

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**
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**Monday
August 6, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with eleven (11) District Advisory Board members in attendance, six (6) city staff and nine (9) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Marsha Carr
Bob Schreck
Carol Skaff
Bob Aldrich
John VanWalleghen
Jaya Escobar
C. Bickley Foster
Pat Randleas
Stacie Longwell
Janet Miller

Members Absent

Staff Present

Officer Schwiethale, Patrol South
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Recio, Patrol North
Sgt. Bolan, Patrol West
Mark Manning, Finance
Jim Armour, Public Works

Guests

Listed at end

Swearing-In of DAB Members

Karen Sublett, City Clerk swore in members prior to the meeting.

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. welcoming everyone and explained how the DAB members were selected through a ranking system to serve on the 2007-08 board. **Fearey** thanked the Board for volunteering to serve and then asked to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for July 2, 2007 were approved as submitted. **(Skaff/Schreck 11-0)**

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with an amendment to add a speaker to the public agenda. **(Schreck/Skaff 11-0)**

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items: None at this time

2. Off-agenda items: *Bruce Simkins*, Amelia Earhart Neighborhood addressed members to suggest an idea about promoting the use of Buffalo grass in residential yards. *Simkins* said he had done research on the Internet and found that Buffalo grass requires little watering and does not require mowing. *Simkins* continued the City should set a site to use as a model plot with Buffalo grass for citizens to view. The one downfall is that Buffalo grass is more expensive and is installed as plug-ins. *Simkins* finished by asking members to consider this idea.

***** **Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol South: Officer Schwiethale Old Town stated there had been some issue at the skate park with graffiti and because of this there needed to be repairs made. The downtown Library project was finished. Officers had been working with the homeless shelter to get the clients to be picked up at a bus stop at First and Waco streets instead of the Library. The club at Emporia and Douglas had some liquor law problems and was being looked at. The Hispanic nightclub Loco Joe's is to open soon. Officers had been handing out surveys in Old Town to find out if people feel safe. Also the program CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design) is being looked at.

Member Skaff asked if the results of the survey would be shared with the area businesses? *Schwiethale* responded she would need to contact the Community Affairs department who did the survey to see if they would be publishing the results. **Member Aldrich** asked if there would be any electronic monitoring in Old Town? *Schwiethale* said no but it's still being discussed. They do have electronic monitoring at the Indian Center and that is how they were able to catch vandals who were damaging the lights. **Member Carr** asked if Police have talked to the skateboarders about the graffiti? *Schwiethale* responded they have gathered input and the issues have been discussed and will handout informational flyers about the graffiti so people are aware. **Skaff** asked if there would be some informational sessions on gang activity for the businesses? *Schwiethale* said yes there would the ABC GROUP and the Gang Unit offer some sessions.

Patrol North: Officer Recio, 42 Beat said Officer Sharp continues to work on the gang graffiti problem along North Broadway. Officer Norton is working on larcenies along with Prostitution around North Broadway. *Recio* continued saying he has been researching other cities on how they handle prostitution with mapping zones and if drugs are also considered when writing their ordinances. Our prostitution website is being viewed by other cities and they are contacting us as to how we were able to get this allowed onto our City website.

Patrol West: Sgt. Bolan said his community police units had been contacting bars and handing out Tips for recognizing gang issues. Also there have been special assignments to work on Business burglaries that have been taking place at night. At 13th/West we continue to have larcenies. Please call in if you see any suspicious characters in your neighborhood.

National Night Out is tomorrow August 7th. Patrol West has 80 block parties to visit. There will be a City Wide kickoff at WSU so everyone is invited to attend.

Member Aldrich asked about an incident at Orchard Park with rival gangs? *Bolan* stated SCAT and the gang unit were looking at this and gathering info and some arrests were made. **Aldrich** said Orchard Park has a neighborhood park watch that started when the skate park was installed.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

New Business

4. 2008-09 Budget Overview

Mark Manning Finance gave an overview of the 2008-09-city budget along with the CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) for District VI. *Manning* explained how the budget was used and how the funding was distributed with highlights about hiring extra firefighters, funding for the school resource officers, consolidation of the Office of Central Inspection and the Environmental Services departments, Airport and Botanic expansions and neighborhood plans. Information was provided to members for review prior to the meeting.

