

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

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February 5, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
443 S. 135th West

Eight (8) District Advisory Board Members attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Also in attendance were four (4) City staff. Approximately 15 members of the public were present with 9 signing the sign-in sheet.

Members Present

Dave Almes
Bob Bulman
Dave Dennis
Maurice Ediger
Andy Johnson
John Marker
Clarke Sandberg
DeAnn Sullivan

Members Absent

Jerry Hoggatt
Ann Wellborn

Staff Present

Officer Brad Haught, Police
Donna Goltry, Planning
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Guests

Betty Ladwig, 400 N. Jaax
Joey Ellzey, 107 S. Maple Dunes. 67235
Paul Tobia, 12102 Ridge Point
Bryan Frye, 3109 Ridge Port, 67205

Call to Order

District Advisory Board Pro Tem, David Dennis, called the meeting to order at 7:03. He welcomed the public and said they would have the opportunity to speak on any items on the agenda. He asked that they wait until they were asked to speak. He asked everyone to be courteous while others are speaking.

The Council Member then asked for approval of the minutes for January 22, 2007; however, staff said that a member of the public had pointed out some errors and approval would need to be considered at the March 5, 2007 meeting.

The meeting agenda was also revised and these were distributed to the Board as well as made available to the public at the sign in table. The agenda was approved through a motion by Johnson (Almes) by a vote of 8:0.

Staff Reports

Community Police Report

Community Police Officer Brad Haught, Beat 199, presented the District V Police Report. He reported that the intersections of Central & Tyler and Maize & 21st have been a priority for Police as two of the highest 25 accident intersections. Concentration is also being focused on the 500-600 blocks of Tyler due to speeding. Accidents overall increased in District V. Larceny and vandalism decreased due to the cold weather. Theft of scrap metal from businesses continues during the nighttime hours. Identification theft related to auto larceny of high-priced cars has been occurring with the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) being altered.

At Maple & Tyler, Beat 18, a white male in his 20s or 30s broke into a residence. The man was thought to be driving a light blue or primer gray Dodge pick-up.

Problems of loud music and noise continue at Lightning Joe's located at 6000 S. Holland. Issues are also associated with a club known as Blu located on the SE corner of Maple & Tyler intersection. People from the bar are also causing problems at the Quik Trip across Maple to the north. A few reports have also been received on abandoned vehicles being left at small hotels along Kellogg in the areas east & west of Tyler,

Westlink Neighborhood Association is trying to reactivate and is planning some meetings that Officer Haught plans to attend.

Johnson asked about an abandoned car at 21st & Maize to which **Officer Haught** said they would check. **Almes** expressed some concern about the traffic lines not being clear on Maple, west of Ridge and between Lowe's & Target. He said the lines angle at one point and the snow & ice had covered the lines in places, making it difficult for motorists to stay in their lane. **Officer Haught** said they would check on it and report to Public Works.

Action: Receive and file

New Business

Conditional Use 2006-56

Donna Goltry, Planning Department, presented a request for a Conditional Use for continuous movement signage for Go Wireless. Goltry gave some background including that the Conditional Use Plan for zoning has existed for Wichita/Sedgwick County since 1956. The intent of its use with this area in 1986 was to give the strip center certain standards and appearances rather than allowing additions and expansions to occur haphazardly. Prior to 1990, no restraints existed on moving signs but an amendment in 1994 to allow car wash and automotive repair on certain parcels, certain additional CUP restrictions were applied, including prohibition of flashing or moving signs. A second amendment in 1998 allowed development of warehouse, mini-storage subject to CUP and conditional use provisions.

Goltry said that the staff recommendation for this request has considered that moving electronic message signs are becoming more common as technology advances. Further consideration of the restrictions in the surrounding conditions revealed that neither the remaining CUP area (except Parcel 5A on map) nor the properties to the north prohibit moving signs. Based on this information, staff recommends that the CUP be amended with certain conditions noted in the staff report.

No area residents spoke.

