

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2006
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 7:00 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library. In attendance were eight (8) District Advisory Board members, five (5) staff and approximately eight (8) citizens with six (6) signing in.

Members Present

Peggy Bennett
Jim Benton
Joshua Blick
Mary Cockburn
Tom Engelmann
Michael Gisick
Jerry McGinty
Gerald Marsh

Council Member Paul Gray

Members Absent

Edwin Koon

Staff Present

Officer Carlson, Police
Officer Floyd, Police
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Officer
Officer Mallard, Police
Dale Miller, Planning

Guests

Gavin Buchanan, 1425 S. Sedgwick
Patricia Coombs, 1926 S. Bonn
Greg Cooper, 527 S. McComas
Albert Hubl, 6400 West 36 St. S.
Hestel Sewell, 815 W Davis
Lee Webster

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

McGinty (Benton) moved to approve the agenda for the September 6, 2006 meeting. The motion passed 8-0.

Public Agenda

The public agenda allows members of the public to present to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation to period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

1. Scheduled Items

Rosalie Bradley, Wichita Independent Neighborhoods (WIN), presented information to the board concerning NUSA conference. She stated that nine people from neighborhood and homeowner associations, WIN and City of Wichita staff attended the conference in May of this year in Kansas City. There are some individuals who would like to consider hosting the 2010 conference in Wichita. She encouraged everyone to get involved in their neighborhood associations.

2. Off-Agenda Items

Albert Hubl, addressed the Board concerning barricades being opened up around 36th St South and Dugan which is creating more problems such as reckless drivers and stirring up dust on the dirt roads which makes it hard for kids with asthma to play outside.

Council Member Paul Gray stated that he has had many calls regarding the opening of the barricades since the McArthur bridge is closed. Right now the barricades are open to allow easier access for motorists and emergency vehicles during the bridge construction. The barricade will close again once the bridge is completed sometime between November and January. Council Member Gray further suggested that if citizens would like paved streets in this area because of dust, then they should contact Public works to get a petition started. There has been an increase in police presence in the area to prevent speeding and reckless driving, but continue to call to the police substation to make them aware of this problem.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Officers

Officer Mallard reported the following:

- Beat 12:
 - BB gun vandalism has been reported
 - **Officer Baker** has increased patrol to decrease truancy.
- Beat 14:
 - Property crime is down,
 - Auto and Burglary is down 50%, but larceny has increased
 - Robberies took place Burger King and McDonalds.
- Beat 15:
 - Orchard Breeze has decided to begin adopting a designated high crime area each month to monitor and reduce crime

Gisick stated that this is being done in the Sunflower Neighborhood Association in cooperation with the Police Department and nobody knows what the project signs mean and should make more businesses aware so more people can participate. September 14th United Way Conference Room 2nd floor.

Officer Floyd reported that:

- August 14th was the Kelly Elementary open house meet the teacher night and flyers with child safety will be distributed.
- August 16th East & South side officers met to discuss resource book for elderly and children, so they can better assist citizens and direct them to the proper services if needed.
- August 24th there was a stranger danger and bullying presentation @ Kelly Elementary
- Some elementary schools are having problems with parents parking incorrectly, so we need to continue to monitor this problem.
- A suspect was arrested in connection with he Robberies on Pawnee & Seneca.
- The 2300 block of Haskell had a gang related shooting and 3 people were arrested
- A reminder to be observant and report any and all suspicious activity you see.

Officer Carlson reported:

- Had a talk with employees on recognizing gang activity at Roller City
- Students are loitering in the parking lot of South High School, so it will be monitored
- There have been an increase in burglaries and auto thefts in mobile home parks, so a neighborhood watch program needs to be implemented to stop this.

Action Taken: Received and Filed

New Business

4. Rodeos

Dale Miller, Planning, introduced the item. On May 2, 2006, the City Council passed a moratorium on the processing and approval of new licenses for rodeos. The Moratorium is effective from May 2, 2006 until not later than December 31, 2006. The Moratorium Resolution directed the City Manager and a staff Task Team appointed by the City Manager to actively pursue development of comprehensive ordinances for licensure and regulation of rodeos events, to coincide with any revised land use and development regulations.

