

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes
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**Monday
May 18, 2011
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Clubroom /Lounge**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with six (6) District Advisory Board members in attendance, five (5) city staff and three (3) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Cathy Landwehr
Denise O'Leary-Siemer
Bob Aldrich
Scott Dunakey
Joel Weihe
Charlie Claycomb

Members Absent

Anita Mendoza
Pat Randleas
John VanWalleghen

Staff Present

Derrick Slocum, Planning
Larry Hoetmer, Parks and Recreation
Kelli Geier, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Winder, Patrol West
Officer Schwiethale, Patrol South

Council Member Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone. **Miller** asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation for serving on the board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April 4, 2011 were approved with amendments (**Claycomb/VanWeihe 6-0**)
The minutes for April 20, 2011 were approved with amendments (**Aldrich/Claycomb 6-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**Aldrich/Weihe 6-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** State Representative Ponka-We Victors announced that she will be having an open house to meet with constituents and discuss important issues on Saturday, May 21 from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

3. **Community Police Report**

Patrol West: *Officer Winder* reported increase automobile larcenies and encouraged citizens to remove valuable items from your car when you leave your car unattended and to watch out for other neighbors' cars. **Aldrich** asked about go carts in Orchard Park. **Schwiethale** stated that he has not heard of reports of go carts in the area, but there have been traffic complaints and mini-bikes, which *Officer Williams* and the traffic division are working to address. He stated that there were two different individuals at two different times and neighbors gave police addresses, but no arrests have been made. Officers have been working shooting investigations. 11 Beat has had larceny to autos so please call 911 if you see anything suspicious. Officers are also doing pro-active patrolling by encouraging citizens to report if they see something unfamiliar in their neighborhood. 14 Beat also has had larceny to vehicles so please keep them locked and parked in a well lit area.

Patrol South: *Officer Schwiethale* reported that Old Town has stayed pretty consistent with fights, larcenies and drage races with no particular hot spots, even though citizen traffic has increased due to the nicer weather. He further stated that in fact, these types of instances have decreased due to neighborhood citizen and business participation with the police to monitor crowds.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

4. **Fire Department Report**

There were no Fire Officers to give a report on District VI events.

New Business

5. **ZON2011-00010**

Derrick Slocum, Planning, presented this case for a zone change for a self-storage facility from B Multi-family Residential (“B”) to General Commercial (“GC”) located at the northeast corner of the intersection of 24th Street North and N. Park Place or west of N. Broadway and north of 24th St. North.

The applicant, *Dan Heflin*, 714 N Yale, was present and stated that the plans for this property would be a secure, self-storage facility with a keypad entrance and pressure pad exit. The applicant feels this service is needed in the area and will use southwest motif to remain consistent with the NoMar motif for surrounding existing buildings. He stated that there is only one neighbor adjacent to the property and they are excited about this request because a dilapidated fence will be replaced with a nicer one and it will develop the unused space to help keep crime out of the area.

Following are questions/comments from DAB members; *Responses in Italics*

- Will signs and building stay consistent with exact NoMar motif? *Yes that is the intended plan.*
- Will there be video camera surveillance on the property? *Yes, there will be video cameras to cover the entire property; as well as, one in the office.*
- Will the facility be all concrete since the area has drainage issues? *Yes*
- Will vehicles be allowed onto the property at all times? *Potential customers will only be allowed during business hours, but existing customers will have 24/7 controlled access.*
- Concern on semi access from Park Place since it is a residential street. *The main entrance can allow a semi to enter, but backing up is a problem which is why they may have to enter off of Park Place. How often do you anticipate semis being at this facility? Once or twice a month.*
- Concern over lights and noise to neighborhood from customers using the facility late at night and early morning hours. *Citizens can call the police, but the building will will also have the phone number to contact the owner if there are issues. Hopefully, the design of the facility will limit these issues. So far there has been no protest on this request expressed by neighbors. Neighbors seem to be pleased with the intended use for the development since it is currently used as an illegal dumping ground.*
- Concern over agreement reached with neighbor behind facility meeting City Code requirements and impact on future property owner. *The neighbor and applicant have agreed to an eight foot chainlink fence since is it less expensive, will not ruin the neighbor’s grass and requires little maintenance.*
- Clarification on what can be stored in the facility, the material the storage buildings will be and if it will be paved and fenced according to Code. *RV’s can be allowed without Conditional Use in a GC zoned area, but this needs to be checked out and clarified. The facility has to have a solid screened fence abutting residential property and be paved before occupancy.*

***** **Action:** The District VI Advisory Board moved to recommend approval of the zone change based on staff recommendations and provided that City code is upheld. The Board further requested in writing from the applicant that all gates on the property will be solid panel. **(Dunakey/O’Leary-Siemer 3-2 and 1 abstention Wiehe)**

6. Arkansas River Rain Garden Project

Larry Hoetmer, Parks and Recreation, and Jack Brown, KU Medical Center, presented this item. In collaboration with the City of Wichita Park Department, the first project to be addressed by the WIRE ELC was the construction of a rain garden along the banks of the Arkansas River. City Staff and WIRE representatives were present to speak on the project and answer questions.

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- **Claycomb** stated that the area already looks much better since this project was started.
- **Landwehr** stated concern about trash/litter in the water. *There will be a small limited amount of water supply for educational purposes. There is also be erosion control fabric placed in the ground prior to planting and plants were also pinned so that the water does not wash out the plant.*
- **Dunakey** stated that this is a great application and controls both quality and quantity of environment and he is curious about the effect of rain overflow since this project is sloped towards the river basin to drain. *There will be data collected before and after the project to determine the rain garden's effect on the area.*

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Board Agenda

7. Problem Properties

No problem properties were given.

***** **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

11. Neighborhood Reports

No neighborhood reports were given.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from councilmember

Announcements

- Next DAB Meeting will be on Wednesday, June 6, 2011

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Guests

Jack Brown

Dan Heflin

Ponka-We Victors