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District V Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2007

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The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 7 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 443 S. 135th St. W. In attendance were 12 District Advisory Board members, 3 staff and 8 citizens with 6 signing in.

Members Present

Mike Bell
Jay Buckmaster
David Dennis
Joey Ellzey
Jay Flinn
Bryan Frye
Mike Hill
Clarke Sandberg
Kelly Watkins
Pat Ream - Alternate
Logan Fritz – Youth Member
Council Member Longwell

Staff Present

Bill Longnecker, Planning Dept.
Megan Buckmaster, City Manager's Office
Clark Bolan, Community Police

Members Absent

Dana Brown
Darrell Leffew

Guests

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Order of Business

Welcome form Councilman Longwell

Call To Order

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

Motion to approve the minutes with revisions from the August 6, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

Motion to approve the revised agenda for the September 10, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 9-0.

Public Agenda

1. Off Agenda Items

No scheduled items

Non-scheduled items

Fred Warren, 546 S. Maize, asked about the decision to re- zone the area located generally at Maize Road between Maple and Kellogg for Hospital and Assisted Living facilities. He read, in the Business Journal, September 2007, that a hospital and assisted living facility were planned

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for building on that land. He noted that a decision not to zone for this type of use was made in September of 2005. The original zoning was intended for single Doctor/ Office pods and single family homes. He asked if a public hearing had taken place recently to address the re zoning.

Bill Longnecker, Planning Dept., stated that to his knowledge the zoning had not changed for that land use. He offered his contact information to Mr. Warren to further discuss his concerns. **Longnecker** would go over the ordinance and compare to recent activities.

Councilman Longwell stated that staff would check for a protective overlay, special zoning, and what zoning placed there in September of 2005.

David Dennis suggested a review of minutes from the September 2005 DAB meeting be checked for the case.

Action: Receive and file.

Staff Presentations

Community Police Report

Sergeant Clark Bolan, Patrol West, reported that there are no “big problems” in the beats of District V: 18, 19, 199. He reported several trash arson incidents in Beat 199, but the activity had ceased when school began in August. A special assignment was created to investigate these cases. Bolan reported that Larson was down since 2006 and auto thefts are up, but mostly cases involving the theft of motorcycles in the apartment complex parking lots. The auto theft department was working on these cases. **Bolan** also reported that the Community police office had been moved from Town west Shopping Mall to a storefront office in the Plaza west Shopping area located at Central and West Street. It provided more space and a more accessible location for citizens. They had already had 3 citizens walk in and report crimes.

Mike Hill asked sergeant **Bolan** about the cancellation of the police recruitment class. **Bolan** reported that there was one possibly starting in October 2007 with another one possibly starting in January.

Hill also questioned the status of cameras in police vehicles. **Bolan** reported that it was mainly tied to funding. **Councilman Longwell** stated that a “pilot project” had been approved by Council to install 2 or 3 cameras in traffic vehicles to test. **Hill** noted that cameras provided positive results: decrease in court time for cases and a decrease in false accusations.

David Dennis questioned the boundaries of patrol West. Bolan stated the boundaries to be Meridian to Maize, Seneca North, a portion of Riverside, Sims Park and 21st Street to Westdale.

Bryan Frye asked about the office hours of the new Community police office. **Bolan** stated that there were no “set” hours, but police would be there because of varied shift times and meetings from appx. 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Frye questioned the cost to the city of this new office. **Bolan** stated that the only cost at this point was for telephone lines.

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New Business

Auburn Pointe Development; ZON2007-00039

Bill Longnecker, Planning Department, reviewed the Staff Report; the proposed clinic would be located on the south end of the center. There would not be any “doggie day care,” grooming, non-medical required boarding or outside pens or runs. The only boarding would be that required due to medical considerations; there would be 12 enclosures with five indoor runs and seven cages. The office space would be constructed to incorporate additional noise attenuation features, including sand filled cinder blocks. Typical business hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with Saturday morning service. Dogs will be walked outside, and that he has a service that will collect waste. **Longnecker** reported that at the MAPC meeting on September 06, 2007 the Commission recommended approval unanimously subject to modified overlay: Animal Care Limited, this would be the only LC use in the property, and the rest of the overlay would remain intact.

Joey Ellzey questioned whether the adjustments had been made recommended by the Dab in August 2007 re: screening of trash receptacles and landscaping changes. **Longnecker** reported that in the Staff report on page 4 the changes were made: An Administrative Adjustment has been granted that modified the building setback along the east property line, eliminated dumpster screening and permitted a metal façade on the building’s east facing façade. Landscaping along the east side was to be significantly increased – 14-foot tall pine trees on 12-foot centers.

