

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**

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**Monday
March 5, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with eight (8) District Advisory Board members in attendance, eight (8) city staff and nine (9) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Linda Matney
Bob Schreck
Bob Wine
John VanWalleghen
Sandra Whittington
Charlie Claycomb
Carol Skaff
Jaya Escobar

Members Absent

C. Bickley Foster
Marsha Carr

Staff Present

Off. M. Lowe Patrol South
Officer Recio, Patrol North
John Schlegel, Planning Director
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Off. Reynolds Patrol North
Off. Guete Patrol North
Off. G. Birdwell Patrol West
Sgt. Bolan Patrol West

Guests

Listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked the DAB Members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for Minutes for February 5, 2007 were approved with amendments (**Schreck/Wine 8-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with an amendment to the public agenda. (**Matney/VanWalleghen 8-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** Bruce Simkins 501 W. 42nd addressed the horse maintenance issue he has discussed in previous DAB meetings and to inquire about a sanitary sewer concern but stated it had already been addressed. DAB members asked Simkins his reason for not wanting to meet with Kay Johnson, Environmental Services Director on this issue and if there were other neighbors present at DAB concerned about his issue. Simkins responded he didn't want to meet with City Staff to be told something would be done but in reality nothing gets done.

Simkins asked by what standards do you consider the DAB successful? How can the DAB be effective if there is such low attendance? **Fearey** explained the process of DAB, which allows the public a chance to give input on issues that effect their neighborhood with recommendations made to me from the DAB before any final decision is made at City Council level. **Fearey** said the low attendance can indicate that most of the citizens are satisfied with the way government issues are being handled plus many of District VI residents know what steps to take to resolve the issues that arise in their neighborhoods and they maintain communication with staff. Simkins stated he would prefer to continue the discussion privately with **Fearey**. **Fearey** told Simkins to contact the neighborhood assistant to make an appointment and she would be glad to meet with him.

***** **Action:** Provide comments.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol West: *Officer Birdwell*, Beat 11 introduced himself as the new community police officer taking the place of Officer Kyle. *Birdwell* said he was looking forward to working with the associations and mentioned Officer Davidson, Beat 15 would be assisting Orchard Park association with a clean up scheduled for May.

Patrol South: *Officer Low*, Beat 21 mentioned a 50% decrease in residential and non-residential burglaries near the Old Town area.

Patrol North: *Officer Recio*, Beat 42 introduced beat officers Guete and Reynolds. *Recio* reported Officer Sharp continues to work on gang graffiti and held a sting to catch taggers and any other vandalism. There were no incidents that night. Also the prostitution web page is up and running with names added daily. This summer I will be working with the Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall youth programs.

Officer Reynolds, Beat 49 explained the club Baby Dolls near 47th and Arkansas had some problems last Wednesday night with a large number of individuals outside and shots were fired. This kind of instances lead to drive by shootings. Please call 911 if you know of any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Alejandro Calderon, El Pueblo neighborhood president asked how come the sting was for only one night? *Recio* responded it takes a lot of extra police services to do this. We plan to do more stings and continue patrolling for graffiti taggers.

Ken Thomas, Treatco owner stated the address 3200 N. Wellington is a drug house. All information (complaint forms) from police should be done in Spanish

Schreck stated his HOA in the Moorings would like to see radar set up for speeders. In the morning and evening the school bus and the UPS truck speed.

Council Member Fearey thanked Officer Recio for his hard work I preparation of the prostitution website that was added to the City's website. This is really good news for the Midtown association.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

New Business

4. Charitable Solicitation

Sgt. Clark Bolan, Patrol West presented a proposed new ordinance for Chapter 3.26 for permits and licenses, and amendments to existing ordinance for Traffic, Section 11.44.050, to better regulate the safety for soliciting donations on street medians. Bolan stated unless an officer witnesses people doing “charitable solicitation” we don’t know it is being done. A license now permits non-profit organizations to collect donations for three days two times a year. In previous years the organizations could choose any intersection they wanted to be at but an ordinance has now directed them to only certain designated intersections.

Questions/comments from the Board Members included (*responses in italics*)

- Would there be any type of training for applicants wanting to better understand the proposed ordinance changes? *The organizations will receive instructions how to conduct an area for solicitation and should train the people who would be assisting.*
- Does each person soliciting donations need to carry a permit? *It is not required each person carries a permit.*
- Would the same rules apply for city agencies (fire) as for the public? *Not sure at this time.*
- Is there any statistics on accidents occurring during any solicitation?
- This is a law that cannot be enforced and the danger is too great for intersections. They could hold these donations on street corners out of the traffic.
- My neighbors don’t have anything good to say about these efforts.

Bolan finished saying before police didn’t have the power to pull the organization’s permit if they aren’t following the rules, but they will now.

