

**DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, August 6, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Atwater Community Center, 2755 E. 19th, Wichita, Kansas 67214

Members Present

Janice Rich
Bill Wynne
Steve Roberts
Vicki Churchman
KC Ohaebosim
Twila Chaloupek
Janet Wilson
Jesyka Ware (Youth Member)

Members Absent

James Roseboro
Brandon James
Beverly Domitrovic

Guests

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City of Wichita Staff Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams

Officer Carlson, Beat 21, Wichita Police Department
Officer Neal, Beat 32, Wichita Police Department
Officer Slaughter, Beat 45, Wichita Police Department
Officer Brussard, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department
LaShonda Garnes, District 1 Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

Vice Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m.and welcomed staff and guest. **Vice Mayor Williams** welcomed guest and advised that anyone speaking should provide their name and address for their record. She thanked everyone for coming and proceeded with the first order of business.

Approval of Agenda

Roberts (Wilson) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. **Motion carried. 7:0.**

Approval of Minutes

Wynne (Chaloupek) made a motion to approve the minutes with correction to change the date from August 4th to August 25th on page 2 of the minutes under Bill Wynne's comment. **Motion carried. 7:0**

Public Agenda

1. **Agenda Items**
No items submitted.
2. **Off Agenda Items**
No items submitted.

Staff Report

3. **Fire Report**
Officer Toney, Wichita Station 10, Wichita Fire Department gave an update on the incidents in District 1. The incidents for the month of June included:

	Incidents	Resources
All Fire	32	233
EMS and Rescue Alarms	670	823
Service Alarms	231	408

Vice Mayor Williams wanted to know the cost of the resources required for the fire at 17th Chautauqua (vacant lot). **Officer Toney** advised that they had about 5-6 units, 5-10 Firefighters, and 3 Officers on site for this incident. **Vice Mayor Williams** wanted to know the cost for the # of resources sent out for this incident. **Officer Toney** advised that he would get this information to Vice Mayor Williams.

Wilson wanted to know how the 4th of July activities went. **Officer Toney** advised that it was not bad, not a huge spike in comparison to previous year.

Vice Mayor Williams thanked Officer Toney for his updates.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

4. Police Report

Officer Lowe, Beat 31, Wichita Police Department gave an update on a high accident intersection location at I-135 and 2nd Street. He advised that they have changed the signal timing, and also put a covering on the light, and this has reduced the traffic accidents at that location.

Officer Lowe reported that there were 3 robberies in July. Two instances have similar suspect descriptions. He noted that they were looking at robbery parolees which there are four in the area.

Officer Lowe reported that on the 38 Beat that was a spike in burglaries; however, there was a prolific burglar out of jail and since he had been picked up on a warrant, the burglaries have been down.

Officer Bussard, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department gave an update on the summer activity camps, noting that they celebrated at McAdams Park with about 320 campers. **Officer Bussard** also reported that Matlock Neighborhood Association had their clean up and it was successful, with 9 packers and 4 skids being filled. He noted that they also had volunteers to assist them from Union Rescue Mission, who is also a neighbor in that community.

Vice Mayor Williams asked for more information on the incidents at Calvary Towers. **Officer Bussard** advised that he had been speaking with the Property Manager at Calvary Towers and they identified a problem house and since the residents have moved from that house it has been quite. He noted that they were working on setting up a meeting with residents to ensure their safety. **Vice Mayor Williams** asked Officer Bussard to keep LaShonda Garnes involved in the meeting with the residents.

Officer Recio, Beat 23, Wichita Police Department advised that there were 15 aggravated assaults, 14 auto theft incidents, 70 larcenies (the majority in Old Town) and 4 robberies.

Vice Mayor Williams asked if they were doing anything different in Old Town to combat the number of larcenies. **Officer Recio** advised that Officer Carlson is having Officer's working at Doc Howards and American Pub's and that has deterred crime.

Officer Recio reported that a prostitution sting was conducted on the 12th and it resulted in 8 arrests. He also noted that the manager at the Laundromat at 949 N. Broadway was cited.

Wilson wanted to know if Officers were checking with scrap yards in the area due to the thefts. **Recio** advised yes.

Recio reminded everyone about the celebration for National Night Out.

Churchman asked if there were any updates on the copper theft that occurred at Lincoln School. **Officer Recio** advised that there was a person of interest and they were still working the case. **Churchman** also asked if the massage parlor was open. **Recio** advised that it has been open for some time and they are keeping an eye on it.

Wilson asked if they are trying to get the massage parlor's to obtain a license. **Recio** advised that they are already licensed. **Wilson** also wanted to know if they were arresting the John's in the prostitution stings. **Recio** advised yes that 6 were arrested in the last sting.

Vice Mayor Williams thanked the Officers for their updates.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

5. **CON2011-00027**

Bill Longnecker, Planning Department, presented the request for a conditional use permit for the property located east of Hillside Avenue, on the northeast corner of 27th Street North and Vassar Avenue. **Longnecker** noted that the proposed use for the property is a group residence for five children and one staff.

Longnecker advised that the Unified Zoning Code (UZC), Art. II-B, 5 (i) defines a "group residence" as a residential facility providing cooking, sleeping and sanitary accommodations for a group of people, not defined as a family, on a weekly or longer basis. Typical uses include: fraternity or sorority houses, dormitories, residence halls, boarding or lodging houses, children homes and emergency shelters for the homeless and for victims of crime, abuse or neglect. Group residence, limited, allows 6-15 people to occupy a Dwelling Unit, including staff members who reside in the facility.

Longnecker stated that the applicant proposes a group residence, for a maximum of 5 children and a rotating staff member in the three bedrooms, one full bath, and 1,218-square foot single-family residence.

