

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 1, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Tythan Myles
Janice Rich
James Roseboro
Bill Wynne
Steve Roberts
Twila Chaloupek
Gerald Domotrovic
Vicki Churchman
Janet Wilson
KC Ohaebosim

Guests

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City of Wichita Staff Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams
Officer Wylie, Beat 25, Wichita Police Department
Officer Kimble, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department
Jason Jones, Wichita Fire Department and 2 Firefighters
Paul Gunzelman, Public Works Department
LaShonda Porter, District 1 Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

CM Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Approval of Agenda

Roberts (Roseboro) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried 9:0

Approval of Minutes

Roseboro (Wilson) made a motion to approve the minutes with noted correction. Motion carried 9:0

Public Agenda

1. Agenda Items

No items submitted.

2. Off Agenda Items

Craig Gable, 2101 S Broadway provided the Board with a hand out identifying the former Coca-Cola plant as a property that a group of investors has purchase with the intention of leasing to County for one of the following uses: 1) area substation; 2) temporary holding facility; 3)training center; 4)non-convicted temporary holding facility.

Gable noted this would not be a work release center and would not have foot traffic. He advised that this item should come before the City Council March, but he wanted to get it out to the community so that there everyone understood what was being proposed.

JoAnn Hartig, 1756 S. Main wanted to know if this project would be presented to the Neighborhood Association. Gable advised yes.

CM Williams asked if the County was involved in the project. **Gable** advised that this was in the preliminary stages.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

Staff Report

3. Fire Report

Jason Jones provided an update on the fire incidents in District 1 through February. Those incidents included: 5 accidents, 3 arsons

Jones advised that the fires were from combustibles being too close to the furnace (clothes stored near the furnace), cooking fires and over heating grease.

Jones advised engine 10 now has jaws of life added to the unit. This provides them with the ability to handle fires at high rise buildings. He also noted that Fire Officers are now being trained on this equipment.

Jones also advised that the firefighters are participating in a fundraiser in an effort to fight cancer. He noted that they are taking donations at Station 10 and next month when they returned they would have their heads shaved as a part of the fundraiser. He noted that last year they raised \$7,000.

Wynne wanted to know what it meant when a fire hydrant has a u-shaped metal vest around it. **Jones** advised that it's an indicator that a hydrant is not working properly. **Wynne** then asked how long does it take for a hydrant to be fixed. **Jones** advised that he wasn't sure, but could look into his concern. **Wynne** advised that the hydrant in question was at 1100 N. Crestway. **Chaloupek** advised that there is another hydrant out at 1400 E. Lincoln.

CM Williams asked if she could have more information on the fire that occurred where the parents told the kids to go outside and play with matches. **Jones** advised the fire was not of huge significance, but thought that Police might be able to give more information regarding any charges against the parents. **Wilson** asked what the location of the fire was. **Jones** advised that it was 2400 E. 27th Street.

The **Board** thanked for **Jones** for his time and service.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

4. Police Report

Officer Wylie, Beat 25 advised that there were 6 residential burglaries last month, 1 rape (ex-spouses) felony pickup involved and 1 residential robbery, domestic violence involved. **Wylie** noted that spring break for the student's starts on March 12th so everyone should ensure that they are keeping the valuables locked up. **Wylie** noted that during this time they see an increase in juvenile activity so be cautious.

Officer Kimble, Beat 47 advised that he is working with the Union Rescue to get registered offenders in compliance. He also noted that there were only 3 burglaries and they are continually watching for negative activity. He asked that the community keep their eyes open and watch out for their neighbors.

Kimble advised that there were 2 incidents where juveniles were asked by adults to give them a ride. He noted that this occurred west of Hillside between 25th and 27th Street.

CM Williams asked how old were the youth. **Kimble** advised one was 14 – East High student and the other was 8 – Brooks or Buckner student. **CM Williams** advised if this had been released to the media. **Kimble** advised that a media alert had not been issued because they didn't want to alarm the community.

Roseboro thanked **Kimble** for bringing this information to their Neighborhood Association meeting. He advised that now the community is on the look out for this type of activity.

JoAnn Hartig commended Officer Wylie for her hard work on the john stings.

The **Board** thanked the Officers for their presentations.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

New Business

5. Harry & Broadway Project

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works Department, presented information on the 2009-2018 Capital Improvement Program adopted by the City Council that includes a project to improve the intersection of Harry & Broadway.

The intersection will be reconstructed to replace the pavement, construct left turn lanes in all directions and upgrade the traffic signals. **Gunzelman** advised that he would also be presented this project to District 3 because of the close proximity. He noted that this intersection is one of the top 10 accident locations and was submitted to K-DOT for safety funding.

Gunzelman advised that the crash history for this site was as follows:

2005	11 crashes
2006	8 crashes
2007	15 crashes
2008	15 crashes
2009	12 crashes

Gunzelman noted that the project cost is \$1.6 million with 500K federally funded and the remaining \$1.1 will be funded through general obligation bonds. He noted that the design will be completed in 2010; construction to begin in fall of 2011. He also advised that current traffic counts are 10,000 vehicles per day on Harry and 11,000 per day on Broadway.

Gunzelman then introduced the architect Ken Lee with Ruggles & Baughm. **Lee** advised that the project will include lane widening, brick cross walks, and count down timers. He also advised that the businesses on the northeast corner will be bought out for this project. He noted that the project would look identical to the project that was completed at 13th and Broadway intersection.

KC Ohaebosim arrived at 6:57 p.m.

