

**District IV Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 7, 2007**  
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 7:00 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library. In attendance were eleven (11) District Advisory Board members, eight (8) staff and approximately eight (8) citizens with seven (7) signing in.

**Members Present**

Nancy Wilhite  
Joshua Blick  
Mary Cockburn  
Hestel Sewell  
Tom Engelmann  
Edwin Koon  
Gerald Marsh  
Jim Benton  
Peggy Bennett  
Michael Gisick  
Mark DeRee

**Staff Present**

Officer Voyles, Police  
Officer Boone, Police  
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office  
Officer Welsh, Police  
Captain Tenbrook, Police  
Captain Dessenberger, Police  
Officer Halls, Police  
Officer Baker, Police

Council Member Gray

**Members Absent**

none

**Guests**

Charles Armstrong, 1109 Greenfield  
Marjorie Griffith, 713 Savannah  
Albert Hubl, 6400 W 36<sup>th</sup> St S  
Lee Webster, 337 N Exposition  
Irene Armstrong, 1109 Greenfield  
George Walta, 10630 Carr  
Patricia Coombs, 1926 S Bonn

**Order of Business**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Benton (Engelmann)** moved to approve the agenda for the March 7, 2007 meeting. The motion was passed 11-0.

**Engelmann (Marsh)** moved to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 11-0.

## **Public Agenda**

*The public agenda allows members of the public to present issues not on the agenda to the District Advisory Board. Each presentation is limited to five minutes unless extended by the Board.*

### **1. Scheduled Items**

No items were submitted.

### **2. Off-Agenda Items**

No items were submitted.

## **Staff Presentations**

### **3. Community Police Report**

- **Officer Voyles, 29 beat**, stated that there is an issue with larcenies not being reported in the Hydraulic and Maywood/55<sup>th</sup> St S area.
- **Officer Carlson, 28 beat**, stated that the owners of the Acapulco Club are being evicted and their liquor license will be suspended for serving to minors by the end of the week; as well as, the conditional use permit they applied for to expand was denied.
- **Officer Baker, 13 beat**, reported the following:
  - The truancy program is working well at West High this year again. They have placed 100 truants in custody and have seen an overall decrease in crime, except for burglaries and vandalism.
  - Working on special drug assignments
  - Working to identify abandoned houses and get them fixed up and occupied.
  - McCormick Neighborhood Association is having a neighborhood clean-up March 31.

**Action Taken:** Received and filed.

## **New Business**

### **4. Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan**

**Captain Dessenberger, Police**, presented the item. In past years, the Wichita Police Department has experienced safety concerns with persons soliciting at intersections. Police can ask participants to adhere to the standards of conduct, however there is no immediate means to enforce the guidelines if violated. Because the violations noted by police present either a significant safety threat or can cause serious traffic problems, a need has developed for an immediate enforcement mechanism. With the proposed new chapter 3.26, the Wichita Police Department can remove those individuals that violate any provision proposed therein. The new

chapter defines the license that is required for a charitable solicitation event as well as the application process and the requirements for license eligibility. Specific standards of conduct are set forth as well as enforcement procedures and the penalty for violation. Using many of the current guidelines as a foundation, the proposed chapter both clarifies existing standards and imposes some additional ones, such as allowing individuals 16 years of age or older to solicit at intersections and requiring the designation of a responsible person who is at least 21 years of age to be present and act as a supervisor of a charitable solicitation event. Finally, the proposed ordinance gives the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee the authority to suspend a charitable solicitation license if the organization or any participating individuals fail to adhere to the standards of conduct, or if any part of the license application is found to have been falsified. Violation of any of the provisions of the proposed chapter is deemed a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.

The Board asked the following questions (*Captain Dessenberger's responses in italics*):

- 1.) Will the vest that the volunteers wear identify the organization they are soliciting?  
*No, but some type of sign will have to be visible that identifies the organization with which they are affiliated.*
- 2.) Will there be a limit on how many charities can solicit at the same time? *No*
- 3.) Is there a set timeframe during the day that the charities can do this? *Charitable solicitation will be allowed during daylight hours.*
- 4.) Will firefighters be required to buy the license mandated by this ordinance? *This ordinance will apply to all charitable solicitations, but we will work with the appropriate departments on these circumstances such as these.*
- 5.) How will police monitor compliance of this ordinance? *They will pull into a nearby parking area and walk over to the intersections to talk with solicitors to ensure compliance.*
- 6.) Will this ordinance apply to events such as school car washes? *Events such as car washes are not typically considered charitable solicitation and would probably not fall under this ordinance.*
- 7.) Will each intersection the charity solicits be required to have a permit or will just one permit be issued for the event? *One permit will be issued for the entire event, but each intersection will have a person in charge of activity at that intersection.*

**Action Taken:** Benton (Wilhite) moved to recommend City Council approval of the proposed changes to this ordinance. Motion passed 11-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

5. No items were submitted.

## **BOARD AGENDA**

### **6. Board Updates and Issues**

**Bennett** announced that there would be a clean up for the Prairie Woods HOA on May 12.

**Blick** announced that the South Seneca parade was cancelled due to lack of volunteers and that there will be a candidate forum (mayor, district IV council member and school board) on March 27 at 7:00 p.m. at Alford Branch Library,

**Marsh** reminded everyone that there would be a St. Patrick's Day parade on McLean west to Walnut sponsored by Delano businesses and residents.

**Action Taken:** Received and Filed.

### **7. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.