

**District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2008**
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library, 3447 S Meridian.

Members Present

Doug Leeper
Joshua Blick
Nancy Wilhite
Tom Engelmann
Gerald Marsh
Ed Koon
Jim Benton

Staff Present

Bill Longnecker, Planning
Det. Ross, Police
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office
Captain Baltimore, Fire
Officer Baker, Police
Julie Irvin, OCI
Harlan Bascombe, OCI
Deb Legge, OCI
Scott Wadle, Planning
Doug Kupper, Parks and Rec Director

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

The November 5, 2008 agenda was approved 8-0.
The October minutes were approved 8-0.

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

No items were scheduled

2. Off-Agenda Items

Loretta Bucker, Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN), asked for donation of items for the WIN silent auction January 8, 2009.

Staff Presentations

3. Public Safety Reports

Community Police Report

Officers present reported the following:

- Reminded citizens to keep doors locked to your house and cars to prevent burglaries.
- There has been SUR 13 gang graffiti found on Pawnee
- Crime dropping in 13 beat, but burglaries are up, but police may have caught a suspect.
- Police presence has increased around West High which has helped decrease crime in the past.
- Two NOTE projects at Yellowstone to 119th and the 9500 block of Yosemite.
- Officer Clump will be replacing Officer Woodrow

Action Taken: Received and filed.

4. Fire Report

Captain Baltimore, Fire, provided statistics on recent fire department activities.

Action Taken: Reviewed and filed.

5. Office of Central Inspection (OCI) Annual Report

Deb Legge, Harlan Bascombe, and Julie Irvin, OCI, provided statistics for OCI activities including condemnations, tall grass and weed complaints and premise condition complaints.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

6. Parks and Recreation Open Space Plan (PROS) Plan

Doug Kupper, Director of Parks and Rec, and Scott Wadle, Planning, presented the item.

In 2006 the Wichita Board of Park Commissioners initiated the development of the Wichita Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan) to replace the currently adopted 1996 Parks and Pathways Plan, an element of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan. The Wichita PROS Plan will serve as an updated and improved guide for the development, provision, maintenance, and funding of parks and recreation resources for the City of Wichita. The plan will better enable the Park Board and City Council to ensure that the provision of PROS resources reflects the priorities and needs of Wichita citizens. The plan area consists of the

City of Wichita and the Wichita 2030 Urban Growth Area, identified in the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan.

On December 19, 2006 the City Council approved the selection of Moore, Iacofano, Goltsman to undertake the preparation of this Plan. An eight-member Citizen Advisory Committee was appointed by the City Manager to oversee the development of the Plan. A 43-member Technical Advisory Group comprised of community organization representatives, school board staff, neighborhood organizations, trade organizations, and City staff was also created to provide support to the development of the PROS Plan.

Over the last two years, the planning team has worked closely with the Citizen Advisory Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and the community at-large to build consensus in the development of the PROS Plan. To-date, there have been a total of 5 Citizen Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Group meetings; 13 public information meetings (including a public charrette), 6 presentations to the Wichita Board of Park Commissioners, 2 briefings to the Advance Plans Committee of MAPC; 456 responses from a community-wide survey done by the consultant; 6 days of intercept events; 855 questionnaire responses; and an online-questionnaire.

The draft Plan is being presented to all six District Advisory Boards in November for further public comment and recommendation.

Analysis: The following is a summary of the highlights contained in the draft PROS Plan. The complete version of the Draft PROS Plan can be viewed at www.wichitaprospan.com.

Where Are We Now? - The draft plan contains a description of Wichita and its recreation resources. This section also includes a review of national trends that influence how communities provide park and recreation resources.

Where Do We Want to Be? – The plan includes the community’s vision for the future, “... an interconnected and accessible system of vibrant public spaces, friendly neighborhood parks, thriving natural areas, and diverse recreation opportunities that make our city a healthy and active place in which to live, work, and play”. The Goals of the PROS Plan are as follows:

1. Provide safe and accessible parks, open spaces, recreation facilities and programs that help create healthy residents and a healthy community.
2. Preserve and enhance our unique natural and cultural resources.
3. Provide facilities and services that embrace the needs of residents of diverse cultures, ages, and income levels.
4. Preserve resources through sound management and best practices to create a legacy for future generations.
5. Provide trails that connect community destinations, support alternatives to automobile transportation, and encourage active transportation.
6. Support life-long human development by providing recreation and learning opportunities.
7. Foster community ownership, encourage community participation, and promote volunteerism.

