

**District V Advisory Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 7, 2007**  
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The **District V Advisory Board Meeting** was held at the 7:00 p.m. at the Auburn Hills Golf Course Clubhouse, 443 S. 135<sup>th</sup> St. W. In attendance were seven (7) District Advisory Board members, five (5) staff and approximately twenty (20) citizens with eighteen (18) signing in.

**Members Present**

David Almes  
David Dennis  
Maurice Ediger  
Jerry Hoggatt  
Andy Johnson  
DeAnn Sullivan  
Ann Wellborn

**Staff Present**

Kelli Glassman, City Manager's Office  
Officer Woodrow, Police  
Captain Tenbrook, Police  
Chris Carrier, Public Works  
Kay Johnson, Environmental Services

Council Member Longwell

**Members Absent**

Bob Bulman  
John Marker  
Clarke Sandberg

**Guests**

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**Order of Business**

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Almes (Hoggatt)** moved to approve the agenda for the May 7, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

**Dennis (Hoggatt)** moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2007 meeting. Motion passed 7-0.

**Public Agenda**

*The public agenda allows members of the public to present issues not on the agenda to the Board. Each presentation is limited to five minutes unless extended by the Board.*

**1. Scheduled Items**

No items were submitted.

**2. Off-Agenda Items**

**Joey Ellzey**, 107 S. Maple Dunes, asked for an updated on the project for widening 135<sup>th</sup> St. **Kelli Glassman** stated that she would look into this and provide an update.

No items were submitted.

## **Staff Presentations**

### **3. Community Police Report**

**Officer Woodrow** gave a report of the following beats in the district:

- **16 beat** – there have been 21 larcenies to autos parked along West Kellogg. A possible suspect has been identified and a special project to address this issue will begin after the river festival. “If I Were a Thief” flyers were also distributed to make the public more aware of how to prevent becoming a victim of auto larceny.
- **17 beat** – There have been complaints about shooting turkeys late at night which police are trying to address by doing surveillance in unmarked cars. Police are also running more radars in residential areas.
- **19 beat** – 10 residential burglaries with 6 of those occurring at residences with open garage doors. Police are distributing informational flyers to residents to help decrease this crime.
- **199 beat** – Police in this area have worked hard at increasing traffic enforcement

**Johnson** asked if there were rules about police cars speeding? **Officer Woodrow** responded that if an emergency vehicle is speeding, they must have their emergency lights on, or otherwise they must obey all traffic laws.

**Almes** mentioned that there has been an increase in vandalism with bb guns.

**Dennis** mentioned that there are a few street signs and trees knocked down in the Rainbow Lakes area.

**Action Taken:** Received and filed.

## **New Business**

### **4. Cadillac Lakes Project Update**

**Chris Carrier, Public Works**, presented an update on this item at the request of Councilmember Longwell.

City Council has approved a development agreement between the City and the developer defining everyone’s role in this process. PEC consultants did a study and found that this project will hopefully alleviate flooding in this area, protect most of the wetlands in the area and allow

for future development. The Corps of Army Engineers permit has been applied for and there will be a public meeting June 19, which will be an open house, followed by testimony. If the permit is denied, then the project cannot be done and will have to be re-evaluated. If the permit is approved, then eventually it will become a special assessment project, but the City Council is in the process of evaluating funding for CIP projects such as this. Platting, zoning and design issues will also be worked out once the permit is approved. The public will be allowed to provide input on design.

**Action Taken:** Received and filed.

## **5. Proposed Revisions to the Animal Code**

**Kay Johnson, Environmental Services**, presented the item. The Environmental Services Department administers Title Six of the City Code, which includes regulations for animal control and protection. Officers assigned to the department's Animal Services section enforce Chapter 6.04, which deals with animals running at large, dangerous animals, licensing of dogs, and cruelty to animals. The section receives approximately 22,000 citizen requests for service annually, investigates over 800 animal bites or attacks, and conducts more than 1800 cruelty investigations. Leash law and licensing enforcement also result in over 1600 citations annually.

Proposed changes to Chapter 6.04 include clarification of code requirements, enhanced enforcement mechanisms, requirements that better address current concerns with dangerous dogs and inherently dangerous breeds, and a revision of license fees. The proposed changes furthers the City Council's "Provide a Safe and Secure Community" goal via more aggressive regulation of dangerous animals and enhanced enforcement of animal control standards.

During last year's budget process, the Council approved addition of three animal control officers to better address citizen needs. The proposed revision of license fees will fund the additional staff and provide support for program activities. The basic license fee is increased from twelve to eighteen dollars, and the surcharge for animals not spayed or neutered is increased from five to eighteen dollars. Revenue projections are based on issuance of 40,000 dog owner licenses, with animals that are not spayed or neutered comprising ten percent of the total. There is also a proposed breeder's license requirement and fee.

**Hoggatt** asked if a dog is allowed one free bite. **Ms. Johnson** stated that right now that is the case, but under the new law, each bite case would be evaluated and the dog may be considered dangerous. If so, the owner may need to take additional safety precautions such as proper fencing and microchip.

**Sullivan** asked how expensive microchip is. **Ms. Johnson** responded that it is about \$20 or \$30, but they are considering a \$2 rebate on the licensing fee which is proposed to increase from \$12 to \$18) for those owners who get their dog a microchip.

It was asked whether people breeding dogs have reviewed this ordinance. **Ms. Johnson** stated that they have. They do not like reference to specific breeds and feel some of the fees are too

high. Several citizens and board members discussed the issue of including specific breeds in the ordinance at length.

**Alms** asked if these new changes would be able to be enforced. Ms. Johnson responded the 2 of the 3 new animal control positions have been filled and that they have asked for a couple more this year also.

It was asked whether the tethering law is effective. **Ms. Johnson** responded that it is very effective, particularly in dog fighting situations, because the owner gets so frustrated trying to comply that they will often relinquish the dog.

When asked whether these issues surrounding dangerous dogs only pertained to big dogs, **Ms. Johnson** stated that they have had problems with smaller dogs also.

**Dennis** asked if Environmental Services is the correct place to call when you see a dead animal. **Ms. Johnson** explained that you do call Environmental Services to report a dead animal, but if the animal is wild, you should contact the Parks and Wildlife Department.

It was asked whether there has been a problem with bees. **Ms. Johnson** stated that there is a problem with swarms of bees and protecting against the viruses that they carry.

It was asked whether licensing fees would be waived if just the dog was in the armed services or the owner of the dog was in the armed services. **Ms. Johnson** stated that she thought the waiver applied only to those dogs that were in the service, but that she would check to make sure.

**Dana Brown**, asked for clarification in the ordinance regarding the number of offenses to these ordinances in relation to the court fines and sanctions. **Ms. Johnson** stated that often times these cases are prosecuted at the first offense and that these ordinance revisions will give them a mechanism to impose stricter penalties and deal with vicious dogs in a more expedient and efficient manner.

**Ms. Johnson** stated that the City Council will review the Board's and public input at a June workshop.

**Action Taken:** Provided feedback and input for City Council consideration.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

6. No items were submitted.

## **BOARD AGENDA**

7. **Board Updates and Issues**

**Councilmember Longwell** was welcomed as the new councilmember for District V and explained that he will have the pro-tem Board member run these meetings in order to observe the citizen input process and allow it to work as intended. **Mr. Longwell** further announced that the composition of the Board would change in the next couple of months. He also provided an update on the trash containers at Auburn Point. The developer met with the homeowners in the area and they compromised on screening conditions for these containers. Finally, **Councilmember Longwell** stated that he has asked staff to keep him apprised of the zone change at 1424 S. Maize due to drainage concerns.

**Dana Brown** was congratulated and appreciated for her many years of service as Neighborhood Assistant for District V.

**Dennis** mentioned that two items he would like to see the Board continue to pursue are speed tables and a bridge over the Big Ditch.

**Action Taken:** Received and Filed.

## **8. Adjournment**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

### **Guests**

Sid Arpin	900 E. 27th
Jeff & Melinda Bannon	201 N. Wood
Hank Blasé	2302 N. Hood
Dana Brown	1364 N. Cardington
Cherryl Cox	8906 Ryan Circle
Millie Dold	3448 N. Emporia
Joey Ellzey	107 S. Maple Dunes
Jay Flinn	9422 Sterling St
Bryan Frye	3109 Rodgeport
Wess Galyon	730 N. Main
Ann Johnson	2310 Chadsworth
D.W. Mallonee	9414 W. Ryan
M.S. Mitchell	1215 Forest
Hank Price	8404 W. 13th
Jay Schweikert	2367 N. Crestline Ct
George Sherma	727 N. Waco suite: 400
Monty Sowder	2615 N. Keith Ct.
Robert Timmons	2667 N. Keith Ct.