

District III Advisory Board Minutes
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Wichita Water Center at 101 E Pawnee; 11 District Advisory Board members were in attendance; 11 City staff and five members of the public were present.

Members Present

Teresa Cook
Judy Dillard
Charlotte Foster
Jim Gulick
Joann Hartig
John Kemp
DeWayne Kitchen
Brian Nelson
Billie Tucker
Roger Smith
Bill Ward
Council Member Jim Skelton

Officer Mo Floyd, Patrol South
Officer Justin Whyte, Patrol East
Detective Faustino Naldoza, Night Detectives
Deborah Tadlock, City Clerk's Office
Chief Rob Dusenbery, WFD
Capt. Matt Schulte, WFD
Kim Frank, WFD
Mike Johnson, WFD
Jesse Mathis, WFD
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Services

Guests

Listed on the last page

Staff Present

Officer Ginny Wylie, Patrol South

ORDER OF BUSINESS

At 7 p.m. **Council Member Skelton** called the meeting to order. Minutes from the August 4, 2010, meeting were approved with one correction – the word not should be hot.

PUBLIC AGENDA

Scheduled items

No items

Non-Scheduled items

Connie Klassen thanked the City for getting the ditches mowed on Selma.

Action: Receive and file.

SWEARING IN OF DAB MEMBERS

Deborah Tadlock, City Clerk's Office, swore in the 11 DAB III members for another term.

Action: Receive and file.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Police Report

Officer Mo Floyd, Beat 27 Patrol South, reported Patrol South, and the entire city, continues to have higher than usual numbers of burglaries. He said three suspects from 27 beat were arrested and three in the 26 beat area; since then burglaries in the Patrol South area have dropped. He said the arrests from the 27 beat led to a warehouse in the 300 block of E. Harry that was full of items that appeared they could have come from burglaries, but only one item (a laptop computer) was able to be identified as stolen.

Officer Floyd said National Night Out went well and on Sept. 18th the Second Annual Play Day will be held at Watson Park from 1 to 4 p.m. He said last year around 6,000 people attended, so they are expecting just as many this year.

Officer Justin Whyte, Beat 34 Patrol East, announced Patrol East will host “Halloween in the Park” again this year at Cypress Park on the Friday before Halloween. He said anyone wanting to donate candy for the event can drop it off at the Patrol East Substation and just indicate that it’s for “Halloween in the Park.” He also announced that CP East is going to be doing extra patrols and enforcement at the various schools in the Bureau’s area. He said speeding and illegal parking have been issues at many of the schools. HSACK (the Hilltop Activity Camp for Kids) was a success this year; during the camp, only one juvenile crime was reported in the Hilltop area.

Detective Faustino Naldoza, Investigations Night Detectives, piggy-backed off Officer Floyd’s presentation and said it is important that citizen’s identify their belongings. He suggested writing down serial numbers and also engraving smaller items such as hand tools. He said you can use your driver’s license number, date of birth, or any other combination of letters and numbers. He said to use the same number on all of your possessions and note what it is with the listed serial numbers.

One DAB member asked what types of items were located in the warehouse. **Officer Wylie** said things like various lawn and garden tools, chain saws, grass blowers, table saws, cordless drills, etc.

John Kemp wanted to know what will happen to all the items at the warehouse that couldn’t be proven were stolen; **Officer Floyd** said the guy gets to keep them. **Det. Naldoza** said it is virtually impossible to prosecute a case like that where only one item out of a warehouse full can be proven stolen. He said the suspect can easily say he didn’t know it was stolen, and there is reasonable doubt.

Connie Klassen wanted to know if there was a brochure or some type of written material available on burglary prevention that she could share with her neighborhood. **Janet Johnson** said she would try to locate the information for her.

Wichita Fire Department Report

Chief Rob Dusenbery, WFD, reported the Fire Department participated in a number of National Night Out parties and will also be collecting donations for MDA (Jerry’s kids) over the Labor Day weekend. Firefighters will also support the Susan G. Komen for the Cure effort on Sept. 25th; he said firefighters will be wearing pink shirts again this year. Wichita HOT (Hands On Training) is scheduled for Sept. 18 and 19th and firefighters from all over the country come to Wichita for this affordable and excellent training. WFD will also participate in the 9/11 activities at McConnell Air Force Base.

Chief Dusenbery reported on Lt. Jose Ocadiz, Fire Prevention, activities which included: educational presentations to school and public groups; assisted living and day care inspections, commercial building inspections and several FLASH visits.

