

District II Advisory Board Minutes

February 4, 2008

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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 was in attendance, 11 board members attended, 13 staff and approximately 45 citizens were in attendance. Only those individuals who signed in are listed as guests below.

Members Present

Joe Johnson
Max Weddle
Marty Weeks
David Mollhagen
Sam Jones – Youth Member
Sarah Devries
Daryl Crotts
Phil Ryan
Nick Pompeo – Youth Member
Tim Goodpasture
Brian Carduff

Members Absent

Larry Frutigier
Aaron Mayes

Staff Present

Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant
Dale Miller, Planning Department
Don Henry, Environmental Services
Nancy Jensen, Environmental Services
Chris Carrier, Public Works
Jim Armour, Public Works
Don Kirkland, Public Works
Chief Norman Williams, WPD
Captain Allred, WPD
Lieutenant Wiemeyer, WPD
Sergeant Wolf
Officer Lloyd
Chief Ron Blackwell, WFD

Guests

Listed below.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. DAB members did introductions. CM Schlapp welcomed everyone and explained how the DAB meeting is conducted. She advised that Chairman Joe Johnson runs the meeting as she likes to get feedback from her board on issues brought before them and feels that this is the best manner to receive that information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

The meeting agenda for February was approved (11-0)

The meeting minutes for January 9, 2008 were approved (11-0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Adopt-A-School Pilot Project

Judy Wright, Principal (Clark Elementary) Stephanie Cousins, Parent Involvement Worker (Clark Elementary), provided overview of Clark Elementary and the challenges its student-base faces on a daily basis. Ms. Wright stated that she has (50) employees in the building and their primary goal are to connect with the community. She stated that this student-base needs positive role models in their lives to reinforce what the staff is doing at Clark Elementary. Ms. Wright stated some of the needs of the

student-base range from reading materials to musical instruments. Mrs. Cousins stated that they need volunteers to mentor in the school in the school and also assist with donating school supplies. **CM Schlapp** thanked them for their presentation and stated that she is committed to helping Clark Elementary. She encouraged everyone to get involved in some capacity. She also stated this is a pilot project that she wants to take to all the DAB's and create Adopt-A-School projects district wide.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

2. District II Community/Business Survey Results

Captain Allred, provided power-point presentation in reference to results from the District II Community/Business Survey. Following power-point presentation Captain Allred discussed how the objective of the survey was to: **(1)** engage citizens and business representatives with the community policing philosophies, **(2)** enhance partnerships and working relationships between citizens, business representatives, city government, and the Police Department, **(3)** ensure neighborhoods are safe and secure, **(4)** assess city service delivery. **Captain Allred** also provided 2008 goals for the Police Department which are: **(1)** maintain and/or reduce Part I crimes in Wichita when compared to cities with populations between 250,000 to 499,00 citizens, **(2)** implement the comprehensive traffic plan in an effort to reduce traffic accidents and traffic fatalities.

Chief Norman Williams stated that it is critical as a District to develop strategies related to the survey in order to continue moving forward. He also stated that long-term strategies will assist with increasing overall **City of Wichita** services. **CM Schlapp** stated that she wanted the **DAB Members** to look at the survey at length and see what we can do to help create change.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

3. Off –agenda items

No items submitted:

STAFF REPORT

4. Community Police Report

Community Police Officers will report on current community policing issues in District II. Officer stated that there is an increase occurring at the Towne East Mall. He encouraged everyone to be aware of their surroundings when traveling in that area. He stated that the WPD applied and received an UDL Grant to enforce **Under Age Drinking** in Wichita. He also stated that if you see someone suspicious in your neighborhood, don't hesitate to contact the Wichita Police Department.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2. **DERR2007-13**

Dale Miller, Planning Department, will re-presented information regarding Article III Section III –C.2.b(1)(b) of the UZC that prohibits the installation of off-site signage on property with the community unit plan (CUP) zoning. **David Mollhagen, Clear Channel Outdoor Advertising** re-presented information supporting off-site signage. David would like the ability to have permission to ask.

