

**District IV Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**June 4, 2008**  
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the South Branch YMCA..

**Members Present**

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

**Staff Present**

Officer Gomes, Police  
Brandon Kauffman, Budget  
Officer Woodrow  
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office  
Gary Janzen, Public Works

**Members Absent**

**Order of Business**

**Call To Order**

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

**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 submitted

**2. Off-Agenda Items**

No items were submitted.

## **Staff Presentations**

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

Officers present reported the following:

- Increase in auto larcenies during the summer so please take valuables out of your car
- Increase in residential burglaries so keep garage doors closed
- Pawnee to the paved part of Maize there have been speeding complaints
- McCormick Ice Cream Social June 14

**Action Taken:** Received and filed.

## **New Business**

### **4. Property Tax Relief**

**Brandon Kauffman, Budget,** presented an overview of the proposal. The City of Wichita currently is financed in part by \$100 million annually generated from the property tax. The City does not currently have a city-only sales tax. The City does receive around \$50 million annually as a share of the County-wide sales tax approved by voters in 1985. Staff has developed a concept that could allow the property tax mill levy to be reduced from the present 32 mills to as low as 15 mill (a reduction of 17 mills). A proposed city-wide one cent sales tax would be used to offset the revenue lost. The proposed concept is designed to be revenue neutral: increases in sales tax collections would be used to offset reductions in the property tax revenue.

The Board asked if there would be any restriction for eligibility for this program and Kauffman stated that everyone would be taxed and benefit from this.

**Action Taken:** Received and filed.

### **5. Maize Road Improvements, between Pawnee and Kellogg**

**Public Works staff** presented the item. The 2007-2016 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) adopted by the City Council includes a project to improve Maize Road, between Pawnee and Kellogg. Maize Road, from Pawnee to Kellogg, is currently a two-lane asphalt road with drainage ditches. The proposed improvement consists of a five-lane roadway with two through lanes in each direction and a center two-way left-turn lane. The project will reconstruct Maize Road from just north of the improved intersection at Pawnee to Kellogg. Drainage improvements will be included with the project. A five foot sidewalk will be constructed on both sides of Maize Road, and the available right-of-way will be landscaped. The intersection of Pawnee and Maize will be evaluated to see if traffic signals installation is warranted. Traffic will be carried one-lane northbound only during the first phase of construction, between Pawnee and Carr; one lane in each direction will be carried from Carr to Kellogg at all times. Construction is

projected to begin in spring of 2009 and be completed in late 2009. The CIP budget is \$3,500,000 with the total paid by General Obligation Bonds.

Citizens expressed the following: (responses in italics)

- Is there a possibility a wall will be put up for noise? *No*
- Concerned about amount of space between sidewalks and roads for citizen safety with passing cars. *These will be done according to nationally accepted standards.*
- Requested police assistance with traffic detours. *Police will work with area to do this.*

**Action Taken: None due to lack of quorum**

#### **6. Meridian Improvements, between Pawnee and Orient**

**Public Works staff** presented the plan for these improvements. The project will provide four through lanes on Meridian and a center two-way left turn lane. The available right-of way will be landscaped, and new sidewalk will be constructed on both sides of Meridian. A large drainage system will be constructed to carry storm water runoff to the Arkansas River. The proposed routing of the drainage system is along Dora between Meridian and Exposition, and generally along or south of May from Exposition to the Arkansas River. Construction is planned for 2010. The project budget contained in the Capital Improvement Program is \$9,000,000. This project will alleviate current basin problems and will take almost a year to complete.

Citizens asked if the sidewalk was going to be decorative and Mr. Janzen stated they would attempt to do that where possible. He also mentioned that they will be planting more trees.

**Action Taken: None due to lack of quorum.**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**7. No items were submitted**

### **BOARD AGENDA**

#### **8. Board Updates and Issues**

- **Marsh** Attended the Southwest NA meeting and appreciated feedback on the City Manager candidates.

#### **9. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.