Capt. Matt Schulte reported that the Wichita Fire Department ranks in the top 25 Fire Departments in terms of the money raised for MDA and is fifth for our area. He said the citizens of Wichita should be very proud of the contributions they give the Fire Department for this worthy cause. He reported that during the month of June there were 23 fires in District 3 – four structures fires -- 507 medical calls and 158 service calls.

Charlotte Foster asked about the false alarm fees going up. **Capt. Schulte** said false alarms can be a problem for the fire department because the alarm company will ask 911 to dispatch the Fire Department on a burglary call because they know that the Fire Department will show up quickly and with sirens on and lights flashing. Police do not run “hot” to burglary alarms, which is why private alarm companies like for the

Fire Department to respond. **Council Member Skelton** said he was not aware that was occurring and was happy to have that information.

John Kemp said he wanted to thank the Fire Department for coming three weeks ago when he was suffering from dehydration. **Capt. Schulte** acknowledged his thanks and pointed out that Station 22 is the busiest station in the city.

Action: Receive and file.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Skelton recognized State Representative Geraldine Flaherty.

Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment (WIRE)

Dr. Elizabeth Ablah, KU Medical Center, provided an update on WIRE and acknowledged the work that Paul Davis, a District 3 representative on the Environmental Leadership Council (ELC). She said the three leading environmental concerns that emerged from the community survey are 1) Solid Waste plan 2) Arkansas River and 3) emissions through mobile sources. She said last year there were around 25 people who served on the ELC and they hope to have that many again in the coming year.

Roger Smith asked how ProKansas recycling enters in to what WIRE is trying to accomplish. **Dr. Ablah** said Pro Kansas has been a leader in the community in recycling and representatives from Pro Kansas serve on the ELC.

Bill Ward wanted to know if WIRE is working with local haulers on the solid waste issue. **Dr. Ablah** said they presented to City Council during a workshop and WIRE had in its plan to work with the City of Wichita on the solid waste issue. She said someone on the City Council told them to take that out of their plan, but WIRE still plans on addressing the issue of solid waste and working with the City in whatever manner it can.

Roger Smith asked what types of things they would work on if WIRE receives the second phase of grant funding. **Dr. Ablah** said they would work with large entities such as First Student (the new bus service for USD 259) on developing policies to reduce their emissions; work with the City motor pool in developing policies to reduce emissions; recycling and waste management; several projects in related to the Arkansas River and storm drains; and there are approximately 50 businesses affiliated with "Green Wichita," and WIRE will assist with their energy audits, etc.

Roger Smith said something to consider would be asking First Student to purchase vehicles with both electric and gas engines; **Dr. Ablah** said that probably won't happen soon because First Student just purchased a brand new fleet, but it certainly is something to think about in the future.

Council Member Skelton said in Europe, specifically Germany, they have been environmentally conscious for years; it's the standard over there.

Roger Smith said he recalled talking a few months ago about new traffic signals that would be synchronized and would help cut down on vehicle emissions. He said he heard a radio ad where the Mayor said something about no one should be sitting at a traffic light longer than 30 seconds. **Smith** didn't believe that to be accurate information. **Dr. Ablah** said WIRE has been working with the City on its stop light system. **Council Member Skelton** said some testing is currently being conducted with stoplights on Woodlawn.

Charlotte Foster wanted to know if anything is being done about air emissions related to nail salons and other businesses of that nature. **Dr. Ablah** said that is called area source pollution and while it represents 55% of emissions into the air and mobile sources only account for 38%, survey results indicated Wichitans are more interested in mobile sources.

Bill Ward said he was caught by a train while driving to the DAB meeting and had to sit there for several minutes. He said he shut his car off, but most of the motorists continued to let their vehicles idle. He suggested that WIRE put up signs around railroad crossings reminding people to turn off their vehicles.

Action: Receive and file.

Updates, Issues and Reports

Judy Dillard asked if Council Member Skelton had found out anything about WFD providing Fire Coverage for the city of Haysville. **Council Member Skelton** said Haysville is wanting out of the fire protection business and asked Wichita for a proposal.

Charlotte Foster reported the police showed up at her house because her neighbor complained about her squeaky windmill; she said the police oiled it for her.

DeWayne Kitchen said he wanted to thank Janet Johnson for the clean up in Planeview.

Elena Ingle reported the City is fixing the broken sidewalk at Meadowlark Park.

Judy Dillard announced the South Area Neighborhood Association would be hosting a candidate's forum on Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 7 p.m., Oct. 6, 2010, at the Water Center at 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant – District III

Guests

Paul Davis
Connie Klassen
Rep. Geraldine Flaherty
Elena Ingle
Dr. Elizabeth Ablah