Miles wanted to know how long the project would take. **Gunzelman** advised that construction want begin until fall 2011 and that businesses will be impacted for about 6 months.

Churchman commented that she is happy they are widening the streets because that is a blind corner.

Wilson wanted to know if the property that is acquired if it would be torn down. **Gunzelman** responded yes.

Domotrovic wanted to know if property acquisition was included in the cost. **Gunzelman** advised yes.

Chaloupek wanted to k now if some of the display parking for Jim Fun Cars would be taken away. **Lee** responded yes.

Ohaebosim wanted to know if small business owners would be compensated for lost of business during construction. **Gunzelman** advised no, they will only be compensated for right of way acquisition.

CM William asked if there would be green space on the northeast corner where the property will be torn down. **Gunzelman** advised they are still reviewing and that it depends on what happens as they go through property acquisition.

JoAnn Hartig, 1756 S. Main commented that this was a good project.

Jean Razook, 358 N. Rock Rd wanted to know how many feet of the northeast corner and on Harry would be taken. **Lee** advised 10 feet on northeast corner and 15-20 feet on Harry.

Roseboro wanted to know if the building on the northeast corner was a problem building. **JoAnn Hartig** answered yes.

Gunzelman added that in recent years they have been asked by Fire for a pre-emption because of the blind spot.

Action Taken: Recommend approval of the project (Churchman: Roseboro) Motion Passed 10:0

6. New Central Library Building Program

Steve Roberts, Library Board Member presented information on the New Central Library Building program. The Wichita Public Library System Master Plan, 2006-2021 was endorsed by the City Council on September 12, 2006. Property at 711 West 2nd Street was acquired by the City in 2008 and designated for use as the location for the new Central Library. A contract with HB+M|Providence Associates for completion of a building program for a new Central Library was approved by Council on April 21, 2009. The completed program document was approved by the Library Board on February 16, 2010 and was reviewed with the City Council in a workshop on February 23, 2010.

The adopted building program is the result of a fourteen step methodology that included data collection about current library space allocations and use patterns, interviews and focus groups, surveys and charrettes. Through these steps, requirements for each component of the proposed building were established and prioritized. Appropriate adjacencies of spaces were developed so that efficiencies in use and service delivery can be ensured. Seating in the new facility would increase from 260 to 398 spaces, shelves for materials would grow from 13,988 to 20,343, the number of public computers would grow from 31 to 101 and seats in meeting rooms would expand from 260 to 687. Using these guidelines, the program anticipates design of a facility approximately 156,400 s.f.

At the request of the City Manager and in recognition of the challenge of funding construction of a public facility of this size, two alternate program options were created: one that reduces the anticipated size of the new facility to that initially identified in the master plan, and a smaller facility driven by authorized funding in the Capital Improvement Program.

In approving the program document, the Library Board rejected the two facility alternates, opting to endorse only the largest of the facility options. Board members noted that they take seriously their responsibility to be good stewards of public monies and are committed to ensuring that facility changes create long term value to the community. They also noted that just as it is not appropriate to build public facilities that are unnecessarily too large or extravagant, it is equally prudent to ensure that buildings are not knowingly too small so that they will be outgrown in a matter of a few years.

Ohaebosim wanted to know how efficient the building would be. **Roberts** advised yes and that they were looking at additional efficient but it would increase the cost by 2%.

Wilson wanted to know many parking spaces were included in the plan and what the plans were for the old building. **Roberts** advised 380 and that the old building is a City owned building and the City Council would make that determination.

Roseboro wanted to know if the Library had the traffic and customer base to accommodate the need of a larger facility. **Roberts** advised that the current Library is overstocked and there is consistent traffic to accommodate the increase.

Roseboro then asked how many people currently utilize the Library. **Roberts** advised that over 1 million customers were served last year at the Central Library alone.

Wilson noted that the current Library does not have adequate space or time for computer usage, not enough room for a business section. She also wanted to know how the Library intended to address the homeless population. **Roberts** advised that they have a right to utilize the facility; however, security will be upgraded to have cameras in the facility to monitor activity.

Churchman noted that she favored the plan. However, if were going to build a new Library we should do it right and not short change the project.

Roberts noted that the new facility would also include a lot more meeting space. He advised that currently that have turned a lot of customers away who need meeting space because they don't have the capacity to handle the need.

Roseboro asked if the Library charged for utilization of meeting space. **Roberts** advised yes.

Roberts also advised that they are putting together a capital campaign to help raise funds to offset the cost of the new library. They are exploring ideas such as naming rights and working with the Wichita Community Foundation and Wichita Library Foundation on more ideas and kicking off the campaign.

Domtrovic wanted to know how many full-time positions the new Library would create. **Roberts's** advised 12.

Wilson wanted to know if there was a contingency plan to add on to the Library in the future. **Roberts** advised that if the decision is to go with the smaller building plan then yes they will have a contingency plan as they will want to expand.

Wilson wanted to know when construction would start. **Roberts** advised if Council approves the plan fairly quickly, construction would begin next with completion by 2013.

CM Williams advised Board members and the community that if they had additional concerns or questions to e-mail them to her. She also encouraged everyone to complete the 2010 Censuses.

Action Taken: Provided comments.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made. Motion carried 10-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Porter
Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Bill & Ethel Prather
JoAnn Hartig
Ginny Wynne
James Thompson
Craig Gabel
Beverly Domotrovic
Donna Aldich
John Lee
Gene Razook
Patricia Fields