Longnecker noted that adjacent zoning and land use in the area included single-family residential, a Public Park, an elementary school, a retail store, a social service facility, a day care, and a church.

Longnecker advised that staff is recommending approval subject to the following conditions:

1. The group residence shall be limited to a home for five children, plus one site, 24/7, rotating, and resident staff member.
2. Residents shall not be permitted to drive a vehicle to or park vehicle at the group residence except for the resident staff member.
3. The site shall be developed in general conformance with all federal, state, and local rules and regulations.
4. The site shall be developed in general conformance to the approved site plan, including the current residential character of the Dwelling Unit.

5. If the Zoning Administrator finds that there is a violation of any of the conditions of the Conditional Use, the Zoning Administrator, in addition to enforcing the other remedies set forth in the Unified Zoning Code, may, with the concurrence of the Planning Director, declare that the Conditional Use is null and void

Longnecker also advised that the conditional use if approved would stay with the property, even if the owner of the property changed.

Churchman asked if the staff person would have a bedroom. If so, does that mean it would be 2 bedrooms available for the 5 children? **Longnecker** stated that he would allow the applicant to respond to that question.

Lakrisha Allen, 603 S. St. Andrews advised that the staff person would not have a bedroom, that staff is required to be awake during their entire shift. She explained that 2 bedrooms would house 2 youth a 1 bedroom would house 1 youth.

Wilson asked Allen to give an overview of the project. **Allen** noted that they provide a group home facility for youth that are between the ages of 8 -18. She noted that these young men are one step from going to a juvenile detention facility and this is a method to help prevent them from going into to that system. She advised that they are placed in their care and the hope is to get them placed in a foster home and then ultimately placed by with their parents.

Wilson asked a follow up question regarding staff shifts, would they be overlapping? **Allen** advised yes that they would have overlapping schedules, the facility is staffed 24/7. She reiterated that no staff would be allowed to sleep on any shift.

Teresa Lovelady, 4029 Brooks wanted to know if the youth were JIAC or SRS referrals. **Allen** advised they are SRS referrals.

Mary Jo Bond, NE Heights Neighborhood Association, 4024 Charron wanted to know if the youth would be attending neighborhood schools. **Allen** advised that most of them would be going to Heights that the young men they had currently were all high school students.

Bond asked Allen if she would be willing to come and attend the NE Heights Neighborhood Association to provide an update to the neighbors that are affected by this request. **Allen** stated yes she would be willing to attend.

Wilson asked those that were in attendance if they had to vote on this request today, what their vote would be. **Bond** advised that she did not have enough information to make a decision today. **Lovelady** advised that she is bias because she has worked in the field trying to find alternatives for youth such as these and that it is a tough decision, especially when it's in your backyard.

Wilson asked if there would be periodic bed checks and if they would have any type of security monitoring, just in case one of the youth tried to sneak out. **Allen** advised that yes periodic bed checks were a practice they had in place. She advised that they would not have any type of security monitoring, that it would be hard for the youth to sneak out of the house.

Roberts asked when the facility would open. **Allen** advised that the facility has been open since April and that the conditional use is only to allow for the fifth child.

Ware wanted to know how long each youth stayed at the facility. **Allen** advised that the length of their stay is determined by the courts and their case worker.

Wilson wanted to know if they have had any incidents. **Allen** advised that they had one incident.

Roberts asked what wrap around services the facility would provide. **Allen** noted that some of the staff are licensed practitioners, and that they would also be working with community partners, to provide training, life skills, career development for the youth.

Churhman wanted to know if this request was going to the MAPC next. **Longnecker** advised yes and that it would go to MAPC on August 18th and from there residents would have 2 weeks to petition. He noted that if no protest petitions were received, the MAPC ruling would be final. If protest petitions were received then it would then have to go the City Council for approval.

Wynne advised that he felt the staff report should have stated that the need for the conditional use is to increase capacity from 4 to 5. He noted that not having that information is misleading and gives the case a whole different consideration. He asked if that could be added to the staff report prior to going to MAPC. **Longnecker** advised that he would add.

Wynne also asked what happens to the youth after they complete their plan. **Allen** advised that they go to foster care with the hopes that they will be reintegrated with their families.

Wilson asked if approved tonight would it impact the neighbor's right to protest. **Longnecker** advised no.

Roberts asked that the applicant talk with the Neighborhood Association.

Action Taken: Recommended approval of the conditional use permit, subject to the conditions of the staff report. In addition to being specific in changing the language in the conditional use permit to read age specific 8 -18 in condition #1 in the staff report. Motion carried. 7:0

Updates, Issues and Reports

Ware advised that there would be a National Night Out celebration at 17th Piatt and free school supplies would be given away.

Wynne advised that if your car springs a gas leak, it can't be towed to the service station until the Fire Department s comes and approves the vehicle for trans port.

Roberts advised that Crestview Heights would have their meeting on August 18th.

Chaloupek advised that Linwood Neighborhood Association would be celebrating National Night Out from 5 – 9 p.m. at Linwood Park Shelter.

Wilson announced that Wichita Independent Neighborhood (WIN) would be moving to Atwater. She also noted that they would be hosting WIN University on September 17th at Century II, tickets are \$15.

Vice Mayor Williams recognized Teresa Lovelady, the new CEO for the Center for Health and Wellness. **Lovelady** thanked Vice Mayor Williams for recognizing her and that she was looking forward to attending more meetings of this nature and working with the community improve the health care concerns.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Garnes

Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

LaKrisha Allen
Debra Miller Stevens
James Thompson
John Stevens
Mary Jo Bond
Teresa Lovelady