In May, a Rodeo Moratorium Task Team was assembled at the City Manager's direction. The Task Team reviewed relevant existing licensing, land use, zoning ordinances and other regulations for Wichita and other jurisdictions, and reviewed national rodeo/animal treatment organization guidelines. The Task Team also provided input relating to rodeos for recently adopted amendments to Chapter 6.04.035 of the City Code relating to cruelty to animals (adopted in late June, 2006). Legal issues and relevant case law regarding rodeo bans, licensing and related zoning and/or land-use restriction were also reviewed.

DAB members and the public posed the following questions and comments (Mr. Miller's responses are in italics): 1.) Requested clarification for the curfew time of the rodeo was 12:00 a.m. or p.m. or 12:00 a.m.? *12:00 a.m. is the correct time and this needs to be corrected.* 2.) Requested further clarification of guidelines for indoor and outdoor storage of animals. *If all storage is indoors, it has to be 500 ft, if outdoors, it has to 1200 ft.*

3.) Is crowd control addressed in this ordinance? *It is under the licensing section and was discussed by staff* 4.) Is a horse trailer considered outdoor storage? *We always have some exceptions, but we want most animals stored inside* 5.) Do we have a facility large enough to meet the newly proposed storage requirement standard? 6.) Where have rodeos been held in the past? Various locations throughout the City 7.) Is there public opposition to rodeos? ***Not necessarily, just a lot of noise late at night.*** 8.) Will most of the nuisances brought about by rodeos be addressed under other codes? *Yes, but it is hard to enforce because it is usually not seen by City staff.* 9.) Is the proposed ordinance consistent with similar ordinances in other cities? *Yes, according to other staff they have studied similar ordinances in other cities.* 10.) Concern that this will eliminate interest in bringing rodeos to Wichita with so many limitations 11.) Currently, rodeos are being held too close to residential areas, last late into the night and leave sanitary issues behind for neighbors to address. 12.) If an event has over 200 participants, would it require a license? *Yes* 13.) Requested to see map where rodeos can be held under the new ordinance. 14.) From a planning perspective, it is good that this ordinance will give firm places where rodeos can be located so communities can enjoy them in their proper location. 15.) Rodeos are a community asset and should be a family event with proper limits to be safe and fun.

Action Taken: Provided Comment and Input for City Council Consideration.

5. ZON 2006 – 00029

Dale Miller, Planning, presented this request. The applicant, **Greg Cooper**, is requesting a zone change from SF-5 Single-family Residential to TF-3 Two-family Residential south of West Taft Avenue and west of South McComas Street (529 South McComas.)

The application area is Lots 15 and 16, Block 2, Eureka Gardens located south of West Taft Avenue and west of South McComas Street. The applicant states that there was a home on site up until about 15 years ago, until it was demolished. He has owned the two lots for the last seven years and wants to build a duplex on each lot. The application area is approximately ½ acre in size.

The land use along the two block faces along McComas between Taft and Kellogg is overwhelmingly single-family residential except for the southern end of the block where there is a hotel located on LC Limited Commercial zoning. The remainder of the two block faces are zoned SF-5 Single-family Residential. The western half of the block containing the application area is almost evenly split between a mix of SF-5 Single-family Residential and LC Limited Commercial zoning, and a mix of single-family and non-residential uses.

Mr. Miller, MAPD and **Mr. Cooper** were present to respond to questions and comments.

Citizens and the Board members present were given the opportunity to provide comment and ask questions, but no comments or questions were received.

Based upon information available prior to the public hearings, planning staff recommends that the request be approved.

Action Taken: McGinty to approve the request 7-0, with 1 abstention (Gisick.)

Old Business

6. No items submitted.

7. Board Updates and Issues

- **Engelmann** announced that his next neighborhood association meeting is September 14.
- **Cockburn** stated that her neighborhood is starting a neighborhood watch after participating in National Night Out and getting to know each other.
- **Marsh** announced that there was a National Night Out follow up meeting to assess the success of this year's activities. He complimented the police for going above and beyond to assist with the event and that there was good media coverage.
- **Marsh** asked when the walkway for Keeper of the Plains will be finished. **Council Member Gray** responded hopefully by River Fest next May. Marsh further commented that the design with all fit nicely with other projects planned for the area.
- **Council Member Gray** announced that the District Breakfast for this month will be **September 9** at Dianne's Breakfast Brunch & Lunch @ 31st & Seneca.

Action Taken: Received and Filed.

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