Board Members asked clarifying questions including what type of sign is intended; Goltry stated a monument or pole/pylon or 2-ptylon is being considered. Dennis asked if the light would dim at night to which Goltry said yes, that's intended. This prompted a question about the dimming being self-regulated by the businesses as previously explained to the DAB when the recent presentation was made about the city consideration for regulations of LED & all similar signs. Goltry responded that the dimming was difficult to regulate with so many new options due to increases in technology.

Business owners comply when violation is noted but brightness returns eventually so it's a continuous effort for the very few inspectors who enforce the regulations.

Bulman moved that the amendment request to the CUP be recommended for approval by the City Council according to staff's recommendations for conditions. Motion passed.

Action: Recommend City Council approve subject to conditions (6:0).

Public Agenda

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for citizens to present items not shown as part of the regular meeting agenda.

Off-Agenda Items

Lisa Maxwell Lifeline representative, presented information about the non-profit agency that offers a service for people living alone who may need emergency assistance in Wichita and 48 surrounding communities. The assistance could be a need to contact 9-1-1 or it could be a need to contact a responder such as neighbor or relative who can quickly reach the person's location to assist them. The customers tend to be elderly, homebound residents.

Lifeline currently serves 2,100 in all communities with 480 individuals being served through indigent funding. The agency receives \$62,000 annually through grant funds and donations for operations. The clients pay \$35/month for the service.

Action: Receive and file.

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues, and Reports

Report on activities, events, or concerns in the neighborhoods and/or District V.

Staff provided information on several items as follows:

1. **Flood hazard maps** for Sedgwick County have been issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) after a multi-year project to re-examine flood zones. The maps may be viewed on the City's website at www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Planning/AP/Comprehensive/FloodMgmt/. More information may also be obtained from the National Flood Insurance Program's website at www.floodsmart.gov.
2. **Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WAMPO)** is hosting two public meetings in February.
 - a. Thursday, February 15th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Brief presentation on **Regional Pathway System Plan** will be given at Hyde Park Shelter, 201 S. Greenwood to provide an opportunity for anyone interested in the future of trails, pathways, bicycling, & walking to comment on the draft plan for the region.
 - b. Thursday, February 22nd, 4:00-7:00 p.m. - Review **Railroad Crossing Plan** at the WATER Center, 101 E. Pawnee, to view maps and provide input on crossing safety, congestion, and deficiencies for crossings in the area.
3. A **tribute to City Council Member Bob Martz**, who died January 17, that was previously planned for the Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 6th has been changed

to the second Tuesday in April. The change is made at the request of the City Council Member's wife, Sandy, as the April date will be after the local election when recognitions for out-going Council members are normally presented.

Ediger stated that he would like the record to show that DAB V still supports the city's consideration of speed tables as a traffic control device in residential areas. He described the speed tables he saw used in SD CA to maintain a 30 miles per hour speed limit as being a rubberized mat about 3-foot wide in which car the front set of tires are on the table while the back set of tires are off the table, causing the driver to slow down for maneuvering over the table.

Staff noted that Public Works staff was responding to Maple Dunes Homeowner Association regarding drainage issues due to expansion of Maple Street.

In addition, an e-mail was shared by staff from Assistant City Manager Cathy Holdeman regarding suggestions from a meeting that the City Manager held with the City Council. The e-mail provided ways that the DAB could act as representatives for District V due to the City Council's decision not to appoint an interim representative in Council Member Martz' absence until the April local election.

Bulman responded to the decision made by the Board at the January 22nd DAB meeting to suggest that staff communicate to the City Manager that revisions were needed to City Code Section 2.04.040 on Vacancies of elected officials. He said that in talking with other Board Members, the need for revisions is needed to assure representation for the district affected. He said that the Board thought the process is too lengthy and suggested that the City revise the code to include appointment of the DAB Chair Pro-Tem as an automatic succession for the interim representative during the process of the current code procedure. **Staff** suggested that a more effective approach might involve the Board presenting proposed code revisions for the DAB staff ex-officio to deliver to the City Manager for consideration. **Bulman** agreed to write the proposed amendments for the Board's approval.

Action: Action will be taken accordingly.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse on **Monday, March 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.**, on the regular meeting date of the first Monday of the month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
City Council District V