

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes**

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**Monday  
June 4, 2007  
7:00 p.m.**

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

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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 seven (7) District Advisory Board members in attendance, Three (3) city staff and nine (9) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

Marsha Carr  
Bob Schreck  
Carol Skaff  
Bob Wine  
John VanWalleghen  
Sandra Whittington  
C. Bickley Foster

**Members Absent**

Linda Matney  
Charlie Claycomb  
Jaya Escobar

**Staff Present**

Off. Birdwell, Patrol West  
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant  
Derrick Slockum

**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 May 7, 2007 were approved with amendments. (**Foster/Schreck 7-0**)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**VanWalleghen/Schreck 7-0**)

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** *Chris Kliwer*, for The Identity and Interconnection of the Wichita Community said he was presenting this initiative due to them celebrating their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This project is to work with local city government and neighborhoods to design transportation hubs throughout the city. *Kliwer* wanted to get public feedback about the City's transit system. Questions/comments asked by DAB members:

- o Have you checked to see if there is already this type of information on surveys done by WSU and Visioneering Wichita?
- o Wichita does not encourage walking or bicycling. It would be a good idea for our population to adopt healthy habits.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file. DAB members asked *Kliwer* to please report back on this project so they could see the final results.

2. **Off-agenda items:** None at this time

## **Staff presentations**

### **3. Community Police Report**

**Patrol West:** Officer Birdwell - Beat 11 reported the crime trends seem to vary during the summer months. 13<sup>th</sup> and West has seen larcenies and auto thefts in the apartment complexes. At Central/West the business shopping areas have been broken into. We encouraged more lighting for added security. For Officer Mallard on Beat 14 there seems to be an increase of blight in the area. Also you may call your community police officer to find out what criminal activities are taking place in your area and how to prevent what is occurring. Don't leave out your valuables.

**Schreck** stated in the Moorings Beat 49 they are seeing people checking mailboxes and taking out mail gathering information from homeowners. We are trying to make the residents aware to watch if they see anyone doing this. Officers were able to get prints off of waded up mail and a suspect was apprehended. We no longer put the flags up on the mailboxes and are working with our mailman for assistance on this problem.

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

## **New Business**

### **Planning**

#### **4. ZON2007-00016**

The District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered a Zone change from "SF-5" Single-Family Residential to "LC" Limited Commercial generally located west of Arkansas Avenue on the northwest corner of 21<sup>st</sup> Street North and Salina Street (2301 N. Salina Street). The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting. **Derrick Slocum**, Planner presented the case background and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public.

**There were no area residents to speak in favor or in opposition of the request.**

*Christopher Van* applicant stated he wanted this facility to double as his home and business a tax preparation service. He said he had no idea when the concrete was all poured he would not be in compliance with the city.

**Board Members** questions/concerns included: 1) on the surrounding properties is there any vacant land to be developed; 2) why can't this just be considered as a home occupation; 3) if the concrete was removed, could he do a home business; 4) was the applicant aware of the 21<sup>st</sup> street study; 5) does the city have recourse with the contractor to remove the concrete; 6) did the City approve this permit for all the concrete; 7) is the owner living in the house at present time; 8) how much green space is required for each yard of concrete and 9) the owner has other alternatives by reducing the concrete and getting a home occupation license.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** The District VI Advisory Board made a motion to recommend **Denial for "LC" and "NO"(Wine/VanWalleghe 7-0)** of the zone change request based on staff recommendations and to bring the property back into residential compliance as a home occupation business.

## **Board Agenda**

### **5. Problem Properties**

- The yard of the house north of the post office near 21<sup>st</sup> and Arkansas is overgrown.
- Egrets continue to be a problem. **Fearey** stated Environmental Services is to do research for a solution and follow-up with me.
- 1339 & 1345 N. Emporia: have overgrown weeds with trash in the back and no window screens

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

#### 6. Neighborhood Reports

- **Riverside Citizens** is holding their annual tri-neighborhood picnic on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, don't forget the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July breakfast picnic with Chris cakes making the pancakes.
- **North Riverside** is holding their first Garden Stroll on June 23<sup>rd</sup> as a fundraiser.
- **Benjamin Hills/Pleasant Valley** will hold a Garage Sale on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Indian Hills** garage sale was very successful.
- **WIN** will be hosting the Neighborhood University on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> with Ron Thornburg, Secretary of State as the featured speaker.

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

#### Updates from Council Member

- The round-a-bout at Murdock and Stackman Drive has had problems with the weed barrier. The flowerbeds will have to be redone and should look better soon.
- The public toilets in Old Town were officially opened.
- Don't forget the PROS meeting to be held here at Evergreen on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30. Please bring ideas with you for our future park programs. Please take the online survey on the city's website for this project.

#### Announcements

- District VI **PROS Planning Community Outreach Meeting:** Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm Evergreen Recreation Center-Clubroom 2700 Woodland
- Next DAB meeting: Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- July DAB meeting will be held on Monday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

#### Guests

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Bruce Simkins	501 W. 42 <sup>nd</sup> St. N. Wichita, KS. 67204
Leslie & Leonard Hicks	2230 Cardinal Dr. Ben. Hills
Dorree Hicks	2230 Cardinal Dr. Ben. Hills
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence Indian Hills- Riverbend N. A.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant