

**District IV Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010
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The **District IV Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 6:30 p.m. at the Lionel Alford Branch Library, 3447 S Meridian. Three (3) Citizens were present.

Members Present (5)

Bruce Werth
Matt Goolsby
Amanda Barr
Gerald Marsh

Staff Present (11)

Tim Martz, Park and Recreation
Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office
Derrick Slocum, Planning
5 police staff
3 fire staff

Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m.

The May 5, 2010 agenda was approved 5-0 (Wilhite/Werth)
The April 7, 2010 minutes were approved 5-0 (Marsh/Werth)

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 submitted.

Staff Presentations

3. Public Safety Reports

Community Police Report

Officers present reported the following:

- Reminder to call 911 if you see suspicious people or activity due to increased residential burglaries in certain areas, especially during the day.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

4. Fire Report

Staff present stated:

- Gave statistics on fires in the area this year
- Discussed the FLASH program, which is an educational program where firefighters visit with neighbors near the fire and explain what happened and how it can be prevented in the future.

Action Taken: Received and filed.

New Business

5. Changes/Revisions to City Ordinance 9.08 Regarding Trees and Shrubs

Tim Martz, Park and Recreation, will present revisions on this ordinance. The ordinance recognizes that the City has the responsibility to maintain trees in the public right of way. The amendments set forth the procedures to be utilized by city staff to prune or remove nuisance trees or branches from trees from private property, and also recognize that the Park and Recreation Department, as opposed to the Park Board, is responsible for the maintenance, pruning and removal of trees in the public right of way. The amendments also provide for adjoining property owners to prune trees, removal of limbs up to two inches in diameter, and to remove storm damaged and broken limbs within the street right-of-way.

Staff has amended the ordinance to also include a penalty for malicious intent and allowed the judge to determine fees and jail time. The amendments also added rights to trim trees, abatement, the appeal process and notification of violation. Mr. Martz explained that shrubs are mostly planted in the right of way by citizens and that theft of other plants is covered by a different ordinance. Mr. Martz also explained that the Park Board is an advisory board while the Park and Recreation department has the authority to create and carry out policy.

These amendments have been presented to the MAPC, but not WIN. Comments/feedback has been helpful and these revisions will go to the Park Board in July and then to the City Council for review.

Action Taken: The Board recommended adoption on these ordinance changes to City Council unless major revisions are done again then it is requested to be returned to the DAB. The Board also asked that malicious intent be included in the revised amendment. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

6. No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

7. **Board Updates and Issues**

- Farmers Market starting up in Delano again this year
- CM Gray is the proud father of a new baby girl
- 2 sister cities are arriving to participate in the River Festival
- National Night Out August 3
- New Community Gardens initiative is being discussed to plant a new community garden in each district of the City.
- The City is about to undertake a citizen survey.

8. **Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.