

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
DISTRICT IV
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District Advisory Board Meeting
May 7, 2003
7:00 P.M.

Aley/Stanley
1749 S. Martinson

Members Present

Rex Grey
Wayne Wells
Jerry McGinty
Jim Benton
Iola Crandall

Members Absent

Ed Koon

Staff

Aaron Hamilton Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Richard Mellard, Patrol West
Officer Clark Bolan, Patrol West
Officer P.K. Smith, Patrol West
Rob Younkin, Public Works
Rachelle Meyerers, Environmental Health
Jack Brown, Director of Environmental Health

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

7:00 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes as posted (**McGinty/Benton 5:0**).

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and passed to accept the agenda (**McGinty/Benton 5:0**).

Public Agenda

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to a period of five minutes unless extended by the Board.

1. Off agenda items

Alcohol, Tobacco & Firearms - Tom Atteberry, ATF, informed the Board on a combined effort to put more emphasis on felons with guns and a criminal history. The plan is to begin charging the felons federally adding more time to their jail sentences. This initiative is the number two priority of President Bush and Attorney General Ashcroft. A press conference will take place May 15 announcing the new enforcement.

This is a combined effort of the U.S. Attorney's office, Wichita Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office and others.

May 12 - billboards (5 Spanish, 7 English) will be posted around Wichita. Convicted felons who carry a gun and are arrested, will be tried in the Federal system instead of State or County. There is no probation or parole for these people and longer time served in prison. The goal is to apprehend the worst of the worst. Two of the factors considered are prior convictions and time already served when sentencing arrested felons (violent or any prior felonies they may have been charged with). This is a nationwide initiative with ads on TV and radio.

The following are questions and comments from the Board and citizens. Answers are in italics where applicable.

Council Member Gray – The felon will only be arrested if in possession of a gun while committing a crime? *No, if the felon has a gun he's arrested.* What if they have a permit to carry a gun? *They will not be arrested.* What if they are arrested for a felony DUI? *Not arrested. The new enforcement does not apply to juveniles either.*

Rex Gray - Is there a difference between a felon who has a gun, as opposed to one who does not have a gun? *A felon will only be arrested if they have served time in prison. The focus on felons who have been charged and convicted as felons numerous times.*

Board Action: Receive and file.

- 2. Sedgwick County Health Department - Aiko Allen, Director of Organizational Development**, gave an update on the status of consolidation of three Sedgwick County Health facilities and changes in operating hours as a result of budget cuts. A press release was given to all Board members. The Sedgwick County Health Department is dealing with \$10 million in budget cuts. They have cut nurses and changed schedules to be able to still serve clientele, but will have to do more to continue serving clientele efficiently. WIC will still be open full-time. New Health Department hours will be Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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Paul Gray - Why the extended lunch period? *It is a coverage issue. Being located to the Wichita Mall, they will be open through lunch and will be able to maintain longer hours.*

Jerry McGinty – What is the status of the Mobile Team? *Sedgwick County and USD 259 have been working together, attending inter-agency meetings etc., to figure out how to be the "first choice provider" for immunizations and sports physicals.*

Jim Benton - How many staff are located at Stanley? *One nurse and two clerical people. One clerical staff member is here to interpret.*

Rex Gray - How many people are served per day at Stanley? *11.*
And how many people can the Mobile Team service? *20. Will be refocusing efforts to increase usage.*

Aaron Hamilton - Commended the County for their efforts to keep the community informed.

Jim B. - Is the new location going to be the Wichita Mall for sure? *They are still negotiating. Sedgwick County should know something by late Fall. They are negotiating with SRS staff to see if they can be partners in the facility and offer even more services.*

Board Action: Receive and file.

Staff Presentations

- 3. Revision to City of Wichita Code-Chapter 7.30 Water Wells - Rachelle Meyeres, Water Quality Supervisor and Jack Brown, Director of Environmental Health,** presented a proposed update to a current city codes regarding water wells. Ground water wells have been installed over contaminated ground water. Currently, the permit process takes place after installation of the well. Environmental Health is trying to change it to happen before the installation. Since the writing of the old ordinance, technology has changed. The City is trying to avoid installation of wells in contaminated areas.