Frye motioned to approve the case.

The motion passed 8-0 with David Dennis abstaining.

Action: Approved the Zone Case to move forward to City Council.

Sedgwick County Offender Re-entry Program

Curtis Cline, Kansas Department of Corrections, presented on the Offender Re- entry Program. He noted that many offenders return “home” which means many offenders came from and return to Sedgwick County. **Cline** reviewed the history of the program, the responsibilities of the Task Force, the target population this program serves, key elements of the program and staff duties. Cline highlighted the partnership with the Commerce Dept and the education inmates receive while incarcerated to address job ready skills once they are released back into society. The WATC curriculum is being implemented for vocational training. In addition inmates are receiving 100 Life Skills hours and they can test for Work Ready certification which is a predictor for how they will perform in the work force. **Cline** discussed the financial impact of the program; the Re-entry program cost ¾ million dollars. To build more facilities to house inmates the cost is 3 million dollars. Statistics shared were: 1 year ago 10,000 offenders re entered incarceration, today that number has decreased to 8,800. Cline invited the DAB Board to the programs Open House on September 4, 2007 at their office at 212 S. Market Street.

Mike Hill commented that he was glad to see the program in operation. He was the facilitator for the first discussions of the program in 2002.

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Councilman Longwell asked about employers receiving benefits in shared wages for employing past offenders. **Cline** discussed the Workforce Investment Act, which provides wage subsidies to employers. **Cline** also mentioned additional benefits to employers through Work Opportunity tax credits.

Cline stated that Kansas was innovative in this initiative and will be seen as a leader and model for other states to implement such programs. **Cline** discussed the New Communities Initiative targeted on the 67214 zip code area. He complimented the efforts.

David Dennis asked about the programs funding and if the City had any investments made. **Cline** noted The JET Grant currently funds the program. In time the funding will come directly from Department of Corrections operating budget. The program does include a City employee from housing. This acts as an in-kind donation from the city.

Dennis asked about the Work Ready Certification; whether it is a National certification. **Cline** responded that the certification is National and a part of ACT.

BOARD AGENDA

Board Updates and Issues

Council Member Longwell

- District V Breakfast: Occurred on Saturday, September 8, 2007, 9:00 a.m. at the Northwest YMCA, 13838 west 21st St. N. It was very successful with 15 attendees.
- District V Newsletter; Copy attached to agenda packet. The plan is to have them at area Dillon's Stores and the Westlink Library: in place at Dillon's on 21st. waiting for approval from store on Central. Waiting to take to store at Auburn Hills and Westlink Library. The Dillon's store on 13th denied their placement in their store.
- New Fire Chief, **Ron Blackwell**: Will possibly bring some new initiatives to the fire dept. including a community Fire program similar to Community Police.
- **Councilman Longwell** with city leaders.
- Citizens Academy: started on Tuesday, September 5, 2007. **Longwell** encouraged DAB members to attend sessions if possible. Information is on the website: www.wichita.gov or contact **Megan Buckmaster**.

Joey Ellzey referred to the Newsletter "Under Construction" section; are there any updates on construction at Maple Road and Central to 119th and 135th. It was noted by several members that 135th needs to be addressed due to increased usage of road and construction of the new Fire Station and new Hospital on 21st St. N.

Longwell noted that these items were being discussed at WAMPO meetings. Several projects being discussed for starting in the next 2 years; 37th St b/t Tyler and Maize (4 lanes); Tyler from 21st St N.; Straightening Central in 2011; and increasing 119th to 4 lanes. **Longwell** asked staff that the DAB receive copies of the CIP to review plans in district V. **Longwell** noted that he welcomes feedback from DAB members for future building and infrastructure.

Jay Buckmaster voiced a concern that speed limits on 135th and 21st St. be reviewed for safety and a traffic light is needed at 135th and 21st St. N.

David Dennis questioned if staff had checked for a warrant for 21st N and 135th St. He asked staff to request a traffic count for that intersection.

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Bryan Frye announced the annual retreat for the Park Board on September 21, 2007. He asked for ideas or suggestions from the DAB to bring to the retreat. **Ellzey** asked about walking paths and if they were available to view anywhere. **Frye** suggested going to the Wichita.gov website to check.

Longwell announced he would not be able to attend the next meeting on October 1, 2007. The meeting is still scheduled to take place without his attendance.

Action: Receive and file.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Gary Oborny	6427 N. 143 Rd E.
Jim Byrum	824 Waddington
Gary Stamps	14157 Bluegrass Ct
Greg Allison	411 N. Webb
Fred Warren	546 S. Maize
Curtis Cline	