

**District IV Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**December 5, 2007**  
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 7:00 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library. In attendance were nine (8) District Advisory Board members, five (5) staff and approximately thirteen citizens (13) citizens with twelve (12) signing in.

**Members Present**

Nancy Wilhite  
Joshua Blick  
Mary Cockburn  
Hestel Sewell  
Michael Gisick  
Ed Koon  
Gerald Marsh  
Tom Engelmann  
Jim Benton

**Staff Present**

Officer Gomes, Police  
Officer Carlson, Police  
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office  
Officer Bachman, Police  
Officer Bryant, Police  
Officer Davidson, Police  
Larry Foos, Park and Recreation  
David Maguire, Park and Recreation  
Joe Dermid, Career Services  
Debbie Nguyen, City Manager's Office

**Members Absent**

Peggy Bennett

**Guests**

Don Saylor, 2423 Bellwood 67205  
Cynthia Ocerlan, 7065 Belmont  
Melody McCray-Miller PO Box 4454 Wichita, KS  
Greg Femi, 144 S Bag Count Ct 67235  
Roger Smith, 132 S Edwards 67213  
David Mollhagan, 3405 N Hydraulic 67219  
Charlie Claycomb, 151 N Rock Island 67202  
Penni Jost, 303 S Topeka 67203  
Patrick Hurley, 2104 Haskell  
Gene Albers, 3952 SW 160th Ave Cunningham, KS  
Naomi Claycomb, 4701 S Vine 67217  
Darlene Nuse, 2021 Jewell 67213

**Order of Business**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Wilhite (Benton)** moved to approve the agenda for the December 5, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

**Marsh (Cockburn)** moved to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

## **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**

**Representative Melody McCray Miller** addressed the board to discuss the proposed payday loan statute. She explained that Congress has passed a law protecting military from predatory lending in which a loan institution can not charge over 36% interest for lending to military personnel. Representative Miller stated that the average payday loan customer has 7-12 loans which have to continue to be rewritten because they cannot pay off the previous one. Councilmember Gray suggested one way to address this is require that the loans be paid in full and that customers not be allowed to make partial payments.

**Darlene Nuse** addressed the Board regarding Sexually Oriented Businesses (SOB's). She provided information on the mission and activities of a group called Operation Southwind, which is dedicated to addressing the growing problem of pornography and obscenity in the city. Operation Southwind would like to make sure that the city will secure the move of SOB's by December 31 that are not within proper zoning districts; as well as, revisit the definition of an SOB as defined by city code, due to increasing sale of explicit material.

**Members of the Smoke-Free Coalition, citizens and Board members** expressed opinions on the smoking ban and made the following points:

- This ban could be detrimental to some businesses. Sales tax trends can be misleading because people go out more often. Businesses should be able to choose if they want to be smoke-free.
- Even brief exposure can increase cardiac events. Even proper ventilation doesn't work appropriately to guard against health concerns.
- There should be a compromise for the ban and designate the rear end of the business for smoking and workers can decide which area they want to work in.
- Businesses should get signs to display whether they are smoke-free or not and let consumers decide.
- Have to be careful in selecting which areas you apply the ban

### **2. Off-Agenda Items**

No items were submitted.

## **Staff Presentations**

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

Officers present reported the following:

- **13 beat** – Friends University student apartments broken into and a roof burglar was also caught.
- **15 beat**- there has been an increase in burglaries around Elder and Tracy, also an increase in vehicle larcenies, car windows broken out so keep valuable items out of sight so that burglars cannot see, there has also been an increase in auto thefts from people leaving their vehicles unlocked while warming up their cars
- **28 and 29 beat** – There has been an increase in auto larcenies at the Dillons at Seneca and 31<sup>st</sup> St South.

**Action Taken:** Received and filed.

## **New Business**

### **4. DER2007-00013**

**Jess McNeely** presented a request to amend Article III Section III-C.2.b(1)(b) of the UZC that prohibits the installation of off-site signage on property with community unit plan (CUP) zoning. This applies to advertising signs and for CUP's for land 6 acres or more. The Board asked Mr. McNeely to clarify amendments and exceptions to this.

**Action Taken: Koon (Benton)** recommended approval of the requested changes. Motion passed 7-1-1.

### **5. ZON2007-**

**Jess McNeely** will present a requested zone change from “MF-29” Multi-family Residential to “LC” Limited Commercial on a site generally located east of S. Meridian and south of Merton (1702 S. Meridian Ave.)

There was discussion regarding the best use for the land in following the access management policy and adhering to the landscape code and the future of commercial development in the area.

**Action Taken: Benton(Sewell)** motioned to recommend approval of the requested zone change. Motion passed 6-2-1.

### **6. Central and I-235 Interchange**

**Jim Armour, City Engineer,** presented the plans for a Capital Improvement Project to improve the intersection of Central and I-235. New Communities Initiative.

**Action Taken: Gisick (Blick)** motioned to recommend approval of the improvements. Motion passed 9-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

7. No items were submitted.

## **BOARD AGENDA**

8. **Board Updates and Issues**

**No updates were given**

8. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.