

District II Advisory Board Minutes

October 5, 2009

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The District II Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station #20 located at 2255 S. Greenwich Road. CM Schlapp was in attendance, (10) board members attended, (6) staff and approximately (10) citizens were in attendance. Only those individuals who signed in are listed as guests below.

Members Present

Aaron Mayes
Max Weddle
Daryl Crotts
Marty Weeks
Paula Hancock
Tom Roth
Dave Mollhagen
Phil Ryan
April Leason
Sarah Devries

Staff Present

Antione Sherfield- Neighborhood Assistant
Dave Barber – Planning Department
Paul Gunzelman – Public Works
Harlan Bascombe - OCI
Officer Lloyd – Wichita Police Department
Chief Snow - Wichita Fire Department
Captain Acuna – Wichita Fire Department

Guests

Listed below

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. CM Schlapp welcomed everyone and explained how the DAB meeting is conducted. DAB members did introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

- **October Agenda (10-0)**
- **September Minutes approved (10-0)**

PUBLIC AGENDA

1. Dave Chadick, 3636 N. Oliver

Mr. Chadick made the DAB aware of the newly placed Red Donation Dumpsters that have been popping up all over town. He states that these donation dumpsters are health hazards and an eye sore to areas they are placed in.

CM Schlapp thanked Mr. Chadick for making the DAB aware of the donation dumpsters. She also informed him that OCI was involved with this issue and encouraged him to Follow up with the OCI Office.

STAFF REPORT

2. Community Police Report

Officer Lloyd provided information pertaining to current crime trends in District II. Officer Lloyd stated that the Breast Cancer Run was a success. There were roughly 7,500 people that participated in the event. WPD did receive some complaints from residents that live in the Eastborough area concerning traffic.

He encouraged citizens to take all valuables out of vehicles and to watch all your surroundings especially since the Holidays are approaching.

CM Schlapp thanked Officer Lloyd and the Wichita Police Department for the fine work they provide the community.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

3. Community Fire Report

Battalion Chief Snow provided information pertaining to Fire Service calls in District II. Chief Snow made everyone aware that this Fire Prevention Month. She stated there were three (3) fires in District II in the month of September which included one (1) fire fatality. She also stated that Duracell Batteries will be provided to the City of Wichita to assist with replacing smoke detectors for those that are less fortunate.

CM Schlapp applauded Chief Snow and the Fire Department for the great services they provide our community.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

NEW BUSINESS

4. OCI End of Year Report

Harlan Bascombe, Office of Central Inspection provided information pertaining to end of year numbers in regard to code enforcement and violations.

Harlan stated that due to budget cuts the Office of Central Inspection lost one (1) inspector. Harlan also provided the data below:

Tall Grass & Weeds cases started – 3,227

Tall Grass & Weeds cases closed – 2,386
Tall Grass & Weeds cases contractor Abated – 856
Nuisance Cases started – 5,506 Nuisance Cases closed – 3,066
Nuisance Cases Contractor Abated – 89
Nuisance Cases with Inoperable Vehicle started – 1,327
Nuisance Cases with Inoperable Vehicle closed – 939
Inoperable Vehicles Contractor Abated (towed) – 73
Emergency Board Ups Structures Secured – 47
Emergency Board Ups Openings Secured – 101

CM Schlapp thanked Harlan and the OCI Department for the services they provide our communities.

Recommended Action: Receive and file

5. **Douglas Design District Streetscape Design & Implementation – Working**
Dave Barber, Planning Department provided information in reference to the Douglas Design District Streetscape Design.

Douglas Design District Streetscape Design & Implementation Plan has now been completed for public review and feedback. The full working draft Plan is available for viewing at <http://www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/Comprehensive/DouglasDesignDistrictPlan.htm>

The Plan Steering Committee and the city staff Support Team have recently received supportive feedback regarding the draft Plan from the City’s Design Council (August 19th Design Council meeting) and the Wichita City Council (August 25th workshop). A public Open House to receive comment on the draft Plan was just held on September 28th at the Red Cross Building.

The Plan Steering Committee and the city staff Support Team will be meeting in mid October to evaluate the feedback received from the September 28th Open House and the District Advisory Boards I & II, to make final changes to the working draft Plan.

