

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 4, 2010

6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present

James Roseboro
Bill Wynne
Steve Roberts
Vicki Churchman
Gerald Domotrovic
Janet Wilson
Marcus McNeal
Janice Rich
Twila Chaloupek

Guests

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City of Wichita Staff Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams
Officer Weber, Beat 44, Wichita Police Department
Officer Recio, Beat 23, Wichita Police Department
Officer Feuerborn, Beat 43, Wichita Police Department
Capt. Banzat, Wichita Fire Department and 2 Firefighters
Chris Carrier, Public Works
LaShonda Porter, District 1 Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

CM Williams called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed guests.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Roberts (Roseboro) made a motion to approve the minutes with noted correction. Motion carried 7:0

Public Agenda

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

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

Janice Rich arrived at 6:36 p.m.

Staff Report

3. **Fire Report**

Capt Banzat, provided copies of the District 1 Fire Incident Overview Report which included the following information:

| | Incidents | Resources | Incidents | Resources |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| All Fire | 31 | 160 | 25 | 153 |
| Structure Fire | 14 | 109 | 12 | 125 |
| EMS & Rescue Alarms | 528 | 692 | 534 | 696 |
| Service Alarms | 155 | 365 | 142 | 287 |
| | 714 | 1,217 | 701 | 1,136 |

Banzat advised that there was a slight increase from 2008 to 2009. **Wilson** asked if they have identified any hot spots. **Banzat** advised that there are know noticeable patterns, but they were busy in December at Station 10.

Roseboro asked about a fire on Terry wanting to know what the damages were. **Banzat** advised that property damage was determined to be \$2K in property and \$2K in content.

Banzat also provided an update on the fire investigation report:
6 total fires: 4 accidental, 1 incendiary and 1 undetermined

Banzat also provide total damages in 2009 citywide, which included:

| | Damages | Citywide | District 1 |
|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Accidental | \$6,750,750 | 105 | 28 |
| Incendiary | \$2,401,770 | 73 | 23 |
| Undetermined | \$1,493,700 | 32 | 5 |
| Natural Causes | \$112,000 | 3 | 0 |

Wynne wanted to know how Wichita compared to other cities. **Banzat** advised that he did not have that information and would have to look into it.

Banzat also noted that the total fires were down in 2009 in comparison to 2008.

The **Board** thanked for **Banzat** for his time and service.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

4. Police Report

Officer Weber, Beat 44 provided an update on the burglary activity in the area, noting that there was a decline in activity in December. **Weber** believes that the decline is due to the apprehension of some suspects.

CM Williams asked if the Police department recognizes those who do Heroic efforts. **Weber** said yes and that he would look into the incident and determine if it could be submitted for an award.

Officer Recio, Beat 23 advised that the Arena open house was held on January 2, 2010. He advised that the Wichita Police Department will be responsible for the activity outside of the arena and the Sedgwick County Department will be responsible for the activity within the Arena. He noted that 16 Officers and 2 supervisors were on duty from 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. He also noted that peak hours were from noon until 3:00 p.m.

Recio advised that many patrons were confused about where parking lots were located. He noted that 6 moving violations were issued for failing to yield to pedestrians. He advised that as they walked the parking lots they found many vehicles unlocked.

Recio noted there was one domestic incident with an arrest made. He also noted that they distributed 5,000 information bags by 2:00 p.m. which gives an estimate on the number of patrons visiting the facility for the open house.

CM Williams asked if when the Police identified vehicles that were unlocked, they leave any information for them to understand the safety concerns. **Recio** advised no but they will do that at the next event.

Officer Feuerborn, Beat 43 advised that burglaries are down in the area due to the work of the Beat Coordinators and neighborhood Association. He also noted that a prostitution sting was underway in Beat 42, 43, and 44.

Wilson asked for an update on the property at 15th and Grove. **Feuerborn** advised that they have been working on this house for over a year and a half. He advised that OCI has open cases, 3 bench warrants are outstanding and that they are doing all they can to try and address this issue.

Twila Chaloupek arrived at 6:51 p.m.

The **Board** thanked the Officers for their presentations.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

New Business

5. Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment (WIRE)

Elizabeth Ablah, KU Medicine, presented information on the progress of the WIRE program. She advised that since inception the following activities:

- Established a design team steering committee and an Environmental Leadership Council consisting of representatives of local government, business, academia and education, environmental organizations and neighborhood associations.
- Completed over 50 discussion group sessions with over 1500 citizens participating. A majority of participants were from neighborhood associations.

Ablah advised that they received 92 pages of environmental concerns and they are now trying to organize the concerns by risk.

Ablah advised that the current status of the project involves ranking the 20 environmental issues identified by the community discussion and to prepare for seeking continued Level 2 funding from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Ablah advised that they are currently 19 fact sheets available on line and have been put into videos as well. Now they need to complete the prioritization process.

Ablah advised that on March 9th they would submit the 2nd grant.

Roberts asked Ablah to provide the website address. **Ablah** advised that the address was www.wichita.kumc.edu/care

Action Taken: Receive and file.