CM Schlapp inquired about if there is a large tract of land that has the opportunity to come forward and request signage to market new development. The problem there or the question is there is no one there to petition against it because there is no one there. When it goes to the MAPC, there's no one to protest it but (10) years down the road many people will say how did you let that get through. The problem is the "ask" becomes a done deal. Every time they ask for it there will be no one protesting it, CM Schlapp asks why we are bothering with it because it will be a done deal. **CM Schlapp** also stated that the mere question giving them the opportunity to "ask" is saying go ahead do whatever you want. Dale Miller stated that this certainly valid point. CM Schlapp stated that we have had this discussion and if she has a problem, this is the problem. Joe Johnson then asks what is we limited it to CUP's that are developing. Dale stated that this prohibition has been in place since 1964. With the CUP, the planning Department looks at it from a case by case standpoint.

Phil Ryan (DAB Member), stated that he appreciates **CM Schlapp's** concerns regarding about not having anyone to run cover in regard to Development Signage. **Phil** also inquired about a way to communicate with the people in the neighborhood. **CM Schlapp** stated that there are no people there yet. But (10) years from now when there are people there, it is a done deal. CM Schlapp stated it sounds like asking for permission is like giving permission.

Joe Johnson asks if the Planning Department could come back next month to provide more information. Dale Miller stated that this case is going to Council on March 12, 2008.

Recommended Action: Motion approved (10-0) in favor not to approve recommendation pending further clarification in regard to case.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **Rocky Creek Relief Sewer (South of 21st. North, East of 127th St. East**

Jim Armour, Public Works, Gary Janzen, Public Works, Chris Carrier, Public Works, Don Kirkland, Water & Sewer Department. **Jim** began presentation by providing background of Rocky Creek relief sewer line.

Background: In the 1980's, as the eastern area of the county began to develop with urban sized residential lots, Sedgwick County built a sewer treatment plant and network of sewer main lines to serve the Four Mile Creek basin. Prior to that time, only private septic systems and lagoons were available. In the 1990's, as the City of Wichita began annexing the area, the County's sewer system was acquired by the City. With the continued rapid residential development of the area, the original County sewer system is now in need of additional capacity. The City Council has approved funding for the construction of a relief sewer in the area of the Rocky Creek and Reed's Cove developments.

Analysis: The proposed alignment in the old Railroad right-of-way between the two developments will require the removal of an unknown number of trees. The proposed alignment will also require the acquisition of permanent sewer easement at the east end of the project and temporary construction easement on both sides of the existing right-of-way. Construction is planned to begin in summer 2008.

Financial Considerations: The recommended alignment and conventional construction techniques will significantly reduce the project cost.

Goal Impact: The project addresses the Efficient Infrastructure goal by insuring adequate sanitary sewer capacity.

Legal Considerations: None.

Jim stated that when the City began to grow they knew they would have increase the sewer line in the area. **Jim** stated that the Public Works Department looked at several ways to complete project but was focused the least impact to the existing area. **Gary** stated that when they first started looking at this project there were a 100 ft of abandon railroad right-a-way. The most logical thing to do would be to split that right-a-way and run a pipe down the middle. After taking a closer look he knew that would not be the case with this project. **Gary** stated that after to visiting with the residents in the subdivisions they were able to come up with a new concept. He feels they can still stay generally with the 100 ft. right-a-way but it would have significant impact on the trees in the area. He stated that they did have a plan to replace the trees in the existing area. **Gary** stated that he feels they are a point where they are confident that they can complete the project with the least amount of impact to the trees in the existing area.

Mike Jones, 13412 Tallowood inquired if someone from the City of Wichita was going to come out and visit with him because he lives right in back of where the construction would take place. **Gary** assured him that representatives from the City of Wichita would be coming out to visit with all residents that will be affected by this project. **Mike** also inquired about if they had to take out all the 25 ft. trees because he bought the lot because of the trees. **Jim** reinforced that they would do their best to limit the impact to the existing area and trees. **Tracy Hoover, 13244 E. Tallowod** stated that she lives on the south side of the project and she was concerned the property of her home decreasing. She also stated that her quality of life is the back of her home. **Jim** stated that they have met with landscape architects and they are going to all that they can to save the as many trees as possible. **Diane White, 1810 Glenwood Circle** stated that she thought this was the best option and thanked the Public Works Department for coming out to visit them concerning this project. In conclusion, **Jim** stated that they would be contacting homeowners that would be impacted by the project to set up meetings for further discussion regarding granting easements.

Recommended Action: Motion approved (11-0) in favor to approve Rocky Creek Relief Sewer Alignment.

7. **Environmental Services Year-End Report**

Don Henry, Environmental Services Manager, Nancy Jensen provides overview of Environmental Services Year-End Report.

Background: The Wichita Environmental Services (ES) Department provides a number of services to Wichita neighborhoods including environmental code enforcement, animal control, restaurant inspection and food protection, childcare licensure and registration, air quality, water quality, storm water compliance, environmental remediation, and environmental management systems.

Analysis: ES programs provide regulatory oversight through permits, inspections, licensing, and

general enforcement of City of Wichita codes. Food protection, childcare licensure and registration, and air quality programs also help to ensure compliance with state regulations through inspections and compliance recommendations to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). Due to the complex funding mechanisms and variety of services provided, ES would like to provide Council DABS with a 2007 service report. Notable accomplishments this year include:

- KDHE Ark River WRAPs Grant for Ark River and watershed assessment (\$50,000);
- Environmental Maintenance staff transferred to OCI, ES retained one Public Health Sanitarian 1 for illegal dumping on public property, surfacing sewage, solid waste vehicle inspections, premise conditions on commercial properties and animal maintenance permits;
- Passage of a new local child care ordinance that incorporates state regulations;
- Animal protection and control code updated including dangerous dog improvements;
- 98% response rate to approximately 30,568 animal service requests; and
- The groundbreaking for a new Animal Care Campus in December.

Financial Considerations: Environmental Services programs are funded by general fund, state contracts, grants, and TIF. General fund impact is also offset by revenue from service fees for some inspections, licenses, and permits.

Goal Impact: Environmental Services program service plans address three of the five adopted City Goals. Core Area & Neighborhood is impacted by the Environmental Code Enforcement program. Safe & Secure Community is impacted by Animal Control, Food Protection, Childcare Licensure and Registration, Swimming Pools, and Indoor Air Quality services. Efficient Infrastructure is impacted by Environmental Assessment and Remediation, Water Quality, Storm Water Protection and Air Quality programs.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

BOARD AGENDA

8. Updates, Issues, and Reports

Opportunity is provided for the Council Member and the District Advisory Board Members to report any activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or Council District.

- **C2007-48 (Bonnie Brae Homeowners Association)**

Dale Miller, Planning Department provided overview of CON2007-48. **Marty Weeks, DAB Member** inquired about the lease and the use of the driveway. **Doug Maryott** stated that he wrote up his request based on what he saw on the paper. He stated that this area will not be used for parking. **Dale** stated that there is still (1) petition that has not been withdrawn. Marty stated that she and the Homeowners President, **Greg Barker** would visit with the family that has failed to withdraw their petition.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

9. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m. The next DAB II meeting will be Monday March 3, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,
Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant

Guest

Barb Morrison
Dale Green
Nancy Jensen
Stephanie Cousin
Judy Wright
Mike Jones
Tracy Hoover
Phil Murray
Cherri Murray
Kevin Graham
Jacqueline White
Barb Hess
Doug Maryott
Jason Laub
Steen Martensen