Analysis: The key recommended streetscape improvement concepts contained in the working draft Plan are summarized as follows:

Plan Goal: “Using a collaborative private / public partnership, create new economic vitality, livability, identity and visual attractiveness for that segment of East Douglas avenue between Washington and Glendale Avenues.”

DAB Members had the following comments and questions:

- **Who will maintain the landscaping:**
- **The City should not be responsible for maintaining landscaping especially with budget cuts**
- **Did the Engineer forecast the traffic from the Intrust Arena in regard to Bike paths**
- **Will the current speed zone be reduced in College Hill**
- **Potential Bike lanes on one side of the road versus both sides**

Members of the Plan Steering Committee had the following comments:

- **Local Neighborhood Associations will fundraise and volunteer to maintain landscape**
- **Solicit local business owners in reference to assisting with landscape cost**
- **Trash/Water will be major issues**
- **No monies available currently for project**
- **Project should be completed in ten (10) years**

Recommended Action: The DAB voted (9-0) one (1) vote abstained in favor of endorsing the recommended streetscape improvement concepts contained in the Douglas Design District Streetscape & Implementation Plan- Working Draft .

6. Lincoln Street Bridge and Dam Improvements

Paul Gunzelman, Public Works Department provided information pertaining to Lincoln Street Bridge and Dam Improvements.

The proposed 2009-2018 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) includes funding for improvements to the Lincoln Street bridge and dam on the Arkansas River. Currently, the dam is located under the existing bridge. At nearly forty years old, both the bridge and dam are in deteriorating condition and need to be replaced.

On June 3, 2008, the City Council approved the Arkansas River Corridor Access Plan (ARCAP) as a planning tool to provide guidance and direction for river access and recreation for the City of Wichita. The ARCAP project is a multi-jurisdictional plan that included project partners from a three county area, including the Arkansas River Coalition and the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks. The ARCAP identified two locations within the City of Wichita where safe boat passage needs to be addressed: the 21st Street dam and the Lincoln Street dam. The two existing dam obstructions are the only physical barriers for watercraft in a 100 mile stretch from the Rice/Reno County line to Oxford, KS.

Analysis: Two design concepts have been identified and are being investigated:

- 1.) Reconstruction/rehabilitation of the bridge and dam at the current location. Physical limitations at the current location would not allow fish or boat passage to be constructed.
- 2.) Build a new dam approximately 100 feet downstream and reconstruct the bridge at its current location. State and Federal regulatory agencies have indicated that relocation of the dam would require construction of a fish passage structure through the dam. This option would also include construction of a safe boat passage through the dam. Staff has been advised that grant funding may be available for both features.

Financial Consideration: Cost estimates for the two options are nearly equal at this time due to the added cost of reconstructing the bridge around the existing dam. The Proposed 2009-2018 CIP budget for the project is \$11,800,000, with \$7,000,000 funded by General Obligation bonds and \$4,800,000 by federal transportation funds.

Goal Impact: This project addresses the Efficient Infrastructure goal by providing improvements to an existing bridge and dam at the Arkansas River.

Legal Considerations: None.

Recommended Action: The DAB voted (10-0) to approve the Lincoln Street Bridge

design concept option (2) .

7. **Lincoln Armour Bridge and Dam Improvements**

Carl Haas, Public Works Department provided information pertaining to Lincoln Street Bridge at Armour.

The bridge on Lincoln at Armour is a reinforced concrete box culvert structure that is in a deteriorated condition and should be replaced.

Analysis: This project will replace the existing box covert with a new, longer structure. of though traffic will be maintained in each direction on Lincoln during construction. Traffic access at all four Armour intersections will be restricted, with local access maintained. The project is planned to be bid later this year with construction to begin early next year and completed next summer.

Financial Considerations: The estimated project cost is \$600,000.

Legal Considerations: none.

Goal Impact: This project addresses the Efficient Infrastructure goal by replacing a deteriorated bridge.

Recommendation Action: The DAB voted (10-0) to approve the project.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next DAB II Meeting will be November 2, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,
Antione Sherfield, Neighborhood Assistant