

**District V Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 03, 2011**  
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The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 6:30 p.m. at Fire Station #21, 2110 N. 135<sup>th</sup> West. In attendance were ten (10) District Advisory Board members, five (5) staff and three (3) citizens with two (2) signing in.

**Members Present**

Council Member Jeff Longwell  
Mike Bell  
Dana Brown  
Joey Ellzey  
Bryan Frye  
Dalton Glasscock- youth member  
Mike Greene  
Matt Hamm  
Pat Ream- alternate  
Kelly Watkins

**Staff Present**

Officer C. Davidson, WPD  
Lieutenant L. Marceau, WFD  
Deputy Chief Tom Stolz, WPD  
Joe Pajor, PW & U  
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Services

**Members Absent**

Jay Flinn  
Mike Hill  
Wendi White

**Guests**

Mike Faulkner                      11014 Sterling  
Larry Heeren                      6603 W. Briarwood Cir

**Order of Business**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2011 meeting. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Motion was made to approve the agenda for the October 03, 2011 meeting. Motion passed 7-0.**

**Public Agenda**

**1. Scheduled items**

**None scheduled**

**Action: Receive and file.**

**2. Off Agenda items**

**none**

**Action: Receive and file.**

## **Staff Presentations**

### **3. WPD/Community Police Report**

**Officer C. Davidson, WPD**, reported on beats 16, 18, 19, and 199 and District V Neighborhoods.

- ✓ 16 Beat- increase in Honda auto thefts specifically years 1988-2003
- ✓ 18 Beat- there is a residential burglary crime trend. A suspect was found from fingerprints. A special assignment was conducted which led to the arrest of an 18 year old. There is a warrant out for an accomplice
- ✓ 19 Beat- no specific report
- ✓ 199 Beat- there is a residential burglary crime trend.
- ✓ OTHER: Swanson and Buffalo Park- car break ins. Town West- 58 larcenies. 38 were shoplifting, 12 auto theft, and eight other. 30 arrests. As the holiday season approaches, auto larcenies at shopping areas will increase. Extra patrol will be on hand.

**Kelly Watkins** asked for information on the recent home break ins in the Ridgeport area: 29<sup>th</sup> and Ridge. **WPD staff** responded they would look into it and get information back to her.

**Action: Receive and file.**

### **4. Wichita Fire Department Report**

**No report**

**Action: Receive and file.**

## **New Business**

### **5. Wichita Police Department District V Update**

**Deputy Chief Tom Stolz, WPD**, reported on District V crime statistics and information. In summary total crime statistics from Jan- Sept 2011 are less than Jan-Sept of 2010; -.78%  
Examples of individual crimes that have increased more than 30% are auto theft, liquor violations, animal bites and other traffic violations.

**Stolz** also gave an update on the status of the new police precinct in District V. WPD/ City of Wichita are looking for 4 acres of land. One location identified is 135<sup>th</sup> and Central. There is \$785,000 in the 2012 CIP for planning/ design and \$1.4 million in the 2013 CIP for construction.

**CM Longwell** added that another location discussed was 13<sup>th</sup> and Tyler, but because of west Wichita expanding so far west, WPD wanted a site farther west.

**Action: Receive and file**

### **6. Water and Sewer Utilities Cost of Service Analysis**

**Joe Pajor, Public Works and Utilities**, presented on the cost of service analysis for the water and sewer systems and provided information on the reasoning for seeking revenue increases, important operational data, and rate recommendations prior to action by the Council. **CM Longwell** asked his DAB members to weigh in on the proposed rate structure increases.

DAB member questions/ concerns included: **Staff responses in bold.**

1. With the positions that are being held vacant- 43 as reported- is the utility department understaffed or overworked? **Yes. The department is not in balance. Cuts were made in “crisis” mode. Going forward the department needs to re-evaluate staffing levels (5 divisions) and determine what is not getting done, what are the vacancies, and what are they costing the department.**
2. What does “projected growth” represent? The expansion of facilities, adjusting the size of existing facilities and the extension of lines dues to new development.
3. In the past it was reported that because of a wet year, there was no surplus. This year has been a significantly dry year. Where is the excess revenue going? **It has been a great year for water usage/ revenue. This \$ is used to buy down debt from prior years or to cash finance projects that are normally bonded.**
4. Regarding being compared to other cities- does not want to get closer to these other cities. I want to stay lower. Please do not use “comparisons to other cities” as a reason to increase rates.
5. How critical is the “cost of water in Wichita” an incentive when luring in new businesses? **Not sure that question has been asked or investigated. The guess would be less significant than jobs, housing, but might still make the list depending on the business.**
6. The increase in water rates to larger users- could these cause significant lay-offs? **Possibly for larger users: e.g. - industrial, large medical facilities.**
7. Regarding the ASR Project. Payments are being made on what exactly? **ASR was/is funded by temporary cash notes. When construction is complete financing will go into bond funding and expire the notes. Utilities required to maintain 120% as a safety margin or “extra cash”.**
8. I would like to see a rate increase that reflects the cost that a resident incurs to the system. To make up that gap in one year is not feasible. I think spreading it out over 5 years is the way to go.

Members of the public questions/ concerns included: **Staff responses in bold.**

**Larry Herron, 6603 W. Briarwood Cir.**, asked if Wichita has connection/tap fees. **Pajor responded** yes, but it is not a major income source for Utilities.

**Michael Faulkner, 11014 Sterling**, stated an objection to residential customers subsidizing anyone. He also asked who are the wholesale customers and what do they pay? **Pajor** responded there are 11 wholesale customers including derby and rural water districts. Those customers pay 60% above city of Wichita residents for water. There is a separate recommendation for wholesale customers.

**CM Longwell** asked if the recommendation is in whole digit increases. **Pajor** responded yes.

**Faulkner** continued to add that if Wichita water rates are lower, he would disagree with the city Managers desire to not make double digit increases.

**Jim Breitbach, N Valleyview**, asked if we are billing what we are pumping. **Pajor** responded that our leakage rate or water loss rate is 6% below the national average. **Breitbach** also asked if the ASR project was being financed by the Kellogg sales tax and water rate increases. **Pajor** responded that the Kellogg sales tax dollars are dedicated to transportation.

**CM Longwell** asked DAB members to communicate further feelings to him via email.

**Action:** Receive and file

## **Board Agenda**

### **Board Updates and Issues**

#### **CM Longwell:**

- Council approved the Douglas boutique hotel project. There is a good article in Sunday's paper. Regarding the guest tax, the community will have the opportunity to vote. To pass it has to receive 10% approval from the last election signature number.

**With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Assistant