

District III Advisory Board Minutes
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The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7 p.m. at the Wichita Water Center at 101 E Pawnee. Eight District Advisory Board members were in attendance. Seven City staffers, two consultants and 14 members of the public were present.

Members Present

Teresa Cook
Judy Dillard
Charlotte Foster
Jim Gulick
Joann Hartig
John Kemp
Gerry Myers
Bill Ward

Members Absent

Matt Foley
Dewayne Kitchen
Councilman Jim Skelton
Jesse Sheffield

Staff Present

Officer Sara Voyles, Patrol South
Officer Fong Phommachanh, Patrol East
Janet Johnson, Neighborhood Assistant
Steve Palmer, Water and Sewer
Bill Perkins, Water and Sewer
Scott Lindebak, Public Works Storm Water
Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department
Pete Jarchow, Consultant
Eric Brole, Consultant

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Bill Ward called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

The meeting minutes from July 19, 2006, and August 2, 2006, were approved as submitted
(Dillard:Myers, 7:0)

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. There were no scheduled items submitted.
2. Unscheduled items included **Kelly Angle, 417 S. Sycamore**, who asked the DAB for direction and support for improvements at Emery Park regarding the R/C Raceway. **Judy Dillard** said that she had been discussing Emery Park with **Councilman Skelton** and she would be happy to take the information from Mr. Angle and give it to Councilman Skelton. Mr. Angle said that he and his group have been absorbing much of the costs for improving and maintaining the R/C Raceway at Emery Park. Mr. Angle will follow-up with Judy Dillard on this project.

STAFF REPORTS

Community Police Report

Officer Fong Phommachanh, Patrol East Beat 34, reported that Planeview is still seeing a lot of gang graffiti. He also reported on a robber that has been hitting Burger Kings and McDonalds

restaurants in southeast Wichita late at night. The suspect gains access via the drive thru windows. He is described as a Black male in his 20s, 200 lbs, 5'10" tall. The robber typically wears a bandana over his face and drives a gray four-door Chrysler or Dodge vehicle. Officer Phommachanh also provided copies of the Community Policing booklets for citizens in attendance.

Officer Sara Voyles, Patrol South Beat 29, reported that her beat has remained fairly quiet with a slight increase in residential burglaries. She reminded citizens to lock their doors and to call 911 if they see suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. She also reminded citizens to drive safely around elementary schools, specifically citing White Elementary, because the children often do not pay attention to traffic. Officer Voyles gave a report for Officer Virgil Miller on the 26 Beat and said there has been an increase in auto thefts, and reminded citizens to not leave valuables or personal identification in their vehicles. Citizens on the 26 Beat have also had some success by banding together to address neighborhood problems and troublemakers. Most of the current complaints on 26 Beat are traffic and parking-related.

Charlotte Foster asked what the citizens are doing to address problems.

Larry Manny, 1116 Alturas, said they are working together getting tag numbers, descriptions and reporting this information to police.

Steven Anthimides, 1052 S. Christine, reported that over the weekend his neighbor called him and told him that his house was being broken into. Police showed up in record time and were able to get a good description of the burglar. A short time later police apprehended the suspect and he had three lawn mowers, a washer and other yard implements in his vehicle. Anthimides said his neighbors and police were to be commended for the great job in identifying and apprehending this criminal.

Action: Received and file.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Southeast Water Transmission Main

Steve Palmer and Bill Perkins, Water and Sewer, and Eric Brole, Professional Engineering Consultants, presented the Board with information on the Southeast Booster Pump Station to improve system pressures from Oliver Street to Webb Road and between 17th Street North and Central, which is currently in the Hess Pressure Zone. It will be a seven-mile long, 48" main and will cost around \$20 million.

John Kemp arrived at meeting.

The new water main has to be separated from existing sewer lines by at least 10 feet.

Joann Hartig asked if homes outside the southeast area would benefit from the new water main. **Palmer** said it will primarily help businesses and homes in the southeast area, but the entire city will experience some benefit.

Palmer said they will be laying the main in a two-block area at a time and that the underpass at Waterman will be closed for a time. **Bill Perkins** said plans are to do the street construction and the water main on Waterman at the same time to reduce the amount of time the street will be closed.

Brole said that there are two major challenges facing the new water main – crossing I-135 and crossing the river.

Bill Ward asked how many major tap-ins would be on the water main. **Palmer** said four.

Kemp asked when the inner city was going to get some good stuff, and cited problems with water pressure in his neighborhood. **Perkins** said usually the problem with water pressure is related to the old two-inch galvanized line, and that each year the City replaces as many miles of that as possible with the funding available. **Palmer** said they would visit the Dunham neighborhood and see what the exact problems are.

Hartig said her neighborhood has the same problem and asked for a number to call. **Bill Perkins** and **Steve Palmer** can be reached at 268-4555.

Action: Board provided comment.

Rodeos

Sharon Dickgrafe, Law Department, said that the City Council was provided three options regarding rodeos in the City of Wichita. Those were 1) complete ban 2) indoor only with restrictions and 3) indoor and outdoor with restrictions. She said Council had asked City Staff to further explore option number 2.

Ward pointed out that under the proposal, any farmland that was annexed into the City where the farmer already hosted a rodeo would have to be re-zoned after being annexed. He followed with the question, why should he (the farmer) have to do that? **Dickgrafe** said that typically happens when the City annexes.

