

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, May 2, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Gerald Domotrovic
Twila Chaloupek
Janet Wilson
Bill Wynne
James Roseboro
Jesyka Ware (Youth Member)

Members Absent

Janice Rich
Vicki Churchman
Steve Roberts
KC Ohaebosim

Guests

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City of Wichita Staff Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams
Officer Ward, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department
Officer Recio, Beat 23, Wichita Police Department
Captain Bahr, Station 10, Wichita Fire Department
LaShonda Porter, District 1 Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.and welcomed guests. **Vice Mayor Williams** welcomed guest and advised that anyone speaking should provide their name and address for their record. She thanked everyone for coming and proceeded with the first order of business.

Approval of Agenda

Roseboro (Wynne) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried. 5:0**

Approval of Minutes

Wynne (Wilson) made a motion to approve the April 4th and April 11th minutes with the correction to the spelling of James Roseboro's name. **Motion carried 5:0**

Public Agenda

1. Agenda Items

Lou Confessori, Project Manager – Mennonite Housing provided an update on the activity that Mennonite Housing accomplished in District 1. He noted that Mennonite Housing receives grant funds from the City of Wichita to build and sell new homes in both the Local Investment Area (LIA) and the Neighborhood Revitalization Area (NRA).

Confessori noted that over the last 11 years Mennonite Housing has accomplished by building and selling 148 homes. He noted the homes were built and sold to the following demographics and locations.

Demographic (Race)	Total Number of Homes
African American	63
Hispanic	35
Caucasian	45

Asian	4
American Indian	1

Demographic (Location)	Total Number of Homes
North East	76
North Central	26
Orchard Breeze	27
Delano	6
Hilltop	6
South Central	1
Other	6

Confessori explained that the 6 in the “other” category was part of a project in partnership with Sedgwick County. He noted that Sedgwick County contracted work out to Mennonite Housing, Power CDC, Habitat for Humanity, and Community Housing Services to purchase foreclosed homes, rehab, and sell them. He advised that Mennonite purchased 6 and when they complete those projects they were told to stop.

Confessori advised that some of the other projects they have in the community include the Plaza North Senior Center, KC Estate (1914 E. 10th St.), Madison Apartments (9th & Madison) and Sunflower Plaza (15th & Kansas). He advised that they developed and manage each of the projects except for the senior center.

Confessori advised that there are still several homes that are available purchased which include 4 on Ohio, 3 on Indiana, 3 on Cleveland, 3 on Piatt, and 1 on Ash.

Wynne wanted to know the average cost of these homes. **Confessori** advised they run about \$90,450 - \$94,000 for a 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, and full basement. He advised that the city will also assist with down payment cost for those that qualify, usually bringing the homeowners mortgage close to \$550/per month and that includes taxes and insurance.

Wilson wanted to know if Mennonite Housing has experienced any issues with vandalism. **Confessori** advised that everyone is experiencing these issues but they have not had any episodes in about two months.

Vice Mayor Williams wanted to know if working on foreclosures properties something that Mennonite Housing would stay involved in. **Confessori** advised that as of now they were told to stop and that they are waiting on more direction from Sedgwick County.

Vice Mayor Williams thanked Confessori for his presentation.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

Karen Lippoldt, Special Programs Recruiter Trainer - Salvation Army presented information on the foster care program offered through the Salvation Army. She noted that youth and families involved in the Juvenile Justice System have become part of the focus. Teens who have struggled with the law have needs that are unique in foster care. Kansas Juvenile Justice Authority has developed a Cognitive Behavioral Program that addresses the needs in a foster home setting.

Lippoldt advised that the Juvenile Justice System goal is to focus on the youth's development of pro-social thinking to assist them with changing the current path they are on. Foster parents are considered mentors to these youth and by doing so provide a youth with a second chance.

Lippoldt noted that they are trying to reduce the recidivism rate of the youth and feel that this program will foster that reduction. The program will assist in working the kids back into the community by giving the youth the option of foster care instead of being sent to a juvenile detention facility.

Lippoldt advised that mentors are provided intense pre-service training in the Cognitive Behavior Program to help prepare them to work with this very special population. She noted that they can have up to two youths in the home; however, they prefer one child per home so that the student can receive a one-to-one mentorship.

Roseboro wanted to know if they would come to Neighborhood Association meetings to present. **Lippoldt** stated yes.

Wynne wanted to know what the difference was between the Salvation Army program and Youthville. **Lippoldt** explained that the major difference is that Youthville clients are generally under SRS referrals, where Salvation Army is not. Additionally, she advised that the children under the Youthville program can be because their parents did something not necessarily to the child. All youth in the Juvenile Justice program are because of these actions.

Domotrovic wanted to know how long the program has been in place and how many placements they have made. **Lippoldt** advised that they started in the Spring of last year and they had placed 11 youth.