Two members of the public asked if the organizations can go under an umbrella non-profit in order to do charitable solicitation and what are the criteria for pulling a permit? Bolan wasn’t sure about charitable workings under an umbrella organization but said if groups aren’t following the written rules the permit can be revoked.

******* Action:** The District VI Advisory Board made a motion to recommend the current charitable solicitation ordinance be abandoned and no charitable solicitation at intersections. (Wine/Schreck 8-0)

5. 21st Street Plan -Update

John Schlegel, Planning Department Director presented a status report of the 21st Street Plan updates.

Accomplishments: East side of I-135 the old Heartspring property has been renamed to Heart Spring Opportunity Project with the Boys and Girls Club almost completed. Also a new USD 259 school is to be built on the remaining property.

Signs of Progress are seen with the demolishing of the Derby Refinery. The El Paso Company has cleaned this site up. It is very contaminated and they are in the process of remediation to address the below ground issues. We should continue to see more infrastructure coming down.

West of I-135 has finished forming the 21st Development Corporation. They have a full board and have been trying to finalize a business plan. There continues to be work on the Mercado-International Market plans. Some of staff continues working on property acquisition before the

plan goes back to City Council then the preferred design will be approved. City Property Management Division's land acquisition will not be completed till 2008.

21st street overpass design: the Burlington Northern Santa Fe tracks will need to be moved further East, if not there will be a shorter bridge span. We are waiting on the railroad to tell us what they plan to do. Funding will be an issue and we will need to look to the congressional delegation for dollars.

International Market: The Greteman group has recommended a new name as the Nomar International Market. They have a marketing plan to assist with development of new businesses for along the commercial district. I have asked the 21st Business Association to implement the development and they are reviewing the plan at this time.

21st Street: Public Works is reviewing if it is possible to have two lanes going East and one lane going West with a turn lane from Broadway to Waco.

DAB members questions/concerns (*responses in italics*)

- American Can is trashy what can be done? They were supposed to abide by code rules and don't believe they are. **Fearey** responded she would have OCI look into this concern.
- Didn't we hear the railroad was to be raised? *No, a bridge is to go over the tracks except for the Broadway/21st intersection. The planning department website under advanced plans explains more about 21st street. Neighborhood Assistant to e-mail Advanced Plans info to DAB.*
- What are the next steps for 21st west of Broadway? *Greteman is unavailing their marketing plan to City Council and the neighborhood. We are waiting on the railroad about the overpass and the Mercado- City Council to approve a contract. Construction not until 2008.*

Ken Thomas, El Pueblo stated the used car lots are not being screened North of 21st street on the W side of Broadway. **Fearey** told him to collect the addresses of the car lots and send to the neighborhood assistant to have them checked out.

- If there is a plan to clean up this area, shouldn't the businesses be informed ahead of time so they can be informed of the changes.
- Isn't this part of a community plan, if so this is the time to develop one for the community to start making changes? *Yes, the 21st redevelopment including 17th to 22nd streets. El Pueblo & 21st Business are partnering in this effort.*
- Can't we get our local, state and federal representatives to send a letter to the railroad about these issues? *The railroad governs themselves they will want to use this as leverage to get things out of the City.*
- Very pleased the way this is all progressing.

Schlegel finished by saying in a future DAB agenda we will have the 21st Street Business Association make a presentation.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Board Agenda

6. Problem Properties

- o Graffiti on the electrical box - East of Little Arkansas River at 21st near Wendy's restaurant.
- o 1580 N. Clarence- roofing material has been blocking the garage for 6 months.

*******Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

7. Neighborhood Reports

Sherwood Glen: The association will be holding a garage sale in April.

Visioneering survey: Go to Visioneering Wichita to do the survey it may take 15 minutes to do and will be available until March 12th. This is located under www.wichita.gov.

Riverside Citizens Association, North Riverside and Midtown is hosting an Electoral Candidate Forum at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church- 7 pm. On March 13th.

La Placita Park: Neighborhood cleanup on April 28th.

Benjamin Hills: Neighborhood cleanup on April 14th

Minisa Bridge: has this gone to Council for approval? **Fearey** responded she thought it had and was close to bid.

5200 W. 13th Street: The sewer line that was to go into this area what has happened? It had 52% of approval from the homeowners.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from Council Member Fearey

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:30p.m. **Schreck/Skaff**

Guests

Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence Indian Hills Riverbend N.A.
Janet Miller	1102 Jefferson Midtown
Christine Eberle	1814 Joann N.W. Big River NA
Ron Cruz	1308 N. St. Paul El Pueblo
Ken Thomas	2300 N. Broadway El Pueblo
Delora Donavan	1559 Ferrell NRNA
Greg Boyajian	3325 W. 9 th LPNA
Alejandro Calderon	El Pueblo neighborhood
Carlos Contreras	El Pueblo neighborhood
Bruce Simkins	501 W. 42 nd

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant