

DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (DAB) I

MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 7, 2010

6:30 p.m.

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

Members Present

Gerald Domotrovic
Janet Wilson
Vicki Churchman
Steve Roberts
Twila Chaloupek
Bill Wynne
James Roseboro
Lisa Riley
KC Ohaebosim
Janice Rich

Guests

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City of Wichita Staff Present

Council Member Lavonta Williams
City Manager Robert Layton
Officer Recio, Beat 23, Wichita Police Department
Officer Kimble, Beat 47, Wichita Police Department
Dave Barber, Planning Department
Dale Miller, Planning Department
LaShonda Porter, District 1 Neighborhood Assistant

Order of Business

Call to Order

CM Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.and welcomed guests.

Approval of Agenda

Roberts (Roseboro) made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried **8:0**

Approval of Minutes

No minutes submitted for May 3, 2010.

Public Agenda

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

New Business

3. **2011 Budget Presentation**

Bob Layton, City Manager presented information of the proposed 2011 budget. To date, the process has included engaging City employees, developing a staff budget committee, seeking department input, and reviewing projections from Finance staff. Community input is being sought to define priorities and develop ideas to incorporate into the budget.

Layton advised that this is the 2nd of the three tough financial years. He noted that the current level of services is not sustainable long-term, so dialogue is necessary to realign City services to a sustainable level.

Layton advised that a new way of thinking needs to occur so that we can eliminate the gap in revenues and expenditures; projections are off. He noted that in 2009 we with dealt with the general fund revenues being flat, so positions were held open, 100 positions were eliminated, travel and equipment replacements were reduced, and non-recurring savings from fuel and health insurance were utilized to assist with the flat growth rate.

Chaloupek and Domotrovic arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Layton advised that in 2010 that very moderate growth was expected and that revenue growth was about \$7 million less than expected. He noted that many of the 2009 reductions were carried into 2010; including, wages being frozen, mowing and printing privatized, and other positions eliminated. He advised that the cuts from last year will not be enough.

Layton noted that there is still a gap in revenues and expenditures projected through 2012:

| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenues | \$198,597,561 | \$203,959,974 | \$207,050,202 | \$212,110,953 |
| Expenditures | \$198,595,309 | \$206,588,826 | \$214,469,358 | \$219,595,915 |
| Variance | \$2,252 | \$2,628,852 | \$7,419,156 | \$7,484,962 |

Layton noted that as the economy recovers, City revenues will lag. **Layton** stated that current level expenditures does not appear sustainable long-term. He further discussed other issues that the City is considering is layoffs and furloughs, right sizing of staff based on activity levels, analyze possibilities to privatize services, combining service areas, functions or departments and the review of partnerships with other jurisdictions.

Layton advised that they are focusing on services in core areas, right-size the organization for sustainability, analyze administrative overhead, evaluate fees to ensure the costs of providing specialized services are covered, and develop performance measures to define expectations and to assist in decision making.

Layton noted that there would be continued dialogue regarding the budget and provided the following dates:

- June 28** Citywide DAB Meeting – Overview of 2011/2012 Budget
- July 13** Distribution of City Manager’s Proposed 2011/2012 Annual Operating Budget
- July 20** Publication of Notice of Final Hearing on the 2011 Annual Operating Budget
- July 27** Budget Workshop
- August 3** Hearing on the 2011/2012 Operating Budget
- August 10** City Council Formal Hearing and Adoption of the 2011 Operating Budget

August 25 Filing of Levies and 2011 Budget with the Sedgwick County Clerk

Layton also noted that if anyone had questions or suggestions to contact him directly at 268-4351 or rlayton@wichita.gov or contact Mark Manning, Budget Officer at 268-4145 or mmanning@wichita.gov or budgetquestions@wichita.gov

Wynne asked if everything is on the table regarding the budget and if that would include a tax increase. **Layton** advised that everything is on the table except for a tax increase. He noted that Council is adamant that they will not entertain a tax increase.

Roseboro wanted to know if it was too late for public input. **Layton** advised that this is why he is engaging the DABs earlier in the process so that he could get public input. **Layton** advised that the public could e-mail him with questions and /or suggestions.

Wilson wanted to know how many times water rates had been raised in the last year. **Layton** advised twice. He noted that there would be an increase in July and then again in January 1st. **Wilson** asked if that would be the last increase for the next 5 years. **Layton** advised that he expects there will be an increase every January for at least the next 5-6 years.

CM Williams asked what did this mean from a dollar perspective for residents. **Layton** advised that this would be an increase for an average household of about \$2.50 per month range.

Roberts wanted to know what the total cumulative increase would be over the 5-6 year period. **Layton** advised that it depends on how the increases are approved; currently Council is requesting that the increase be lowered so that it is not in the double digits.

Domotrovic noted that the budget for the new Library is between \$36M and \$52M and that the Airport budget is between \$600M and \$700M. Is there any concern with committing to these big projects that we can't afford with the current budget concerns? **Layton** advised those are both capital projects and we won't get any overhead until 2012. He further explained that the Library Foundation is working on a capital campaign to bridge the gap between the \$30M budgeted and the \$42M estimated for the cost of the project. He also noted that Council has not given final approval of the project. **Layton** also noted that they are still reviewing whether or not they are going to move forward with the Airport plan.

Wilson wanted to know where the increase in the water rates puts us in comparison to other comparable cities. **Layton** advised that this is an issue everywhere. **Wynne** wanted to know what the increases were going to do to cities they were purchasing water from us. **Layton** responded that the increases would impact them as well.

Debra Miller-Stevens, 3125 E. Boston wanted to know if the budget information would be available on line for viewing. **Layton** advised yes.

Recommended Action: Provided comments. Received and filed.

Staff Report

4. Fire Report

Fire Department provided the Board with a handout that discussed the statistics for District 1 for April 2010. The report noted the following activity occurred:

| | 2010 | | 2009 | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Incidents | Resources | Incidents | Resources |
| All Fire | 31 | 186 | 34 | 171 |
| Structure Fire | 16 | 159 | 10 | 105 |
| EMS & Rescue Alarms | 580 | 724 | 546 | 724 |
| Service Alarms | 204 | 733 | 194 | 383 |
| Totals | 815 | 1,343 | 774 | 1,278 |

He also noted that the smoke detector program was available if anyone has a need for a smoke detector. In addition, he advised that the Fire Department was also available to give kids safety talks, and residents could bring the kids by the station for a tour. For more information, contact Fire Station 10 at 337-9410 or 529-9910.

Wynne wanted to know if there are income guidelines for smoke detector program. **Fire Department** responded no.

Wilson wanted to know with the 4th of July coming and the County approving fireworks in the unincorporated areas, how will that be handled in the City? **Fire Department** advised they will go out and travel the streets and monitor and look for illegal activity and will confiscate any fireworks we see. We will monitor and keep the neighborhoods safe. We will work with the County Fire Department to keep the community safe.

CM Williams wanted to know does that program include smoke detectors. **Fire Department** advised that they can provide them under certain circumstances.

Wynne wanted to know about the fire at 900 N Crestway, a 1 story house that had a minor kitchen fire. He noted that at the fire there was 10 pieces of fire department equipment and 3 police vehicles. Why so many pieces of equipment and what does something like that cost? **Chief Blackwell** noted that it is important to get the appropriate number of Fire Fighters to the scene (14-16) firefighters to keep the fires small. **Blackwell** advised that he wanted to be precise on the cost so he would get that information to CM Williams and LaShonda for distribution to the Board.

The **Board** thanked for **Fire Department** for their report.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

5. Police Report

Officer Recio, Beat 23, last month we got 5 Officers from each bureau to look for suspects and caught 4-5 individuals, they were tied to the increased burglaries. He noted that WPD has a goal to reduce burglaries by 7 percent. He advised that citizens can also go online to complete forms to identify their properties for burglaries.

Recio noted that no major incidents had been reported from the Arena; however, they did receive report on two vehicles that got broken into.

Recio advised that Riverfest went pretty well; a few vehicles were broken into.

Recio noted that Saturday, June 12 we are doing a clean up in the START area from 8 a.m. – 3p.m.

Officer Kimble, Beat 47, advised that one thing that we had over this past month was a robbery at 21st Pinecrest – Alnnor. The owner called they were actually fighting the suspects that robbed the business, the owner detained one of the suspects, and through video we are able to get the other suspect. There was injury to the owner and security.

Kimble advised that there was a shooting at 2600 Holyoke; several rounds were shot and it appears that 2 weapons were used. He noted that they did not receive a report on this incident from the house but from residence in the area – thus they were not receiving corporation from the residence. Since the residents would not cooperate they have to use force entry into the house, checking for victims and suspects. **Kimble** advised that upon entering the property they found 20 people in the house with 10 of the individuals not willing to cooperate. **Kimble** also advised that he is working with the landlord to evict the tenants.

Kimble advised that there was another shooting in the 1500 block between St Francis and Emporia. **Kimble** noted that the suspects were caught and the weapons were retrieved. He noted that they were able to connect the weapons retrieved in this incident to the weapons used in the incident on Holyoke.

Kimble also reported an incident on 9th & Volutsia where two individuals were shot. This incident was gang related and the suspect has been arrested and is in custody.

Kimble advised that Officer Weber is working with the summer youth camp (N.E.A.C.K) at Atwater to help keep the youth involved in positive activities.

Kimble also informed the Board that there has been an increase in burglaries, were several assignments in past couple of months, have arrested some of the suspects. He noted that Gordon Parks was burglarized and they attempted to hit Boys N Girls Club.

Riley wanted to know if the incident at 9th & Volutsia took place during day or evening. **Kimble** reported that it occurred in the evening.

CM Williams stated t Last Saturday she noticed that Oliver was saturated with Police cars. **Kimble** advised that there shooting in the area but it was related to a domestic violence incident. He noted that the suspect was in custody.

Roseboro wanted to know the age of the individuals who broke into the Boys N Girls Club. **Kimble** advised that he did not have that information because he had not viewed the surveillance video yet.

Craig Gabel, 150 E. 44th St, advised that at the District 3 Advisory Board meeting they mentioned that there was an increase in burglaries. He wanted to k now if there was a statistics on the total number of burglaries in the City. **Kimble** advised that he was not certain because it depends on the area; however, overall they have seen in an increase in burglaries.

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

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

6. Relocation of Ambulance Post – Sedgwick County

Steve Cotter, Sedgwick County EMS Director, presented information on the relocation of EMS Post 3. He noted that the new location would be at Central and Chautauqua. **Cotter** advised they are relocating the EMS Post as their current space at 21st and Woodlawn is no longer available. He selecting this new location he noted that this will allow EMS to provide a better service to the community.

Cotter advised that EMS has performance targets that include:

Life Threatening 911 calls: 8 minutes 59 seconds currently they are in the 90th%

Routine 911 Medical calls: 10 minutes 59 seconds currently they are in the 90th%

Non-emergency 911 calls: 20 minutes 90th%

Cotter advised that this would be a good move for the community as a whole. He noted that as they look at planning they will also determine a route of travel, with the plan to use Central and Hillside.

Cotter advised that they will construct a two-bay facility, with (2) 24 hour ambulances and (1) 12 hour day ambulance.

Wynne wanted to know how the project would be funded. **Cotter** advised that this was a capital improvement project.

Roberts wanted to know what would happen with the old building. **Cotter** advised he wasn't sure as the facility was a leased facility.

James Thompson, 623 N. Volusia, wanted to know when they expected to be up and running. **Cotter** advised that they were going into the design phase and the facility should be completed within the next 8-9 months.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

7. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035**

Kristen Zimmerman, WAMPO, presented information on the final phase of the Metropolitan Area Transportation Plan (MTP) 2035. The MTP is a required long range transportation plan that is designed to help guide transportation investments in the region.