Roseboro wanted to know if a newborn could be placed in the home. **Lippoldt** advised that no, that Juvenile Justice works with youth ages 10 – 23. **Roseboro** also wanted to know if the foster parents received any kind of stipend. **Lippoldt** advised yes, they receive a reimbursement of \$60 per day.

Vice Mayor Williams wanted to know if they connected the youth with other youth programs in the community. **Lippoldt** advised that not as of yet, but they are working on that.

Vice Mayor Williams thanked **Lippoldt** for her presentation.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

2. **Off Agenda Items**
No items submitted.

Staff Report

3. **Police Report**
Officer Ward, Beat 46, Wichita Police Department gave an update on the activity at Woodgate Apartments. He advised that between December 2010 – April 19, 2011 they responded to the following calls at Woodgate Apartments:

MONTH	# OF CALLS	POLICE HOURS
December	30	19 hours 38 minutes
January	31	15 hours
February	17	6.9 hours
March	31	15.6 hours
April	28	13.73 hours
TOTAL	137	70.2 hours

Officer Ward advised of these 137 calls 57 cases was made. He advised that the change in management every 2 years causes many issues for the Police Department. He noted that due to this he has setup a meeting with Vice Mayor Williams, Captain Easter, Lt. Espinoza and the Woodgate Management to see if they could come up with solutions to reduce the amount of changes in management at the facility.

Officer Ward also advised that between the February 24th and April he has seen an increase in larcernies and burglaries on his beat in a isolated area between 29th and 37th Street from Woodlawn to Rock Rd. He noted that they were able to catch some of the burglars.

Officer Ward advised that due to the promotion of Officer Kimble he would be taking over Beat 47 until the name his replacement.

Officer Recio, Beat 23, Wichita Police Department advised that there were 2 auto thefts, 4 non-residential burglaries, and 9 burglaries. He noted that this activity is happening mainly on the east side of the tracks. He noted that they are watching several individuals.

Officer Recio advised that they river clean up was scheduled for May 7th.

Vice Mayor Williams thanked the Officers for there updates.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

4. Fire Report

Captain Bahr, Station 10, Wichita Fire Department gave an update on the April fire incidents. He noted that there were a total of 18 fires in the City of Wichita. Of the 18 fires, 4 of them occurred in District 1. **Captain Bahr** advised that 2 of the fires were deemed accidental, 1 was undetermined, and 1 is still under investigation.

Captain Bahr advised that the 4 fires in district occurred in the following locations:
 1500 block of Chautaqua – a vacant structure - \$5K in damages
 2600 block of Lorraine – deck caught on fire - \$70K in damages
 2000 block of Ridgewood – elderly female was overcome by smoke - \$30K in damages
 1700 block of Minneapolis – apartment complex, resident looking for cell phone under bed with a cigarette lighter – 85K in damages

Captain Bahr advised that the Fire Department Citizen Academy would begin in July those interested should go to the city’s website for an application.

Vice Mayor Williams wanted to know if there was an age requirement for the academy. **Captain Bahr** advised that he thought you had to be at least 18 years of age.

Vice Mayor Williams thanked Captain Bahr for his update.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

Updates, Issues and Reports

Roseboro advised that Northeast Heights would be having there clean up on May 7th and a picnic on June 4th.

Wynne advised that Country Overlook had there clean up in conjunction with Love Wichita and it was one of the more successful clean ups they've had. He advised that they filled 3 ¾ packers, 3 ½ skids, and dumped 70 tires. He also noted that they took 1 load of paints and chemicals and ended up receiving a bill for \$173. He advised that he is working with the County to have the bill taken care of because this has never been an issue in the past.

Ware advised that St Paul AME will be having a garage sale on Saturday, May 7th beginning at 10:00 a.m.. She noted that they people could donate items to the garage sale, as well as, come by and purchase items or a dinner for \$10. She noted that all proceeds would go to the church.

Chaloupek advised that Linwood would have there neighborhood clean up on May 14th.

Wilson advised that A. Price Woodard had there clean up in conjunction with Love Wichita and it was also successful. She advised that they filled 3 packers, 9 skids, and they are still counting the tires. She noted that St. Mark United Methodist assisted in the clean up and helped provide lunch to the volunteers.

Vice Mayor commented that Love Wichita was great and very successful. She noted that there were over 40 churches, but still room for more churches to get involved. She advised that there were 25-30 projects in District 1 and the ones she was able to get and thanked the volunteers was very humbling for her. **Vice Mayor Williams** noted that there was a worship service for all churches and volunteers involved at Tabernacle and it was awesome! It was great to see everyone leave there denominations at the door and just celebrate the awesomeness that occurred over the weekend.

Vice Mayor encouraged Roseboro to have Wichita Independent Neighborhoods really promote clean neighborhoods for next years Love Wichita date. She also noted that not much was coming before the Council on Tuesday and that the salvage yard proposal would be back on the 10th.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Porter
Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Lou Confessori
Beverly Domotrovic
Karen Lippoldt