The following are some questions/concerns/comments made from DAB members: *responses are in Italics*

- ❑ Explain consolidation of OCI & ES: *This will be considered a one-stop shop with one inspector doing both functions.*
- ❑ Street maintenance: *Lower outcomes by reducing the amount of contract maintenance.*
- ❑ The recent bridge collapse: how do we compare: *We have three bridges in District VI that need structural repair, Minisa Bridge and 21st and 25th street. We have federal dollars for this.*
- ❑ Downtown/Old Town: the storm water drainage problem is there money for this? *At this time no.*
- ❑ In the CIP I didn't see any scheduled changes for 21st street West of Broadway only from 21st/Broadway to Market. *In 2009 there are plans to work on street improvements*
- ❑ CIP shows some work along 17th and Broadway to I-135, what is that for? *Big drainage issue and a storm sewer box will be installed to run to the canal.*
- ❑ The landfill closing is there a special fund set aside? *Yes, special revenue fund only for that purpose.*
- ❑ Project interest rates, surely we can get better interest rates than that. *These are not very good estimates. Is this money invested? Yes at all times.*
- ❑ The 21st/street improvement and railroad overpass, how will this be funded? *At this time we don't know. There is no way the city can come up with all the money; we need a plan to involve the railroad and Federal Government Transportation Boards.*
- ❑ OCI shows a \$400,000 decrease in the 2007 revised budget, why? *Several positions are being shifted from one cost to another.*
- ❑ The City's IT department – are all other departments billed correct? *Yes this is a multiple year overview. How many IT employees? There are 56.*
- ❑ Central Riverside Park has no benches around the rubberized park matting there needs to be benches.

- ❑ There are some streets that will be getting work done in 2012 and then a bridge prior to that along the same road. Why can't this construction be done together as this hurts the businesses because of so much construction?
- ❑ Who takes care of flooding and hauling trash out of the river? *Public Works Flood Control*. Does this include removal of trees? *We have to go thru the Army Corp. of Engineers for trees.*
- ❑ Brooks/ Kingsbury I don't see anything about a park or a dog park. *For Kingsbury there are no plans at this time. Dog Run Park is part of the Kansas Humane Society project located under the Animal Shelter but also there is a scheduled Dog Park for Chapin Park.*
- ❑ In 2007, \$214,000 was spent for snow removal. Wouldn't it make sense to over budget for snow? *If the snow doesn't come we have taken dollars that could be used for other resources.* Could you have one line item for seasonal issues? *This reduces our flexibility of dollars.*
- ❑ What is the \$190,000 for Woodland Park being used for? **Member Miller** said she would find out at the next Park Board meeting.

Member Schreck thanked staff for coming to District VI tonight for reviewing the budget again.

***** **Action:** Receive and File

Board Agenda

5. Problem Properties

Member Schreck thanked the neighborhood assistant for a speedy response on his problem properties he had submitted.

- ❑ 1421 E. 3rd/ Street near 3rd & Mathewson - 24" tall weeds.
- ❑ Old Burger King 10th/ Broadway behind the building at the SE corner are cut down trees that have been piled on the parking lot.

***** **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

6. Neighborhood Reports

RCA: Tuesday 8-14 will be having their annual Ice Cream Social. Everyone is invited.

Orchard Park: Celebrating their 10th/ anniversary Party in the Park on Sept.29th/ 11-3pm all are invited.

Boxing Club: Ribbon cutting ceremony on August 7th at 6:00pm. in Evergreen Park

WIN Neighborhood University: September 15th \$15.00 in advance – \$20.00 at the door

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Councilmember Updates

- ❑ Weed and Seed grant: We did not receive the funding and are going to look at reapplying for the year 2009.
- ❑ Viscous & Dangerous Dogs ordinance: There was concern about breed specific being noted in the ordinance. There will be more discussion on the issue of Pit Bull's getting micro chipped, spayed – neutered. I don't know if this will return to workshop

but do we want this to come to DAB again? *Bob Wine* WIN, stated he would like to see a WIN board member at any more meetings to discuss this issue.

- We are negotiating with the Prairie Wranglers to come to Cow Town. We will be holding a September event with food and music.

Member Escobar mentioned that the World Museum is being wooed to move to Olathe and disappointed the City of Wichita isn't asking them to stay.

Announcements

- **September DAB meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 p.m.**

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Guests

Charlene Van Walleghen	2524 Hyacinth Lane 67204 BHNA
Silvia E. Landers	Abstinence Education Inc.
Bruce Simkins	501 W 42nd N 67204
Sandra Whittington	1931 N. Mt Carmel 67203 Indian Hills N.A.
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence Indian Hills River bend N.A
Richard & Charlene Manning	500 Long lane Rd. 67204 Amelia Earhart N.A.
Bob Wine	1402 N Doris Cir Orchard Park
Carlos Contreras	2318 N. Wellington El Pueblo

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant