

DISTRICT V ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes

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January 22, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse
443 S. 135th West

Nine (9) District Advisory Board Members and one Youth Member attended the District V Advisory Board meeting. Also in attendance was three (3) City staff. Two members of the public were present.

Members Present

Dave Almes
Bob Bulman
Dave Dennis
Jerry Hoggatt
Andy Johnson
John Marker
Clarke Sandberg
Ann Wellborn
Colin Gillenwater

Members Absent

DeAnn Sullivan
Maurice Ediger

Staff Present

John Schlegel, Planning
Dave Barber, Planning
Dana Brown, City Manager's Office

Guests

Joey Ellzey, 107 S. Maple Dunes, 67235
John Poettker, 9021 Harvest Court
Bryan Frye, 3109 Ridge Port, 67205

Call to Order

Dave Dennis, Chair Pro Tem, called the meeting to order at 7:03. He welcomed the public and stated that the recent passing of City Council Member Bob Martz had been a tremendous loss for everyone. He said all of the members of the Board had been honored to serve Bob. He then said a prayer and afterward, invited anyone who wanted to say a few words about Bob to do so. Most everyone who spoke noted Bob's leadership, integrity, service to District V and the city, willingness to listen, special relationship with Bob, humor, kindness, and consistency. Dennis thanked everyone and said the business meeting would begin.

Dennis then told the public that if they wished to speak on an agenda item to wait until given the opportunity. He asked persons to be courteous and refrain from discussing an item with another person at the meeting.

Dennis asked for approval of the minutes for the January 8, 2007; they were approved by a vote of 8-0 (**Johnson/Dennis**). The agenda for the current meeting was approved as presented.

New Business

Arena Neighborhood Area Redevelopment

John Schlegel, Planning, reviewed a draft plan for developing the area, which will surround the arena. The area is bounded by the central rail corridor on the east, Kellogg on the south, Main

Street on the west and extends ½ block north of Douglas. The draft is being presented to all District Advisory Boards pursuant to presenting to City Council for action.

The plan is proposed by Gould Evans, a private consultant, with oversight by a 19-member steering committee. In addition to the steering committee, the consultant has worked closely with area stakeholders, residents, landowners, business representatives and community-at-large on developing the plan.

The vision for this portion of downtown is to become an urban place where people want to live, work, and visit due to its proximity to downtown assets. Guiding principles were used to build on existing linkages & assets; encourage private investment; acknowledge distinct districts, manage parking & enhance motility; and commit to implementation to maximize return on public investment.

Schlegel detailed the “personalities” of the four distinct districts including Douglas Street Corridor; English/William Street District; Broadway Neighborhood District; and Commerce Street Arts District. He also spent considerable time on parking and mobility, a controversial topic for the project.

In addition, Schlegel explained the implementation aspect, noting that the adoption of the proposed plan currently involves no commitment of funding from the City or Sedgwick County but does propose physical infrastructure improvements such as lighting, street, & sidewalk improvements as capital improvements over the next 10-15 years, totaling several million dollars. He concluded by stating that the City must create a development entity that will move quickly to oversee implementation, use its assets to attract initial redevelopment, and make strategic public investments to support private investments.

Board input included consideration of a walkway to the Train Museum; adequate shuttles for handling transportation to/from parking areas without lengthy wait time; street parking remain in place for business areas; and, the need for gateway to arena area to “see before you get there.” Public input included concern for handling traffic; support for entity to coordinate use of existing area/downtown parking; possibly offering an assigned parking space with purchase of event ticket for additional fee; and recognition that parking for events will eventually be worked out once arena begins holding events.

Action: Feedback provided on draft Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan.

Public Agenda

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

No public items were presented.

Board Agenda

Updates, Issues, and Reports

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

Board Members acknowledged having received the City Manager's response from staff regarding the Council's decision not to make an interim appointment to the District V seat until elections in April. However, concern was expressed for the current process due to its lack of efficiency and the need for updating. They also pointed out that three months without representation for District V on the City Council was equal to one-fourth of the year, which they felt was too much time. **Staff** suggested that the Board propose changes to the City Code, Section 2.04.040 pertaining to a City Council vacancy created by the death of a council member. Once the recommended proposed changes were created and forwarded to the DAB V staff person, the recommendation would be presented to the City Manager. **Bob Bulman** agreed to write the proposed changes and provide to the other members for input.

With no further items, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting for District Advisory Board V is scheduled at Auburn Hills Clubhouse at **7:00 p.m. on February 5, 2007**, as the regular monthly meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Brown, Neighborhood Assistant
City Council District V