

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2011
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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. Seven (7) DAB members, fourteen (14) staff and approximately Forty (40) citizens were present.

Members Present (7)

Bruce Werth
Matt Goolsby
Nancy Wilhite
Tom Engelmann
Michael Ackermann
Josh Blick
Gerald Marsh

Staff Present (14)

Doug Kupper, Park and Recreation Director
Kelli Geier, City Manager's Office
6 police staff
6 fire staff

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

The April 6, 2011 agenda was approved as submitted (**Goolsby/Marsh: 7-0**)

The March 2, 2011 meeting minutes were approved as submitted (**Wilhite/Marsh: 7-0**)

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 submitted

2. Off-Agenda Items

No items were submitted

Staff Presentations

Public Safety Reports

3. Community Police Report

Officers present reported the following:

- Increase in burglaries all over district
- Shooting at Kingsboro Apartments
- Riding ATV's illegally in south part of district still remains a problem
- Larceny from lockers/cars, at South YMCA so have staff walking parking lots and locker rooms to decrease theft

Action Taken: Received and filed.

4. Fire Report

Staff present stated:

- Inspected 25 buildings this month
- Residential daycares licensing inspections are now conducted by the fire department
- No burn ban in the City/County for the month of April
- Be cautious when you bbq in windy conditions
- Training to add members to the structural collapse team

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

5. Possible Mountain Bike Single Track in Air Capital Memorial Park

Doug Kupper, Park and Recreation Director, presented information on this item. There are many mountain bike enthusiasts in Wichita that need a legal area to enjoy their chosen recreational activity. The City of Wichita currently only offers one location within the Park System for mountain bikes. This is an unchallenging course within Chapin Park.

The local chapter of the Single Track Association made a presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners suggesting that a mountain bike single track course could be laid out within the 10 acres of Air Capital Memorial Park. They have offered to help design, layout, and construct the single track at their own expense. City staff feels this is a very good use of this under-utilized park. It will accomplish two objectives. First, it will give our residents an outlet for their chosen recreational activity. Second, it should reduce the illegal mountain bike activities throughout the park system including, but not exclusively, Oak Park and Pawnee Prairie Park (PPP). It is paramount that we reduce bicycle activities in PPP due to the possible conflict between horse and bicyclist. Staff recognizes that if this program is approved by District Advisory Board IV and the Board of Park Commissioners, control devices and permanent signage be installed between joint access points of Air Capital Memorial Park and Pawnee Prairie Park so that the two separate activities and users do not come in conflict with each other.

The project is expected to cost \$12,600 in design and construction and approximately \$2,000 for annual maintenance which will be an in kind donation from Single Track Association. Less than \$10,000 of the City General Fund is being requested to finance this venture.

Citizens representing both the equestrian and single track communities were present and expressed the following:

- SingleTrack wants to work with the equestrian riders to ensure safety on the paths for everyone
- The equestrian community believes that even if given a track at Air Capital it will not be challenging enough and they will still ride their bikes at Pawnee Prairie Park, which is the only space for equestrians to ride horses in the City
- Concern that there is too much debris Air Capital Park for Single Track riders to ride (*Single Track stated that they like these challenging conditions and Mr. Kupper agreed to clear debris that was too dangerous*)
- There is not enough parking to support all anticipated SingleTrack activity at Air Capital Park
- Single Track states that the track at Air Capital is for training purposes only, not too hold events
- The City should rename Pawnee Prairie Park to Pawnee Prairie Horse Park to make sure citizens are aware that the park is used for horses
- Concern over how rules in both parks will be enforced
- Not against Single Track facility, just find a more appropriate place for it
- Need more physical boundaries and signs for Pawnee Prairie to eliminate illegal activity (ATV's, unsafe bike riding)

Action Taken: The Board recommended that the Board of Park Commissioners adopt the plan. Motion passed 6-1 (Goolsby:Marsh:Wilhite.)

OLD BUSINESS

6. **No items were submitted**

BOARD AGENDA

7. **Board Updates and Issues**

- **Council Member Gray** announced that this was his last meeting as Council Member of District IV and thanked everyone for their service to the community and for giving him the opportunity to serve the district for eight years. He then introduced the new Council Member for District IV, **Michael O'Donnell II**.
- **Engelmann** stated that a daycare had bought the former Bernie's Pizza building
- **Marsh** stated that there was an article about Sister Cities in the Eastside Wichita News
- **Wilhite** said that the McCormick NA Cleanup will be April 23 from 8 am to noon and passed a flyer on Earth Day activities on April 23
- **Blick** announced the Southwest NA Cleanup will be April 9

8. **Adjournment**

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