 to 3 million of the budget can be attributed to growth driven demands. \$300,000 is set to be spent for right of way maintenance and Parks.
- They are adding two more Neighborhood City Halls by the end of 2003.
- Water is being recharged, which is driving water and sewer rates up. Even with the increases, Wichita has some of the lowest water rates in a four-state area.
- Green fees are up \$1.00 per round. The golf courses are completely self funded and their funds do not go to other purposes and visa versa.

- The City of Wichita carries a low debt service load. We finance over 10 years vs. 20 by most municipalities.
- The airport fund is in good shape so possible improvements are on the way. There's a good chance that Mid Continent will have highest jump in passengers of any municipal airport.
- We have 39 new buses.
- The information technologies fund is paid for by services so it is not tax supported.
- Miscellaneous improvements: The public safety initiative helped bring crime rates down; Airfares are lower by 84% due to AirTran; the city has worked to get the railroads routed around town; Kellogg Expressway; Downtown; The Kansas City Star said Auburn Hills has one of the ten best municipal golf courses in the country.
- There will be two new Neighborhood City Halls built; E-Government and E-procurement are now available on-line; we have the 10th lowest mill levy rates of all Kansas cities; of all cities below us, all have a local sales tax; we have the third lowest mill levy in the MSA.

Bill Gale applauded Rob and his staff for all of their work and late nights spent working on the budget. Said "Budget in Brief" is excellent at encapsulating the budget. He appreciates the work they do. Call them at 268-4300 or email at www.wichita.gov if you have any questions.

Recommended Action: Provide comment.

Announcements

5. This time is for members to make announcements of any projects their Neighborhoods may be working on or has completed within the last month.

Bill Gale - Introduced **Rex Gray** from Orchard Breeze as a possible replacement for **June Bailey** who recently resigned.

Rex Gray - No report. Clean up for Orchard Breeze is September 29, 2002. He is here to learn.

Wayne Wells - No report.

Paul Ward - No report.

Dorman Blake - There was an accident down south and it took 25 minutes for the ambulance to get there from the county.

Bea Vickers – Southwest Neighborhood Association is now on Simply Neighbors.com. Their next Board meeting is August 12. The monthly meeting will be at Osage Park with a presentation by the Fire Department on the agenda.

Jim Benton – Southwest Village meets next week.

Ed Koon – No report.

Tom Kessler – His association meets next month.

Officer Mellard – The Sunflower cleanup was August 3rd and will be the last of the year for them. He thanked Wayne Wells for helping out along with 25 to 30 volunteers. He is busy with traffic enforcement where they issued 200 tickets in 3 hours. He attended several block parties for National Night Out. The picnic was August 1st at the Arc with 150 to 170 people attending.

Officer Seiler – The drag racing initiative has moved into phase III. 120 citations with 11 cases and 14 court dates were issued. 93.9 FM gave them a plug on the radio. He attended seven block

parties for National Night Out. He is currently working on a project for Wildwood Park. SW Village's Ice Cream Social will be held next month. Officer Mar of 13 beat has been busy towing cars.

Aaron Hamilton – Council member **Sharon Fearey** is looking for volunteers to help out with an October 18th event pertaining to the importance of keeping the waterways clean. **Ed Koon** volunteered to be a delegate.

The next meeting will be held September 4, 2002.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Staff Present

Officer Drew Seiler, Patrol West	Officer Adam Kraft, South HS Resource Officer
Officer Tony Bamberger, Patrol South	Officer Scott Marshall, Patrol South
Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant	Officer Richard Mellard, Patrol West

Guests Present

Corey Schultz, PBA Architects, 1133 E. 2nd
Norris & Ginger Blair, 3301 Gold 67217
George & Becky Price, 3338 Exchange 67217
Marvin & June Gates, 3314 Exchange 67217
Dwight Poyzer, 332 Carlyle 67217
Tammy Stilwell, 3547 Gold 67217
Janet Radford, 507 W. 33rd S.
Gary Huber, 604 Patterson 67217
Don & Betty Stoltenberg, 517 Carlyle 67217
Helen Cowel, 3231 Gold 67217
Joyce Oswald, 3243 Gold 67217
Ruth Cowel, 3232 Gold 67217
Teritta Reeves 526 W. 35th S 67217
George Brown, no address given
David & Julie McCumbers, 622 W. Patterson 67217
Betty Trammell, 3553 Gold 67217
Stephen White, 3541 Gold 67217
John West, 3350 Palisade 67217
Mike Bushman, 3301 Gold 67217
Don & Claudine Reding, 414 W. 34th S. 67217
Dan & Janet Johnson, 523 Carlyle 67217

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Hamilton
Neighborhood Assistant
District IV