Ward said he felt there should be a zoning classification for farmland.

Action: Board provided comment.

Channel Improvements to Gypsum Creek

Scott Lindebak, Public Works Storm Water Management, and Pete Jarchow, HNTB Corporation, presented information on Alternative #2 of the Preliminary Engineering Study for Gypsum Creek Flood Control (Pawnee St. – Woodlawn Ave).

The recommendation includes excavating a low flow channel adjacent to the existing channel and protecting the creek's toe by installing natural stone at certain channel bends. The study found under existing conditions, 13 structures are located below the 100-year flood elevation and 28 structures are located with less than one foot of protection from the 100-year flood. The proposed channel improvements will provide flood protection up to the 100-year storm event for all structures, however 10 would remain with less than a foot of freeboard. The City's current flood protection ordinance requires all structures to be elevated a minimum of one-foot above the 100-year flood elevation, which is considered the structure's freeboard.

This agreement includes the necessary budget to voluntarily buy out these structures, which have less than one-foot of freeboard. The 10 homes that are proposed to be voluntarily bought out were severely flooded during the July 13, 1997, flood event.

Foster asked if the citizens have been advised about the voluntary buy out. **Lindebak** said they have not sent letters to the citizens yet, but the information was provided at a community meeting.

Jim Gulick asked if the excavation would stop the bank erosion. **Lindebak** said it won't completely stop it, but it will slow it down significantly. The proposal also includes using natural looking limestone as opposed to concrete rubble for riffraff.

Ward asked if all the existing concrete rubble would be cleaned out and replaced. **Lindebak** said the first priority would be the voluntary buy-out, the second priority will be to stop the erosion and the third priority will be to replace the unsightly concrete, but because it's the third priority they will only do as much as funding allows.

Ward asked if the excavation would allow the water in the creek to move faster. **Jarchow** said somewhat, and then referred to the benching diagrams provided to DAB members.

Dillard asked about the water coming from Cessna Park parking. **Lindebak** said they looked at that issue, and the water accumulation there is due to poor design, done in the 1950s. **Jarchow** said that while that water is visible during heavy rainfall, it's really a separate issue and does not contribute to Gypsum Creek flooding.

Kemp asked what is being done up north with all the new construction – north of Raytheon – to address water run off. **Lindebak** said many areas, not just southeast Wichita, are concerned about the situation up north and that Beech Reservoir does provide a lot of retention and reduces the flow rate by about four times. He said the Waterfront is currently short on detention by about 12 percent and will not be allowed to do any further building until they can provide more protection for those downstream.

Kemp also asked about what is being done to address flooding issues at this end of K-15. **Lindebak** said a large area of that neighborhood drains into a 1950s drain and that the water is usually gone within an hour. One of the few options would require draining into a non-discharging basin and **Lindebak** said they try to avoid doing that.

Kemp asked about the area behind Joyland. **Lindebak** said the storm water plan for that is under design and construction should begin the first of next year. He said there is one home that would probably still flood and it would cost more than \$150,000 to fix the problem and only around \$65,000 to purchase the home, so the City will likely buy that home out.

Gulick reported that on the northeast corner of Bluff and Mt. Vernon there is a storm drain that has eroded out. **Lindebak** said the city has about 50,000 of those and relies on citizens to report problems. He said they would repair it.

Dillard (Kemp-Gulick) made a motion to approve the design option number two as presented.

Motion passed 8:0

Action: Board approved the design.

BOARD AGENDA

Updates, Issues and Reports

Ward gave an update on Councilman Skelton's condition.

Foster reported that Kay Johnson, Environmental Services, gave a presentation at the Fabrique Neighborhood Association meeting.

Dillard reported that her neighborhood association was planning to host a candidate forum during their October meeting, but it hasn't been confirmed yet.

Hartig gave a report on the NUSA conference she attended in May and passed out informational folders. She said she attended a problem property workshop and got a lot of good ideas. She said Oklahoma City has a good mowing program and that Kay Johnson was going to look into it for the City of Wichita.

Gerry Myers said he had been in the hospital and apologized if he had missed calls.

Kemp reported he finished his chemotherapy and radiation. He said the K-15 Neighborhood Assoc. is working on increasing its membership and they are also addressing some issues with Joyland.

Teresa Cook asked if the DAB members would be interested in purchasing DAB shirts. The group asked that she get some price quotes and **Gulick** suggested she check with Flying Colors.

Gulick said that any Neighborhood Associations that have an elderly population should invite Detective Brad Bryant to speak at their meeting because he has lots of good information on scams and frauds that target the elderly. He also thanked everyone who participated in the South City fire station demonstrations at City Hall and said he thought they were a big success.

Ward said everyone was invited to attend the Meadowlark Neighborhood Association meeting on Sept. 11th and home security will be the topic.

Adjournment

Gulick (Hartig) made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed 8:0.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be held at 7 p.m., October 4, 2006, at the Water Center 101 E. Pawnee.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Johnson,
Neighborhood Assistant – District III

Guests

Donna Thorton	2714 Southfork
Lynda Novotny	1209 Jump
Kathy Manny	1116 Alturas
Larry Manny	1116 Alturas
Claudia Lee	2826 Greenwood
Annette Sohoenthaler	1314 Galena
Tom Shackland	1302 Galena
Betty Shackland	1302 Galena
Bill Barnes	2707 S. Hillside
Goldie Barnes	2707 S. Hillside
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