

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2011
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library, 3447 S Meridian. Eight (8) DAB members, eleven (11) staff and eight (8) citizens were present.

Members Present (8)

Bruce Werth
Matt Goolsby
Nancy Wilhite
Tom Engelmann
Michael Ackermann
Josh Blick
Gerald Marsh
Amanda Barr

Staff Present (11)

Scott Knebel, Planning
Kelli Geier, City Manager's Office
2 police staff
6 fire staff
Scott Wadle, Planning

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

The March 2, 2011 agenda was approved as submitted (**Goolsby/Marsh: 8-0**)

The January 5, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as submitted (**Wilhite/Ackermann: 8-0**)

Public Agenda

The public agenda allows members of the public to present issues not on the agenda to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to five minutes unless extended by the Board.

1. Scheduled Items

No items were submitted

2. Off-Agenda Items

No items were submitted

Staff Presentations

Public Safety Reports

3. Community Police Report

Officers present reported the following:

- 1 solved, 6 unsolved burglaries
- 4 robberies
- Presentations to banks and businesses about counterfeit money
- Auto theft special assignment in Sunflower NA
- Deer poaching in Pawnee Prairie Park
- Larceny from lockers/cars, at South YMCA so have staff walking parking lots and locker rooms to decrease theft

Action Taken: Received and filed.

4. Fire Report

Staff present stated:

- 2 fires – a bedroom fire due to extension cords and the other at the Clarion Hotel due to electrical problem with the AC unit
- Daylight Savings Time approaching so remember to check your smoke alarms

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

5. Wireless Communication Master Plan

Scott Knebel, Planning Department, presented information on this item. Several recent wireless communication cases have involved requests for lattice towers to support microwave antenna installations for point-to-point data communications. Each of the requested lattice towers was shorter than 150 feet in height; therefore, Section VI.B.3. of the Wireless Communication Master Plan indicates that the type of tower that should be approved for such requests is a monopole. However, the applicants asserted that the sway and twist capabilities of a lattice tower are superior to that of a monopole and are necessary to avoid data loss in a microwave-based point-to-point data communications system. The hearings on these requests involved significant time and effort by all parties, and as a result, the Wichita City Council requested a workshop to discuss the issue. At the workshop held on November 16, 2010, the consensus of the City Council was that favoring a monopole in all instances where a tower is shorter than 150 feet is too restrictive and that Section VI.B.3. should be revised to allow lattice towers in additional situations.

The Board asked whether the monopoles could hold multiple wireless carriers. **Mr. Knebel** explained that they could, but the bigger ones cannot go on the lattice.

Action Taken: The Board recommend that the City Council adopt the March 2011 update to the Wireless Communication Master Plan as an amendment to The Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan. Motion passed 8-0 (Goolsby:Marsh.)

6. DR2011-01: Proposed Delano West Douglas Avenue Bicycle Parking Plan

Scott Wadle, Planning Department, presented this plan as a guide for the provision of public bicycle parking in a portion of the Delano Neighborhood. The plan boundaries are the former railroad corridor to the north, McLean Boulevard to the east, Seneca Street to the west, and a half block south of Douglas Avenue to the south. The Plan recommends that the City fund \$72,000 over nine (9) phases for the installation of 120 on-street public bike racks within the Plan area and 15 off-street public bike racks at Lawrence Dumont Stadium; as well as, some additional racks at the new Central Library. Endorsement of the Plan does not obligate the City to any future funding commitments. It is also recommended that the Delano CDC and other stakeholders seek non-City contributions to fund the purchase and installation of the bike racks to expedite the purchase and installation of the bicycle racks. **Mr. Wadle** pointed out that this plan will be implemented in phases and after each phase, the plan will be evaluated to determine the next phase.

The Board stated that it is important to make sure that the bike rack locations are clear of pedestrian zones for citizen safety and to allow for outdoor business promotion displays. There was also discussion on how many bikes each different type of rack could hold, the difference in costs of these racks and how long they would last.

Action Taken: The Board moved to recommend approval of the Delano West Douglas Avenue Bicycle Parking Plan and recommend approval by the City Council. Motion passed 8-0 (Goolsby:Marsh.)

OLD BUSINESS

7. No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

8. Board Updates and Issues

- Vote April 5
- Library looking at cost savings measures for the new library (future growth, programs personnel)
- Southwest NA hosting a candidate forum March 22 at 7:00 pm, 1313 W Lydia
- Sister Cities newsletter started and distributed through email
- Delano St. Patrick's celebration March 12 – walk/run at 8:30 and Irish book fair and celtic band from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.