

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**
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**Monday
January 7, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

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

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 nine (9) District Advisory Board members in attendance, six (6) city staff and ten (10) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Jaya Escobar
Janet Miller
Bob Schreck
Pat Randleas
C. Bickley Foster
Bob Aldrich
Carol Skaff
Charlie Claycomb
John VanWalleghen

Members Absent

Marsha Carr
Stacie Longwell

Staff Present

Officer Davidson, Patrol West
Officer Carlson, Patrol South
Dave Barber, Planning
Paul Gunzelman, Traffic Engineer
Dale Miller, Planning
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for December 3, 2007 were approved with amendments. (**Aldrich/Miller 9-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with amendments. (**Claycomb/Aldrich 9-0**)

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items:

Karen Lippoldt, Youthville Recruitment Training Coordinator presented about the program *Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care*. This is a 6-9 month foster care program for youth with behavioral problems referred for out of home placement. The program is in need of more foster parents/homes and the reason for presenting at the DAB and neighborhood association meetings to aware people of the need. *Lippoldt* asked if anyone is interested in fostering they could contact her at 529-9100. **Aldrich** asked what was the average age of youth? Around 14 years with 50% female and 50% male with the boys adjusting quicker to the program than the girls. **Miller** asked if this was funded by State or Federal dollars? *Lippoldt* responded the program contract was with State funding and finished saying compared to other violence prevention programs or other approaches, this program was identified as giving the greatest savings to the taxpayers.

2. Off-agenda items: None at this time

******* Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol West: Officer Davidson reported for 11 and 14 Beats stated the auto larcenies previously reported our officers have made two arrests and are now seeing a decrease in this activity. Burglaries had increased but with officers handing out flyers making residents aware this too has now decreased. At Central/West we continue to see an increase in auto thefts with some arrests been made.

Patrol South: Officer Carlson for 21 Beat in Old Town stated during the holidays; there had been problems with gang members at the club Flashbacks. Also, officers are seeing a big problem with people under age 21 trying to get into the clubs. We are looking at ways to stop this from happening. We have also seen aggressive panhandling which is a scam so please don't give them any money if you are approached. **Skaff** commented she thinks people don't call 911 enough and there should be a Call 911 Campaign if you see any problems.

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

New Business

4. Future 21st Street Improvement Options – three versus four lanes in the four-block area between Market and Waco Streets

Dave Barber, Planner gave a brief overview of the future improvements of 21st Street between Broadway and Arkansas Streets. *Barber* explained part of the plan identifies two options for improvements to the portion of 21st Street west of Market and MAPD recommends the three-lane conversion as the best option. This will allow for a more pedestrian friendly area and will create a unique district with the International Marketplace once it is built.

The following are comments/concerns from the Members: *responses will be in Italics.*

- What about the 21st street trains? would there be a way to divert traffic?
- Are we still looking at a conversion of Park Place/Market into two-way traffic? *Yes*
- A distinguished feature to this plan is to have a few destination parking areas.
- Explain the current traffic flow levels, *A=Free; B=Stable; C=Reasonable and D=Gridlock*
- What would the speed limit be for safe pedestrian traffic? *30 mph*
- at this time with four lanes during train traffic the road becomes completely blocked. This three lanes option would give flexibility. *We can divert traffic to travel North or South on Broadway keeping some movement. We can move more vehicles through at slower speeds.*
- Was a parking assessment done and how much would be needed? Will there be multi-level parking? *Parking hasn't been established yet and if we see an increase of business, the city would have to review.*
- What is the expected growth of traffic? *At present it is 14, 000 cars daily and could increase to 20,000 per day.*
- During construction will the area be completely closed at Broadway/21st? *No, we will have one-lane open in each direction.*

Ron Cruz speaking for the 21st/Business/El Pueblo neighborhood associations and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce said there had been much open discussion with each group about the plan from the City. We all have decided to endorse the three-lane option. We look forward to have the area as a destination for people to come and enjoy. We also want to thank **Councilwoman Fearey** for all the effort she has put into seeing this plan go forward. **Aldrich** finished saying the three-lane option will allow customers to stop and shop increasing business, which is, viable to revitalize the area.