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Paul Gray – How fast will the permit process be? *Environmental Health is trying to mirror Central Inspection and get it done as soon as possible, with a turn around time of 24 hours. What is the cost to set this up? Should use less staff time, infrastructure already in place. Rachelle Meyeres- 400 to 500 wells were installed last year alone.*

Jack B. - *Surveys are currently taking place in parts of the City with well water service. When will the treatment center in Herman Hill Park be open? It's up and running.*

Rex G. – Who can install a well - contractor or individuals? *Both, state law says citizens or a licensed contractor can install a well. Drinking water wells or wells just for watering the lawn? Both.*

Board Action: A motion was made to recommend adoption of the proposed water well code (Benton/McGinty). The motion passed 5:0.

- 4. Petition to pave Florence from Esthner to Bounous - Rob Younkin, Civil Engineer,** presented the petition submitted to the Public Works department. Public Works received a petition to pave Florence at a cost of \$106,000.00, assessed by the square foot. The petition was signed by 50% of occupants in 54% of the area.

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Council Member Gray - What streets around it are paved? *Esthner and West St. Colorado and Bounous are unpaved.*

Dean DeWitt, 1834 S. Florence - Speaking for Read-Rooter and DeWitt, the street was platted years ago. Inlets are already there and five-foot storm drains already exist. This would improve the access for businesses. The City pays to grade the road and clean the drainage pipes. Paving the street would allow the businesses to add a building.

Jim Benton - What is the time frame from start to finish? *Do all of them at one time. Plans being designed by consultants; 100% assessed to property owners.*

Board Action: A motion was made to approve the request as presented (Wells/McGinty). The motion passed 5:0.

Special Events Policy - Aaron Hamilton, Neighborhood Assistant, will present proposed updates to the City of Wichita's special events policy.

Pass - McGinty, Benton-5:0

Recommended Action: Approve proposed additions to policy.

6. Community Police Report

Community Police Officers for District IV will report on specific concerns for the area.

Officer Mellard - Gearing up for the summer season. Sexual offense arrests are being made in the parks.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

7. Updates, Issues and Reports

Wayne Wells - There has been no meeting for two months for the Delano Neighborhood Association. Neighborhood University, sponsored by WIN, had a good turnout. He recommended attendance next year by the Board.

Iola - Sunflower Neighborhood Association toured the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. June 5th they will take a bus to Alford Library. July 17th is the neighborhood picnic. They will hold a neighborhood cleanup in August. May 16-18 supporting the recycling drive of 1st Presbyterian Church.

Jerry McGinty - MAPC update: 1) Warehouse zoning on S. Seneca - approved. 2) Meridian - "NO" approved and sent to Council. SWNA met at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility last month. Their next meeting will be at Osage with Edward Jones.

Jim Benton - Represented District IV for "Don't Trash Wichita" Campaign. The main focus is on removing junk cars. The fireworks task force committee dealt with some tough issues. An ordinance is already on the books but is not being enforced. 85% of respondents wanted fireworks banned which is very difficult to enforce.

Irene Armstrong – Regarding the "Don't Trash Wichita" campaign, there aren't enough Health inspectors to enforce tall weeds. Environmental Health is losing good people because of to heavy of a workload.

Council Member Gray - Requested all members to stay on the District Advisory Board.

Board Action: A motion was made to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. (Benton/Wells). The motion passed 5:0.

Guests

David Langston 310 W. Central

Dean DeWitt 1834 S. Florence

Mike DeWitt, 1854 S. Florence

Irene Armstrong 1109 Greenfield

Tom Atteberry, ATF

** Seven citizens attended who did not sign in as they arrived late.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Hamilton

Neighborhood Assistant, District IV