Zimmerman advised this was the fourth and final update. She advised that she would discuss what's in the plan and how you can be involved. She noted that this plan is federally required and it is designed to show what our regional transportation system would like in 2035.

Zimmerman advised that three things that will shape the plan included:

1. Vision, goals and objectives
2. Data and information
3. Projects, policies, and recommendations

Zimmerman advised that the region's multimodal transportation system in 2035 will be safe, efficient, accessible, and affordable. The second thing the plan addresses are changes that will occur in 25 years, which include population and employment changes, and growth.

Zimmerman discussed how you can be involved – it will require investments of both time and money. Successful implantation of this plan will require action at the local

level. WAMPO uses two vehicles – transportation improvement plan – identifies the projects in this plan. 2nd way is through strategies and recommendations that come through the WAMPO work program – strategy oriented, for example, support and assist the support of regional transportation.

Zimmerman noted for MTP to be successful local government and advisory groups would need to support the plan. Local government would work out these plans by implementing the projects. **Zimmerman** advised that the draft plan is on the website: www.wampoks.org. She encouraged everyone to look at the plan and make comments.

Churchman noted that others are saying that the growth will happen in the inner city; however that is the exact opposite of what you're saying. **Zimmerman** responded that the plan is updated every 5 years so if things are changing then we will be able to adjust.

Ohaebosim asked as the plans are updated priorities might change as well. **Zimmerman** responded yes that is correct.

Riley asked about Wichita air quality, we talk about moving to suburbs, how does the impact our air quality. What is the long term plan for public transportation and alleviating some of the air quality concerns? **Zimmerman** recommended discussing that concern with Transit.

Wilson wanted to know how you tie in with the passenger rail. **Zimmerman** advised that it is not a specific project listed in our list of projects; mostly because it was not submitted by a local jurisdiction. **Wilson** shouldn't you guys try to get on board. **Zimmerman** I would say that is up to the local jurisdiction as this is more of a regional plan.

Debra Miller Stevens, 3125 E Boston wanted to know if this was mandated by the federal government, and if so, why do they care. **Zimmerman** they care because they give WAMPO money. **Miller Stevens** followed up asking if the money goes to WAMPO. **Zimmerman** advised we get money from Federal Highway and it goes to KDOT and they allocate the money to the MPOs. How the money is allocated is through the transportation improvement program, projects are submitted by local jurisdiction and then a committee ranks them and decides which get funded. It then goes to our Policy body and they vote on it. The projects that listed for the next year get funded. A 20% matching requirement is required of the local jurisdiction.

John Stevens, 3125 E Boston noted that if we coordinate the traffic lights our vehicles would burn less fuel and would have to stop less frequently. Do you have anything in the plan to coordinate lights? **Zimmerman** advised that the City of Wichita is looking into a signalization program. **CM Williams** advised that the City is looking into that and the first pilot area will be on Woodlawn.

The Board thanked **Zimmerman** for her presentation.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

8. **DER2010-00006**

Dave Barber, Planning Department presented information on the amendments to the disposition supplements and the general urban renewal plan of November 27, 1972, for the Wichita Neighborhood Development Program Urban Renewal Area.

Barber advised that the plan contains a General Land Use Plan map, a description of land use categories, planning standards, 14 Project Activity Area (most with unique Disposition Supplements), and a description of techniques to achieve the objectives of the Plan. He noted that a recent developer request to amend the General Urban Renewal Plan (URP) has raised questions regarding the relevancy and continued usefulness of the URP provisions/standards developed in the early 1960's that are not consistent with the City's current zoning requirements and land use planning policy direction.

Barber advised that URP's original purpose was to guide public land acquisition and redevelopment in Wichita's inner city areas. He noted that the plan was:

1. Last updated in 1972,
2. Was designed to guide redevelopment, and
3. 37th St N, Harry (S), Seneca/Ark River (W), I-135/Hillside (E)

Barber noted currently there are 36 different land use categories in the plan and the URP application is applicable to any property owned past or present by either the City or the former Urban Renewal Agency. He noted that the plan is:

1. Outdated, irrelevant, and inflexible,
2. administrative enforcement issues,
3. staff can only do a title search which is somewhat expensive,
4. no centralize tracking,
5. land use maps are no longer legible, and
6. not development friendly specifically.

Barber advised that over 72% of the URP area is covered by more recent and relevant land use plans and regulations. **Barber** noted that the City Law Department and the Urban Development Department advised that there are important economic development and legal advantages for the city in retaining the framework of the General Urban Renewal Plan, and the Council's authority to exercise urban renewal powers (e.g. establishment of TIF Districts; existing designations of slum and blight conditions that serve as a basis for various statutory programs; and, the use of the option of eminent domain).

Barber noted that staff feels there is merit initiating general URP amendments that would leave the Urban Renewal Area and Urban Renewal Plan "framework" in place, but eliminate the problematic provisions and standards that are contrary to the current city zoning requirements, relevant to city codes and regulations, and the comprehensive plan.

Barber advised that staff proposes a deferred use category allows zoning code, comprehensive plan and other relevant city (neighborhood plans) codes/regulations to prevail. He noted that staff recommends endorsement of proposed amendments.

Domotrovic asked if Urban Renewal is driven by federal programs. **Barber** advised that a lot of that has went away. The federal monies that were around in 60s and 70s are gone. He noted that the City Council has full authority to initiate these actions.

Roseboro wanted to who the amendments benefited, what's the push to get this completed now. **Barber** advised that it would be any property who now wishes for a new development for their property. This came to our attention from an application that came in and they found out this parcel was owned by an Urban Renewal agency so it delayed; the building for another 1.5 months.

Churchman asked if this would assist the neighborhoods with their neighborhood plans, as the neighborhood plan would supercede this plan. **Barber** responded yes that is correct as neighborhood plans are adopted as part of the City's comprehensive plan.

John Stevens, 3125 E. Boston asked is this going to make it easier for the City to do more TIF projects. **Barber** responded yes it potentially could, not 100% certain, but it will certainly not hinder the process. **Stevens** asked if this was being done to accelerate TIF plans. **CM Williams** advised no.

Stephanie Neals, 942 N Wabash asked if staff was correcting the mistakes of the original project. **Barber** advised no we are eliminating all of the obstacles and all of the red tape.

Craig Gabel asked if this is something where each time they try to do a project they have to get a release which is what they are trying to get away from.

Debra Miller Stevens, 3125 E. Boston, one of my original questions through MAPC, the Urban Renewal framework is still used for funding such as CDBG it drives definition and criteria for those programs. The point is to eliminate some of the obstacles.

John Stevens, 3125 E. Boston wanted to know how this will this impact existing projects. **Barber** advised it will not this will be for future projects.

Action Taken: Recommended the City Council endorse the recommended amendments to the Disposition Supplements and the General Urban Renewal Plan of November 27,1972, For the Wichita Neighborhood Development Program for Urban Renewal Area. (Roberts;Roseboro)10:0

9. **CON2010-00022**

Dale Miller, Planning Department presented information on the zoning request for a conditional use permit for wrecking/salvage, limited to indoor recycling (limited amount of screened outdoor storage) of computers, appliances, equipment and machinery (no inoperable vehicles). The site is located on the northwest corner of Santa Fe and Morris Street.

Miller noted that the applicant has stated that recycling of the computers, appliances and equipment and machinery will be done inside the existing industrial building. The materials will be separated. Some of the baled materials (palletized and/or containerized materials awaiting shipment) will be store in a screened area approximately 1,700 square feet in size along the north property line.

Miller advised that site is located within the South Central Neighborhood Plan. It is depicted on the South Central Neighborhood Plan Land Use Map as “Industrial.” The industrial land use category encompasses areas where industrial development consisting primarily of employment-based uses, such as manufacturing, research, and warehousing, is encouraged. **Miller** noted that according to the plan this is one of the Least Desirable Land Uses and is strongly discouraged by the plan. **Miller** noted that based on the information available to staff they are recommending denial of the request.

Churchman confirmed that Miller was correct in regards to the information in the plan. However, she noted that the President of the South Central Alliance has met with the owner and they are looking to work with them. She noted that two things we would like to see in the conditions if approved:

1. No inoperable vehicles – I would like it to say vehicles.
2. We would also like to add a landscaping request, that would shield outdoor storage.

Miller advised that the conditions does say no vehicles and that landscaping is also a requirement.

James Wyatt, 624 E Morris. The west side of the building is a broad area is already shield and has landscaping. The rest is a shipping dock that faces Santa Fe.

Churchman asked if the area where the applicant was going to have outdoor storage, will it visible to the street or neighbors? **Wyatt** advised that currently there is a 8 foot fence and you can’t see the activity.

Miller advised Churchman to look at item #8 in the staff report on page 5, asking if that meet her needs. **Churchman** noted there is one thing to shield things with other things, but it would certainly be improved with trees and shrubs. **Wyatt** advised that the area is all concrete.

CM Williams asked if the applicant was planning any landscape? **Wyatt** advised yes that was in the plan..

Ted Knopp, 310 W Central, noted that the area that is screened is where project is waiting to be shipped. It will be in containers or on pallets wrapped in plastic. **Knopp** advised that one of the small areas that create some concern for the applicant is that the place be fenced. He noted that frankly that would give a bad look to the property. So he wanted to give feedback from the Board on thoughts about having the entire property fenced.

Roberts asked if they had been operating at this location for the last 7 years. **Wyatt** advised yes we have. **Churchman** noted and we have had no complaints. **Churchman** noted that there concern is not with this business but what could happen if they sold the business.

Roberts asked if under the current zoning that would allow for inoperable vehicles at any time. **Miller** advised no not the way it is written.

Action Taken: Recommend approval of the zoning request with all of the conditions listed in the staff report and no need for fence except for outside storage. (Churchman:Roseboro) 10:0

Update

Updates, Issues and Reports

Wilson advised that the garden is producing and she was in need of the community to come and pull turnip greens. She also advised that they would be celebrating Loving Day – Saturday.

Riley advised that Eastfront NA would be having their neighborhood garage sales on June 10,11,12. She also noted that Eastfront would be having their neighborhood clean up on June 26th.

Riley advised the I Bike Douglas was successful, over 300 participants, covering safety and maintenance on bicycles. She advised that on June 26th they would host I Bike Douglas and restaurants on Douglas will offer bicycle specials.

Riley reported that Dillons is being renovated. She also noted that the Love Wichita project was great they painted a Senior's house and they did more than what they were suppose to do.

Rich noted that Hyde NA picnic would be held at Skyline Park (Laura & Kellogg) this Saturday at 4 p.m.

CM Williams noted to not forget to stop by and support the Center for Health & Wellness Barbecue. **Williams** also advised that Grant writing class for neighborhoods were being offered by the African American Coalition for FREE at Atwater.

Porter advised that she sent information regarding the All DAB Budget meeting and would be sending information on a Sedgwick County Jail Tour for DAB 1 & 3.

John Stevens, 3125 E. Boston advised that he has available the application to enter your neighborhood for Neighborhood University. He noted that he also sent the application to LaShonda to send out to the District 1 community.

CM Williams reminded all that the next DAB and Breakfast will be after 4th of July.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made. Motion carried 10-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:05p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
LaShonda Porter
Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

James Thompson

Stephanie Neals

Ola M. Parks

Charlotte Jackson

Colleen Edwards

James Wyatt

Debra Miller-Stevens

John Stevens

Beverly Domotrovic

Ted Knopp

Craig Gabel