***** **Action:** The District Advisory Board made a motion to recommend **Approval** for the three-lane traffic option within the four-block area between Market and Waco Streets based on staff recommendation. **(Aldrich/Miller 9-0)**

5. **DER 2007-13 zoning code dealing with off-site signs**

Dale Miller, Planner discussed the proposed amendment to Art. III Sec. III-C.2.b (1)(b) of the *Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code (UZC)* dealing with off-site signage in nonresidential Community Unit Plans (CUP). The applicant proposes to modify subparagraph (b) to read: Sign's provided that no portable signs shall be permitted. He also proposes the following language to be added to the amended language: No CUP approved prior to January 30, 2008, which does not have specific language approving off-sites signs or billboards, shall not allow off-site signs unless a request to allow off-site signs is a CUP amendment submitted to the Planning Department after January 30, 2008, and then approved by the Wichita City Council. *Miller* stated the MAPD requested this amendment be denied.

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- Did DAB 3 and 4 approve this amendment?
- Give an example of an off site sign.
- The amendment has worked well why the need to do this now?

Greg Ferris, agent for the applicant stated the request for the amendment is due to more development at the city outskirts near highways and property where there is already a billboard can become a CUP. *Ferris* continued he didn't feel there would be an increase in billboards due to the amendment. This is designed mainly for highways and he would like to see the decision made based on case-to-case circumstances. The CUP is controlled by the City of Wichita but we (property-owners) should be given some flexibility. An owner should be able to know how his property can be used. Also this policy needs to be made for citywide.

- So in each instance these cases need to be heard by MAPC, DAB and City Council? *The case doesn't have to go to DAB but to the MAPC and then approved by City Council.*
- How many cases like this do you expect per year? *Maybe 5-6 or less, not a lot.*
- This is only for non-residential CUP? *Correct what about arterials? No there is a limitation for arterials already. CUP only near highways.*
- Is there lots of space for arterial CUP? *Not really. Rules are very strict for billboards.*
- Will this amendment include the changeable signs that have between 6-7 ads and change every so many seconds?
- Billboards, what is the impact on non-conforming signs? Some will just put up new bigger signs. *Can't increase on non-conforming.*

*******Action:** The District Advisory Board made a motion to recommend accepting the language in the proposed amendment of the MAPC report. **(Aldrich/Skaff 8-1 Miller)**

Board Agenda

6.) **Presentation on horse problems within the Amelia Earhart neighborhood and the district**

Member Randleas presented on her findings of the excess horses in the district. **Randleas** stated she attends the *Amelia Earhart* neighborhood association meeting and continues to hear about concerns of horses and the hazards they propose. **Randleas** said with assistance from *Bill Hoffman, Environmental Services* they found out that over 50% of the animal maintenance permits (AMP) are in the District 6 area. At this time there are no restrictions in these permits, which should include the size of the horse stall, animal waste removal and consider possible ground water contamination. Only if complaints are made about the odor or other problems is when this is looked into. Environmental Services can't react quickly as there are so many complaints. There is no waiver for horse permits. There needs to be an

ordinance to address all these concerns. **Randleas** included recommendations for an ordinance to be considered including requesting a moratorium be placed on the issuance of horse permits until a revised ordinance is enacted. **Schreck** asked if the ordinance was changed would a grandfather clause be considered for present animal (horse) owners? **Randleas** responded there should be no grandfather clause. **Aldrich** asked how would this ordinance affect Cowtown? **VanWalleghen** responded the City Of Wichita and Parks could have different rulings - look at the rodeo debate we had. **Fearey** said yes there are certain classifications that could be exempt. **Escobar** asked what is AMP? An AMP is to keep more than one animal such as dogs, cats, sheep, etc. **Miller** thanked **Randleas** for her report and said she would support a moratorium.

Council Member Fearey finished saying she would speak to the City Manager and Kay Johnson, Environmental Services Director to discuss this topic further.

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

7. **Problem Properties**

- 29th/Porter: lots of chickens.

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

8. **Neighborhood Reports**

- A big Thank-you to the MAPD for assisting the owner of the Tax Service at 21st/Salina to comply with the zoning requirements.
- **Benjamin Hills:** at 29th/Porter a pit bull attacked a neighbor and her dog. The pit bull had to be fought off with a snow shovel. Animal control was called but the pit bull hasn't been found.
- **Moorings:** reporting we have had two break-ins to cars again.
- **Wichita Independent Neighborhood:** annual meeting on Thursday 1-10-08

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

Updates from the Councilmember

Announcements

- Next DAB meeting will be held on Monday, February 4, 2008

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Guests

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Respectfully submitted,

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