6. 2009-2010 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget

Chris Carrier, Director of Public Works presented information on the proposed 2009-2010 CIP budget. **Carrier** noted that the first 2-3 years are the firm years of the plan and the year's staff truly focuses on. He noted that after the 3rd year it is more of a planning document.

Carrier noted that the City Manager would like to emphasize maintenance in the CIP schedule.

Carrier explained that the 10 year CIP includes \$2.5 billion in improvements to City infrastructure over the next decade. Of this, \$417 million is financed through at-large General Obligation debt (financed through the current 8.5 mill levy); a \$294 millions is financed through the current 1 cent countywide sales tax (passed in 1985); \$161 million is financed through GO bonds paid by Airport revenues; and \$921 million is financed by utility revenues, primarily from Water Utilities.

Carrier advised that the proposed CIP includes \$665 million to finance 104 arterial street projects, including bike paths, intersections, street sections and neighborhood improvements. A total of \$93 million would fund bridges, including a new bridge over the Big Ditch. Freeway projects total \$195 million and would include a Kellogg and Webb interchange, as well as design and right of way expenditures to the east and west City limits. Public Facilities expenditures of \$275 million are budgeted, with \$30 million to fund a new central library and \$92 million for a new Heartland Preparedness Center.

Carrier also advised that the drainage issues that need to address will require a .75¢ in the ERU fee to pay for the drainage projects in the CIP. He noted that many of the commercial groups don't want this increase because they will pay most of the cost. He also noted that many of the flooding in District I impacts mainly residential.

Wynne mentioned that the big ditch is not currently well maintained. **Carrier** responded that the money in the CIP in 2009-2010 to address immediate concerns. **Carrier** also noted that the project is inspected every year and the City has had great inspections over the last several years.

Churchman wanted if mending the Lincoln Street Bridge was still an option. **Carrier** advised that to rebuild completely the cost would be \$12 million, and to rehab for \$8 million, but the issue is life expectancy with a rehab, so that hope would be to rebuild completely. The plan is still begin construction no later than the end of 2010.

Robert advised that based on the current CIP the Library is going to be an underfunded project, as they originally budgeted for \$35 million.

Chaloupek wanted to know if the activity around the river would be coordinated around the River Festival. **Carrier** advised that yes all construction will take the River Festival into account.

Roseboro wanted to know if the .75¢ increase could be moved up from 2012 to 2011. **Wynne** asked if the increase was .25¢ per month. **Carrier** advised yes.

Roseboro also wanted to know what happened to the railroad crossing project at 21st Street. **Carrier** advised that the City is trying to get the railroad companies to the table and discuss options.

CM Williams asked the Board to review District 1 Overview for the proposed CIP and send her an email with any questions or feedback before the final meeting.

Carrier added that with the ERU fee there are options, so if the ERU fee is not approved GO funds could be used.

Debra Miller-Stevens, 3125 E. Boston, Metropolitan Area Planning Commission advised that the Advanced Plan committee recommended that the CIP move forward that it meets the intent of the comprehension plan. **Miller-Stevens** noted that while this follow the comprehension plan the comprehension plan is dated and staff should be allocated to review this plan to bring it current so that projects can match our current needs. **Miller-Stevens** also noted that this might be in competition with the Downtown Plan but it is necessary.

Roseboro wanted to know if someone from the Advanced Plan committee was speaking at al of the Dabs to get this information out. **Miller Stevens** noted that she was not sure but members are speaking with their respective Council Member.

McNeal wanted to know why this would be competing with the Downtown plan. **CM Williams** stated mainly because of money.

Carrier advised that WAMPO is doing a long range plan for the region, the downtown plan is on-going but all of them should wrap-up into a comprehensive plan.

Action Taken: Receive and file.

Update

Updates, Issues and Reports

Roseboro advised that NE Heights would meet on January 28th at University of United Methodist Church. He noted that WIN would have its Annual Meeting of January 18th at Midtown – 1150 n. Broadway. He advised that WIN has 92 members in 2009 and hoped to increase to 100 in 2010.

CM Williams announced the breakfast would be held at All Occasions on January 9th. She also announced that an Energy Conference would be held at the Metroplex January 22nd and 23rd and that it was FREE to the public.

Roberts advised that Crestview Heights will meet on January 21st at Evangelical Free Church. He also noted that the Library is entering into the building design phase.

Churchman advised that the MAPC approved the definition separating impound lots and salvage yards. She also noted that they approved the South Broadway salvage yard near MacArthur.

Domotrovic advised that there was a House Legislators forum scheduled at the court house at 7p.m.

Wilson noted that A. Price Woodard would meet on January 13th and that the biggest issue they faced in 2009 was illegal dumping.

John Stevens, 3125 E. Boston noted that Park & Recreation is revising an ordinance that deals with cutting and pruning trees. **Stevens** urged everyone to review and pay attention to the details of the ordinance. He further asked if Porter could send the ordinance to all DAB members.

Wynne wanted to know the status of the work release center. **CM Williams** advised that some are pushing this facility faster than anticipated. **CM Williams** advised that she is trying to me County Commissioners to give her feedback from the community, USD 259, and other concerned constituents.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Porter
Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Beverly Domitrovic
Debra Miller Stevens
John Stevens
Elizabeth Ablah
Rev. Kevin Graham