

District V Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2007
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The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 7 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 443 S. 135th St. W. In attendance were nine District Advisory Board members, 10 staff and 14 citizens with nine signing in.

Members Present

David Almes
Bob Bulman
David Dennis
Maurice Ediger
Jerry Hoggatt
Andy Johnson
Clarke Sandberg
DeAnn Sullivan

Council Member Longwell

Members Absent

John Marker
Ann Wellborn

Staff Present

Janet Johnson, City Manager's Office
Officer Lori Kimrey-Johnson, Police
Lt. Guy Schroeder, Police
Officer Patricia Brock, Police
Sgt. Jerry Quick, Police
Chief Norman Williams, Police
Two Firefighters
Jess McNeely, Planning
Scott Lindebak, Public Works

Guests

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Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Johnson (Sullivan) moved to approve the agenda for the June 4, 2007, meeting. Motion passed 8-0.

Johnson (Almes) moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2007, meeting. Motion passed 8-0.

Staff Presentations

Community Police Report

Chief Williams told the Board that the items in the media stating the Riverfest wasn't safe were not true. He said the Festival was very safe with a total of 54 arrests (17 juveniles and 37 adults) on minor charges – nothing major. He noted that police didn't see as many gang members at the Festival this year as they have in years past.

Williams also reported that during the month of May there were 7 homicides in Wichita, bringing the total to 16. He said with the exception of one case, the victim and suspect knew each other. Of the 16 homicides, 15 have been solved. Additionally, WPD has arrested 404 gang members in the first five months of 2007 and seized 64 guns.

Johnson asked how much (jail) time the gang members are getting. **Williams** said in 2006, gang legislation passed that requires a \$50,000 surety bond, which keeps them in jail longer and reduces the number of gang retaliations.

Almes noted that crime is up nation-wide and asked what it is in Wichita. **Williams** said overall crime was down one percent in 2006, even though violent crime such as homicide and aggravated assault were up. He said going in to May, crime was down 1.5 percent in 2007.

Dennis said the District V DAB is very supportive of the police department.

Officer Kimrey-Johnson gave a report of the following beats in the district:

- **16 beat** – Towne West is seeing an increase of gang activity and graffiti. Officer Woodrow is working with Mall security to start a business watch program, which will identify individuals for each business to be proactive in identifying criminal activity. There will be zero tolerance and persons showing gang signs and wearing gang identifiers will be banned from the mall property.

Ediger wanted to know how the Mall would notify gang members that they are in violation of the dress code. **Kimrey-Johnson** said the Mall will call police and no trespass cases will be made. **Ediger** said as a former school administrator he has found that it's better to communicate prior to taking enforcement action. He said the Mall should get a hold of the gang leaders and get the word out to the street of the new zero tolerance policy at the Mall.

Sullivan wanted to know what gang clothing looks like and if someone could accidentally dress like a gang member. She was assured that she would not be mistaken for a gang member.

Johnson wanted to know if this new policy would include the Mall parking areas; **Kimrey-Johnson** said yes.

- Silver Springs Apartments are discussing the possibility of starting a neighborhood watch program in each of the buildings.
- **18 beat** – Officers continue to address issues at Lightning Joes. Lt. Marceau had a meeting with the owner last week about the problems going on at the club.
- On 119th street between Maple and Kellogg there have been some reports of drivers racing on that stretch of road. A NOTE complaint has been opened.
- **19 beat** – Juveniles have been hanging out behind Sonic and Freddie's Frozen Yogurt drinking, loitering and littering all around the businesses. Several area businesses are

concerned about it and have posted No Loitering signs with the City ordinance on them and affidavits have been signed.

- **199 beat** – Problems are occurring again at a residence in the 9600 block of W. Birch Lane with loud parties and fireworks. Police are using a zero tolerance approach -- several cases have already been filed on this residence.

Dennis said that the problem at Rainbow Lakes with vandals knocking down stop signs had stopped, but it has recently started again.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

New Business

Traffic project

Sgt. Jerry Quick, Patrol West Bureau, presented a pilot project they are going to be running in Patrol West. **Quick** showed the Board an example of a sign that will be posted in areas where WPD is running special traffic projects. The sign is to let citizens know that traffic enforcement is occurring in the immediate area.

Dennis wanted to know exactly what the police would be doing in these areas. **Quick** said running enforcement efforts to address speeding, running stop signs, etc., especially in high accident areas. **Dennis** wanted to know if the signs would be placed in the area permanently; **Quick** said no.

CM Longwell wanted to know if citizens can request to have the signs placed in their neighborhoods. **Quick** said the pilot project will primarily be for high traffic areas and if citizens are having traffic problems in their neighborhood, a better option would be to contact their Community Police Officer and request that a Neighborhood Oriented Traffic Enforcement (NOTE) complaint be opened.

Lt. Guy Schroeder said he was present to represent **Capt. Joe Dessenberger** who has been away coordinating efforts in Greensburg. **Schroeder** said West Wichita has 15 high-accident intersections, and that even though people laugh about it, the “Dolly” mannequin has been very successful. **Schroeder** said West Wichita has intersections where injury and high property-damage accidents occur regularly – citing Central and West and Taft and West specifically.

