

District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2008
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library. In attendance were six (6) District Advisory Board members, eight (8) staff and approximately three (3) citizens with twelve (3) signing in.

Members Present

Nancy Wilhite
Joshua Blick
Mary Cockburn
Ed Koon
Tom Engelmann
Jim Benton
Michael Gisick

Staff Present

Larry Hoetmer, Parks and Rec
Officer Gomes, Police
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office
Officer Perkins, Police
McKernon, Fire
Hey, Fire
Robinson, Fire
Ed Bricknell. Fire Marshall

Members Absent

Peggy Bennett

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

3. Community Police Report

Officers present reported the following:

- Illegal business and metal storage at 1302 S St. Clair working with OCI
- ATV riding at 3500 S Brummett
- 4400 S St. Paul – 4 wheelers and trucks stuck
- Wichita Ballroom turned into a business, hired security and implemented dresscode
- A house on Cardington burned and having issues cleaning up remains
- Looking for a 1994 Green Marquis with a white hood involved in criminal activity

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

4. Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan

Larry Hoetmer, Parks and Recreation, presented an overview of the plan. The completion of this plan provides a general guideline and recommendations to the project partners for potential access point development within the City of Wichita and surrounding communities. Within the City of Wichita the plan identifies three recreational transitions for watercraft at the 21st Street “tubes”, the 21st Street dam and the Lincoln Street dam. Two additional potential access points are identified as well at Herman Hill Park and Sim Park.

Currently there are no Capital Improvement Program (CIP) funds identified to execute any portion of the plan. This plan will be brought back to the City Council for future action in authorizing all or a portion of the plan to move forward with additional recreational opportunities as outlined in this report.

DAB members had the following questions and comments (*Mr. Hoetmer's responses in italics*)

- 1.) Will river activities be monitored by staff? *Possibly at times when a large number of the public is present*
- 2.) Is the Arkansas River safe to be in (in regards to water pollution) and will you have a way to let people know when and if it isn't? *Usually it is fairly safe and have no current system to monitor and notify public.*
- 3.) Will you dredge the river for tour boat access? *This plan is mainly to focus on improving access, but that may be a possibility over time.*
- 4.) It is great that many of these locations will have restroom access
- 5.) The entrance at Lincoln Street should be moved a little further north
- 5.) Will we partner with other businesses for commercial opportunities? *Yes, we will explore that option.*
- 6.) Will Parks and Recreation maintain these sites? *Yes*

The **action** from the board was to

Action Taken: Approve the Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan (ARCAP) as a guideline for future access point development within the City of Wichita. (6-0) (Engelmann:Wilhite).

5. File of Life

Ed Bricknell and several other fire staff were present this program. The Wichita Fire Department in concert with Via Christi Home Care, Sedgwick County Fire Department and Sedgwick county EMS is initiating a new program called “File of Life.” This program is designed for citizens in Wichita and surrounding communities in Sedgwick county. The File of Life was developed to give emergency medical responders medical information that may be important when responding to an emergency in a person’s home.

The “File of Life” kit consists of a red plastic holder with a clear pocket on the front and a large magnet on the back. Inside this pocket is a File of Life sticker for the front door of the home, an instruction sheet and a medication wallet card. The sticker signals emergency responders as they enter the home that there is critical medical information about the homes occupants on the refrigerator. The health information sheet should be filled out by the occupant prior to placing it back in the folder on the refrigerator. These kits are distributed at all of the City fire stations and surrounding medical facilities.

Action Taken: Received and filed

OLD BUSINESS

4. No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

5. Board Updates and Issues

- This is Cockburn’s last meeting as a DAB member
- The Southwest NA sponsored a car show to benefit Chris Burke

6. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.