8. Building partnerships to leverage resources and work cooperatively toward our vision.

The strategic directions to achieve Wichita's vision for parks, recreation, and open space include:

- Neighborhood-oriented services;
- Vibrant public spaces;
- A balanced and equitable system of services;
- An interconnected system that supports walking, bicycling, and other healthy activities;
- Renovation, restoration, and reinvestment;
- A well-maintained and sustainable system; and
- An adequately funded system.

How Do We Get There?; Recreation Services- The PROS Plan recommends a Neighborhood Center-based recreation services model that focuses on health and wellness; and community building. Recreation programming will also support tourism and economic development through partnerships, programs, and services.

How Do We Get There?; Park Land, Recreation Resources, and Trails – The PROS Plan identifies the following improvements listed below.

- Overall policies, actions, and recommendations that apply to the entire park system or entire categories of parks;
- Design guidelines that identify the size, access, and resource guidelines for each park classification;
- Improvements to existing parks, new parks, and pathways within the Wichita City limits;
- Recommendations for new parks and pathways needed to serve future needs in the 2030 growth area;
- Program improvements, minor investments, and if successful – then major investments in neighborhood community centers to provide recreation programming; and
- Investments in public swimming pool improvements.

How Do We Get There?; Park and Facility Maintenance and Operations Costs- In order to address maintenance concerns identified by the public, the PROS Plan includes recommendations for improvements to the City's maintenance of existing and proposed resources. This section identifies the estimated funding amounts necessary for the proposed higher levels of maintenance for existing resources, which are estimated to cost approximately \$2.3 million.

How Do We Get There?; Management of Services – The PROS Plan includes actions and recommendations for improving the delivery of park, recreation, and open space services through initiatives in the following categories:

- organizational structure;
- communications and outreach;

- volunteerism;
- partnerships; and
- funding and finance.

Capital Projects – This chapter includes potential funding sources for the more than \$450 million of capital improvements identified in the PROS Plan, and provides prioritization criteria to evaluate the projects. The funding sources include the following:

- General obligation bonds (capital improvements program);
- Special assessments;
- Sales tax;
- Development excise tax (impact fees); and
- State, federal, and private grant opportunities.

Prior to adopting the Wichita Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan as an element of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan, Kansas statutes require the MAPC to hold a public hearing is tentatively scheduled for November 20, 2008.

The adoption of the Wichita PROS Plan involves no commitment of funding from the City of Wichita or Sedgwick County. The plan proposes infrastructure and programming improvements throughout Wichita and the 2030 Wichita Growth Area (e.g. new parks, pathways, facilities, and programming) over the next 30 years or more. The total amount of proposed improvements total more than \$450 million.

Staff stated that the sole purpose of this presentation was to solicit support for this proposal and doing so does not in any way financially obligate the City Council.

Action Taken: The Board made no motion or recommendation, but agreed to continue providing feedback in support and implementation of the plan.

7. ZON2008-00051

Bill Longnecker, Planning, presented this a request will present a request for zone change from SF-5 Single Family Residential (“SF-5”) to TF-3 Two-Family Residential (“TF-3”) located north of Pawnee Avenue, west of Seneca Street, between Haskell Avenue and Lotus Street. The applicant proposes to redevelop the site with 3 duplexes (6 total units).

The Board and citizens had the following concerns:

- This development will create additional traffic when there is already speeding issues in the neighborhood (where there is more people, there are more issues.)
- Requested clarification on access and layout of duplex units; as well as, zoning of surrounding properties.
- This development will decrease surrounding residential property value

The applicant was present and assured that these duplexes would be nice, clean duplexes which would enhance the area and that existing landscape (trees) would be left in place and that the

duplexes would have garages and there would only be access to these duplexes off Haskell and Lotus.

One of the Board members stated that a similar development had occurred in his neighborhood and they have had no problems with it.

Staff has already received 13 protest petitions for this request, but only 7 were valid at the time of the DAB meeting, so staff was attempting to contact the people who filed the invalid petitions to make them aware of this.

Action Taken: DAB members voted 4-2 (1 abstention) to recommend approval of the zoning request.

OLD BUSINESS

8. No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

9. Board Updates and Issues

- **Wilhite** announced that she attended Neighborhood University last month and it was very worthwhile. There were informational sessions on such topics as home security, ID theft, neighborhood watch and grassroots politics
- **Engelmann** announced that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony on Monday for the water reclamation facility just south of the airport.
- **Blick** announced that he will graduate from Citizens Police Academy next week.

10. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.