

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes
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**Monday
April 2, 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 ten (10) District Advisory Board members in attendance, five (5) city staff and fifty (50) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

Linda Matney
Bob Schreck
Bob Wine
John VanWalleghen
Sandra Whittington
Charlie Claycomb
Jaya Escobar
Carol Skaff
C. Bickley Foster
Marsha Carr

Members Absent

Staff Present

Off. M. Cavanaugh, Patrol South
Officer Lenzie, Patrol North
Off. G. Mallard, Patrol West
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Jim Armour, Engineering

Guests

Listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. welcoming everyone and explaining the DAB process. She then asked the DAB Members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for March 5, 2007 were approved with amendments (**Wine/Claycomb 10-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**Skaff/VanWalleghen 10-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None at this time
2. **Off-agenda items:** None at this time

Staff Presentations

3. **Community Police Report**

Patrol South: *Officer Cavanaugh*, Beat 21 Old Town stated the drinking establishments are busy and we are seeing an increase in crime. There is a new business located at 408 E. Douglas. There has been a decrease in residential and non-residential burglaries. We also know there are scams taking place targeting seniors.

Patrol West: *Officer Mallard* stated Patrol West has been very quiet and are seeing a decrease in violent crimes, residential burglaries and non-residential burglaries. We have been doing under age stings to catch stores selling beer/liquor to minors. Officer Birdwell isn't here this evening as he just finished a very intensive bike training course.

Patrol North: *Officer Lenzie* Beat 49 discussed Community Police activities for the area. Beat 41: There is a gang issue at the 400 block. W. 19th. Beat 42 the prostitution website is now showing pictures and (Dear John) letters are being sent to the homes of vehicles (identified by license tags) that were seen in the vicinity of prostitution activity. Beat 48 continues to see a graffiti issue with a sting that took place last month but no taggers were caught. Beat 49's big issue is the murder that took place at Baby Dolls Night Club. The club owner has made changes with operations and now there is a no tolerance policy. Since then there have been no more problems. The shooting was gang related. I have been working with a group of residents wanting to start an association close to Earhart School. The students have to get off the bus in front of a bar. It was asked isn't this a residential area? **Fearey** responded this was an established business when the area was annexed. She continued saying someone could go to the school district and ask to get the bus stop moved.

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

New Business

4. /5 Petition to pave 51st Street North, between Athenian and Delaware and 51st Street North between Meridian and Athenian

Jim Armour, City Engineer discussed the paving project for 51st between Meridian and Athenian explaining there had been no success in obtaining a valid petition and recommends to the City Council to order in the paving. The paving for 51st between Athenian and Delaware had a valid petition with 56% of area approval. Both projects would include curb, gutter and storm water sewer system.

At this point, **Fearey** discussed the format for hearing the cases with DAB members asking questions first and allowing staff to answer followed by public comments or questions then allow staff to answer and conclude with DAB members discussing the cases and making recommendations.

DAB members opted to hear public comment before their discussion or questions.

The following are comments from the public:

- o When I bought my home I was told there would be no new development and now there is. I wanted a country like setting and to get away from Wichita.
- o Not fair we are paying more for one side than the other.
- o I would rather live on a dirt road than have it paved.
- o The person getting the benefit should pay more. He is building a 6ft fence to alienate us from the new homes.
- o Why are there two projects? Why couldn't one side be done and not the other. *The developer is liable for the portion in front of his property and the other he is not.*
- o Couldn't the assessment be based on a different measure?
- o I'll see a decrease in my property value due to new paving.
- o In 2002, a water line was installed and now I have to pay for two assessments.

- Why do we have to pay for something we don't benefit from?
- Is this legal to do this project?
- Are there any future projects we are going to have to pay for?
- I feel this project has been divided to keep us from having more advantage to protest.
- The new development curb and guttering will not match the rest of our area.
- During construction will trucks be blocking the roads? *No.*
- How does a protest petition work? *You go file with the city clerk and she can direct you on what to do.*
- What will the speed limit be for residential and will it be posted? *30 mph is the limit in neighborhoods and city policy is to not post speed limits in residential areas.*

Responses were given from staff on the above questions/concerns.

DAB member comments/concerns follow:

- Why is there no access to Meridian? *They do not have to have access to arterial streets.*
- Does this area have sewer? *They have water but no sewer.*
- I have safety concerns, have there been many accidents in this area? Neighborhood assistant to ask Community Police to do speed radar at above locations.
- These residents are fortunate the developer will pay 75% of the cost. Most developers will not do that.
- Is the east side valid since there will be no benefit for the residents?
- When the petition was submitted and it didn't include amenities could this be reviewed again?
- If this road were not built would development continue on the south side? *Correct.*
- Adding 54 residential lots is adding lots of traffic. They will travel through your neighborhood, as they won't want to drive on a bumpy road.
- Are the ditches deep enough for drainage and if water is standing on the property how will this effect drainage on the north side? *The ditches are not deep enough and there will be a retention pond for drainage from 51st.*
- Does the subdivision on the west side have a connection to Meridian? I hope it does or there will be a lot of traffic. *Not sure.*
- Will the new development have specials? *Yes.*

Matney stated her neighborhood had the same type of issue but much safer and continued saying residents get fair service from the city but it doesn't always seem fair to everyone but you will see the benefit later.

***** **Action:** District Advisory Board VI made a motion to recommend approval of the paving project for 51st Street from Athenian to Delaware. (**Schreck/Skaff 8-2 Carr/Escobar**)

***** **Action:** District Advisory Board VI made a motion to recommend approval of the paving project for 51st Street from Meridian to Athenian and to encourage platting to the land on the south side along with including access to Meridian. (**Foster/Matney 7-3 Escobar/Carr/Claycomb**)

Claycomb saying it's unfortunate for the benefit district that residents have to pay for something they don't want.

