

**District V Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
February 04, 2008**
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The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 443 S. 135th St. W. In attendance were 8 District Advisory Board members, 5 staff and 2 citizens with 1 signing in.

Members Present

Council Member Longwell
David Dennis
Dana Brown
Joey Ellzey
Mike Hill
Jay Buckmaster
Kelly Watkins
Clarke Sandberg
Jay Flinn
Pat Ream- Alternate

Staff Present

Officer Nichelle Woodrow, WPD
Lieutenant Guy Schroeder, WPD
Shawn Maloney, Environmental Services
Maurice Terrebonne, Environmental Services
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Assistant

Members Absent

Bryan Frye
Darrell Leffew
Mike Bell
Logan Fritz- Youth Member

Guests

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Order of Business

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Motion to approve the minutes from the January 07, 2008 meeting. Motion passed 7-0. *

Motion to approve the agenda for the February 04, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 7-0*

(*Flinn not in attendance at this time)

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled items

Scheduled item Karen Lippoldt, Youthville, presenting on Multi-Dimensional Treatment in Foster Care to be heard after Environmental Services presentation*

(* speaker was not present at time of scheduled item)

2. Off Agenda items

No off agenda items

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Officer Nichelle Woodrow, Community Police reported on crime stats on beats: 16, 18, 19, 199. As a whole things have been fairly quiet. Residential burglaries are down. **Beat 16:** There is an increase in auto theft at apartment complex areas. There were 4 thefts at 101 s. Ridge- all were unoccupied running cars. A flyer was passed out and information will go out in apartment complex newsletters. These thefts occur in early morning hours and on colder days.

Beat 18: Nothing to report. **Beat 19:** There is an increase in residential burglaries through open garage doors. A neighborhood meeting occurred on Wednesday, January 16th with 120 residents in attendance. After that meeting the officer scanned the neighborhood in the early morning hours and found 4 open garage doors. Residents were called around 2-3 a.m. and asked to close their garage doors. No arrests have been made. **Beat 199:** Nothing to report.

Joey Ellzey commented that before the holidays around 135th and Maple there was 1 auto and 1 residential burglary. The offender is a known youth in the area. He wondered what steps residents could take to help this situation. **Officer Woodrow** responded that if anyone sees suspicious activity such as seeing the youth in the early hours, they should call 911.

Lieutenant Guy Schroeder introduced himself as the acting Commander of the Patrol West Bureau while **Captain Dessenberger** is on Military leave.

Action: Receive and file.

3. Environmental Services

Shawn Maloney, Environmental Services (ES) Manager, presented on the year end statistics for environmental services including: air quality, Animal Services and Shelter, Child Care, Environmental Assessment and Remediation, Environmental Maintenance and Nuisance Abatement, Food Protection and Tobacco Compliance, and Stormwater Management. He shared the main points and accomplishments of each section.

Dana Brown asked what the “response rate” term meant in regards to the Animal Services data: response rate to requests for service 2007- 98.16%. **Maloney** responded that it was from the number of calls/ complaints that come in how many of those calls were responded to. **Brown** asked what a general response was. **Maloney** responded that a response is an action taken: animal control staff taking the call and going to site to investigate complaint/ concern.

Maurice Terrebonne joined the presentation by discussing the Water Quality and Swimming Pool program. He reported on the Crypto (cryptosporidium) cases.

Joey Ellzey raised concern over the statistic of compliance checks for selling tobacco products to people of legal age, conducted in 2007- 40. **Maloney** responded that is was due to other areas of ES holding priority and being understaffed. In 2007 a priority was given to food handling. In 2008 the priorities will shift and Tobacco compliance checks will be more frequent. **Maloney**

also mentioned the program where youth go through a program to become agents: training, background checks, and agreements. Terrebonne said he would check on the situation and provide the information.

Brown asked if the funding for Health Education program for Tobacco control going to the county had anything to do with the drop in compliance checks. For example: from 2005-2006, the time of the funding shift, the numbers dropped from 210 to 58.

Lieutenant Schroeder mentioned that WPD conducts 2 visits/ checks per year. When a non-compliance id found a recheck is conducted rather quickly. WPD does this at liquor stores as well.

Longwell mentioned that the Council voted on a stricter dog ordinance for dangerous dogs. Council asked ES to monitor dog bites in relation to the new ordinance closer and provide quarterly reports. Maloney responded that they are using new software to help track cases and will provide quarterly reports.

Action: Receive and file.

Return to Public Agenda

Karen Lippoldt, Youthville, presented on Multi-Dimensional Treatment in Foster Care (MDTFC). The program started in the mid 1980's. This is the only program of its kind in the Midwest. It is a 6-9 month program with a year of follow up care. She shared a packet of more detailed information on the program; how MTFC is different than other foster care programs; MTFC objectives; What MTFC can offer the community; a cost effective analysis; and contact information. She asked that if anyone is interested in becoming a foster family or knows of a child who may need this care to please contact her.

Ellzey asked where these foster children attend school. **Lippoldt** responded in neighborhood schools or day schools depending on their situation/ needs.

Brown questioned an earlier comment made by **Lippoldt**; " We especially like Military families willing to take teenagers". **Lippoldt** clarifies that they like ex Military families because they tend to be more stringent and less likely to form an emotional bond.

David Dennis asked about what happens at the end of the 9-month program when they re enter into their old environment. **Lippoldt** responded that they receive a year of follow up care. The children usually return to their birth parent home, long term foster care or become independent due to their age.

Ellzey asked about the ages of the children in this program. **Lippoldt** responded they have youth as young as 11 soon to turn 12 up to age 18.

Pat Ream asked whether there are female youth in the program. **Lippoldt** responded that about ½ of the children are females. The boys have an easier buy in to the "rules" of the program and the girls are more stubborn.

New Business

No New Business heard

BOARD AGENDA

Board Updates and Issues

Council Member Longwell: discussed the Cowskin Creek Groundbreaking Ceremony that took place earlier in the day, 3:00 p.m. He shared that several city, county and federal dignitaries were in attendance: Mayor Carl Brewer, Congressman Todd Tiahrt, representatives from Senator Pat Roberts and Senator Sam Brownback's offices, U.S. Army C.O.R.P. Col. Anthony Funkhouser, and County Commission Chairman Tom Winters.

Longwell updated the Board on the City Manager search process. The Council has adopted the first phase. He noted that the hiring will take longer than the anticipated date of June or July, and that the city is fortunate to have Dr. Flentje in the interim. Dr. Flentje comes to the position with much experience and knowledge about government. The Council will most likely not use outside consultants for the search, but use their best resource, Dr. Flentje, to lead the search. A "citizen" search committee will be formed which each Councilmember will make 2 appointments.

Longwell shared his participation on a committee reviewing CORE Area parking solutions. This committee is not only evaluating best practices for the new arena parking, but for the entire downtown area, business and residential. This process will most likely take 8-10 years to incorporate all parking needs in this area.

David Dennis asked what problems had happened at the Starbird Car Show at Century II. **Longwell** responded that a new fee structure was put in place although it had not been presented nor approved by the City Council. The council would be reviewing the policy and possible corrections will be made.

Megan Buckmaster reminded the board of the next Councilman's breakfast meeting: Saturday, March 1st, 9:30 a.m. at the Village Charter Tours office located at 21st St and Tyler. A reminder will be sent out closer to the date.

Action: Receive and file.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Buckmaster, Neighborhood Assistant

Guests

Karen Lippoldt

Youthville