Hoggatt said that basically the signs would serve as a deterrent to make people nervous so they would slow down. He suggested police utilize Channel 7 to educate the public on the technology police use and traffic fines.

Williams said the police department has a comprehensive traffic safety plan and part of it is education and getting the word out. He explained that the pilot project with the signs is just one component of a bigger picture.

Sullivan said she had heard that when cars are traveling in a pack the LIDAR can't single one vehicle out and that headlights interfere with its effectiveness. **Quick** said that is neither of these statements was true.

Jay Flinn, 9422 Sterling, said he appreciates police conducting traffic enforcement in his neighborhood.

Action Taken: Provide comment.

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Jess McNeely, Planning Department, presented a zoning request from Legacy Bank to allow for an additional sign face area and an additional sign on Parcel 2, generally located on the southeast corner on Central and Tyler Road.

McNeely explained the zoning request would go to Planning Commission and the City Council for approval. He said Planning staff had not determined that the zoning request would have any potential negative affect and they have not received any calls against the change.

Almes asked if there isn't already a monument sign in that location; **McNeely** said no.

Marjory Johnson from Luminous signs explained the rationale behind the sign placement and **Richard Schopf** from Legacy Bank explained that there are some other monument signs in the nearby area that are about 30-feet tall. He said the sign they are proposing would be about 10-feet tall. He said Legacy Bank is trying to be consistent in their marketing efforts because it helps with branding.

Sullivan wanted to know if it would be an electronic message board, or just a time and temperature sign. **Johnson** said it would be a full-color message center, but it would be up to the programmer on what to put on the sign. **Sullivan** asked if it would have brightness control; **Johnson** said yes.

McNeely said that the City hasn't adopted the LED ordinances yet, but the sign companies are working with OCI on the brightness issue. He also pointed out that this zoning request is only in reference to adding signage, not the continuous movement issue.

Joey Ellzey, 107 S. Maple Dunes, asked if the zoning request exceeded the footage allowable. **McNeely** said yes, on the Tyler side, but it's attributable to both sides of the intersection

Ellzey wanted to know if the sign would be a traffic hazard. **Ediger** said there have been told in previous presentations that there is no data to support LED signs contributing to traffic accidents. **Ellzey** asked if there would be any limits on how fast the messages can move. **McNeely** said it would not be subject to motion restriction. He also added that if the City Code changes regarding LED signs, the existing signs would be required to come into compliance with the new code.

Bryan Frye, 3109 Ridgeport, asked if this intersection is scheduled to be rebuilt. **Scott Lindebak, Public Works**, confirmed that it is and noted that the design is almost completed. He said a preliminary design is available so they could take a look at it and see if right of way would be an issue that would impact the proposed sign. **Johnson** referred to the diagram and said the sign sits approximately 75-feet back from the street.

Dennis asked if there was any thought to eliminating the two small Legacy Bank signs. **McNeely** said those are directional signs and are useful.

Alms (Sullivan) made a motion to accept the proposed zoning change based on the recommendation of staff.

Motion passed 8:0.

Action: Recommended approval of the zoning change.

Drainage Plan for Kellogg and Maize Road

Scott Lindebak, Public Works Storm Water, reported that a drainage plan has been presented by the Baughman Company to direct storm water runoff east to Cowskin Creek. He said they want to prevent runoff from draining on to Maize Road and they are making adjustments to the grading plan.

Sullivan asked if the residents behind the area would see any additional runoff. **Lindebak** said they shouldn't, and noted that this area is outside the flood plain. He also said if a builder plans on draining to another property, they make them reach a legal agreement with those who would be impacted.

Action: Receive and file.

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled Items

No items were submitted.

2. Off-Agenda Items

Dr. Carla Lee announced they have formed the Westlink Neighborhood Association, which is the first one formed west of the big ditch. She said there are 1,659 households in the area and their next event will be on Aug. 7.

Frye announced that the District V PROS meeting would be at 7 p.m. at Auburn Hills on Wednesday.

Sandy Pickert, Pure and Simple Abstinence Education, announced they are looking for teens to be mentors.

Johnson wanted to know how big their staff is; **Pickert** said 30.

Ediger asked if there is any research that goes along with the grant funding. **Pickert** said yes there are pre and post surveys and KU Medical Center assists with the research.

A long discussion ensued on various methods of, and the value of, research and data collection.

Dr. Carla Lee gave an update on the 20th and Piatt monument.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

BOARD AGENDA

Board Updates and Issues

Ediger read a letter of support that he had drafted to **Council Member Longwell** concerning Tobacco Free Wichita, which he asked other DAB members to sign.

Bulman commented on the fact that this would be the last DAB meeting for most of the members. Some time was spent reminiscing.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. **Bulman (Hoggatt)**.

Guests

Bryan Frye	3109 Ridgeport
Logan Fritz	7933 W. Bella Vista Ct.
Bridgit Corridoni	6601 W. 34 th St. N.
Sandy Pickert	8434 E. Mt. Vernon Ct.
Joey Ellzey	107 S. Maple Dunes
Jay Flinn	9422 Sterling St
Richard Schopf	11432 W. 1 st St. Ct.
Marjory Johnson	
Randy Ficken	3163 Forest Laker Ct.