

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes**

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**Monday  
May 7, 2007  
7:00 p.m.**

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

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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 nine (9) District Advisory Board members in attendance, four (4) city staff and thirteen (13) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Linda Matney

**Staff Present**

Off. Kiminnau - Old Town  
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant  
Off. Davidson, Patrol West  
Don Henry, Environmental Services

**Guests**

Listed at end

**Bickley Foster**, first pro-tem called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked the DAB Members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board. At 7:05 p.m. **Council Member Fearey** arrived and took over as chairperson for the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for April 2, 2007 were approved with amendments (**Foster/Carr 9-0**)

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved with an amendment. (**Wine/Claycomb 9-0**)

**3. Community Police Report**

*Patrol West, Officer Davidson* began by saying in the Orchard Park area since the end of April there have been pit bulls running loose. There has even been a small dog killed by the pit bulls. On April 25<sup>th</sup> our team patrolled Orchard Park including Beat 15 picking up four dogs where dog owners had to be cited. There has been speeding along 9<sup>th</sup> street and a complaint was opened to now monitor the area. Also, the Orchard Park center is working with Bryant and Hadley schools that are looking at including a GO ZONES program for youth. **Carr** asked how often do officers patrol the park? *Davidson* responded they monitor the parks regularly. **Carr** then said there has been an increase in people walking their dogs and letting them run loose in Riverside Park. *Davidson* said he would report this to the other officers at Patrol West.

*Patrol South; Officer Kiminnau* Beat 22 Old Town said the apartment complex for 507 –509 would be condemned soon. There has been an increase in burglaries of abandoned buildings taking copper to sell for money. Citations have been given to speeders along Broadway/Kellogg. Also, we are doing compliance checks on motorcycles to reduce fatalities. We make sure they are licensed, have insurance and are checking the condition of bike.

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

### **New Business**

#### **4. Revision of Chapter 6.04 (Animal Control and Protection)**

*Don Henry, Environmental Services* presented on the revision 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. His purpose is to gather input from the public to determine the final regulations for an ordinance to be set. His department has also met with the Wichita Kennel Club and area veterinarians to gather their input. *Henry* continued to describe some of the reasons/issues that required the revision. There is major concern about pit bull dogs attacking and biting other dogs and humans. We know not all pit bulls are bad as long as their owners care for them you won't see a problem. Some input already gathered has indicated there should be micro chips to track dogs, breeders should be licensed or all pit bulls need to be spayed/neutered and restrict pit bulls to two (2) per household. Any pit bull at this time would be grandfathered in to the new ordinance but all new pit bulls would be required to become licensed.

The following are comments from DAB members: *responses are in italics.*

- Why is this ordinance singling out a certain breed?
- Wouldn't it be better to monitor dangerous dogs instead of just based on behavior?  
*This is a problem in Wichita as pit bull bites severity is much higher that's why the ordinance has been made breed specific.*
- Vicious behavior can be based on the owner and how the dog is trained.
- What trends do you see for regulating dogs in Kansas? *Some cities have a ban on certain dogs and they see decreases in bites.*
- What other organizations have you presented this to? *Veterinarians Association, Kansas Humane Society and the Kennel Club.*
- How many dog bites do you see on private or public property? *Not sure as the pit bulls are running at large.*
- Will this allow licensed breeders to have as many dogs as they want? *Whatever State Statute allows. To have a breeder license they will have to follow the rules with inspection from City and State.*
- We think this revision should not be based on breed specific and the ordinance would last longer.
- Statistics show this is a serious problem in our community and the ordinance is good as it stands.
- How does the AKC compare with other cities on this ordinance?

*Henry* finished by saying the revisions submitted we will stand behind but will take any input from the AKC into consideration.

*Pat Deshler, Kennel Club* and Licensed breeder said there is no way to do this fairly. State licensing for breeders is based on the size litter produced and puppies sold. I congratulate the Health Department on tougher rules for pit bulls. I believe the non-breed specific is a better use for the ordinance.

*Larry Moody, Kennel Club* commented there is a lot that we agree with on the definition of dangerous dogs. I have taken the info and passed out to American Kennel Club.

**Fearey** stated anyone could email comments about this presentation to Don Henry or Kay Johnson.

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** The District Advisory Board considered the proposed changes and noted the revision should not be based on breed-specific.

### **Board Agenda**

#### **5. Problem Properties**

- Graffiti continues to be added to the 11<sup>th</sup> street Bridge on River Blvd.
- Graffiti near Minisa at 13<sup>th</sup>/Jeanette utility box.
- 11<sup>th</sup>/ between Forest and Carlos on South side of street on the gate on the wooden fence in the alley. You can see this from 11<sup>th</sup>/Street.

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

#### **6. Neighborhood Reports**

- **Orchard Park:** held their clean up last Saturday and was successful due to weather conditions.
- **Indian Hills** will hold their neighborhood garage sale after Memorial Day.
- **Benjamin Hills** held a clean up on April 14. We recycled items and with four trailers of salvage we collected \$250.00
- **Dream in Green**-interesting presentation and very informative and is being replayed on channel 7.
- **Abstinence only program:** Six (6) states have dropped this program. A survey has proven this program doesn't work. Now there is to be an increase in the budget for the program brochure, which shows DAB VI listed supportive of this program. **Carr** mentioned it should show in the minutes if we supported this program or not. **Fearey** commented the brochure is vague about DAB supporting the program.
- **DAB selection:** You should have received letters about how to be reselected for serving on the DAB. If you're interested or know anyone interested you may email me.

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

### **Updates from Council Member**

I have met with the Mayor and he is asking each council member to name the top 10 items for their District with the five most important items to be completed within two years. I have

projects that I would like to see done but would like to hear what is important to you. The following is what was mentioned:

- Additional parking in Old Town
- Transportation between downtown districts.
- The egrets' are coming to Wichita since Hutchinson is getting rid of them by shooting fireworks to scare them. Please don't let them come.
- Rest stops between Lawrence Dumont and the arena for people that want to walk.
- Installed sewer mains for this entire district.

**Fearey** asked if everyone liked the new bus benches that installed all over town?

*Jerry Prichard* asked about Minisa Bridge and when would the repairs begin? **Fearey** responded council would vote on this project on Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>. There are meetings taking place between City staff, North High school and the neighborhood to discuss traffic patterns. The bridge will be closed for six months and construction will start this summer.

*Bruce Simkins* stated on the weekly report he receives of city info it's all about projects to do with Public Works and none to improve City Government communication. There should be an objective to work better with neighbors and staff. *Simkins* proceeded to mention the previous issue about the Environmental Services department and not receiving a response from director Kay Johnson on his questions. **Schreck** suggested *Simkins* meet with Don Henry on this as we have given you ideas to consider and you refuse to do them.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

### Guests

John Dittmer	823 Litchfield 67203 RCA
Jerry Prichard	1607 N. Clarence Indian Hills-Riverbend NA
B. Simkins	501 W. 42 <sup>nd</sup> St. N. 67204
Janice Arnold	3448 N. Emporia 67219 Kansas Joy Dog Club
Christine Eberle	1814 Joann NW Big River NA
Larry Moody	3448 N. Emporia Wichita Kennel Club
Nancy Moody	3448 N. Emporia Wichita Kennel Club
Tom Chase	3110 N. Mead Wichita Kennel Club
Charlene & Richard Manning	500 Lonfare Wichita Kennel Club
Pat Deshler	3448 N. Emporia WKC Budlin
Tyson Artz	3448 N. Emporia WKC Budlin
Delora Donavan	1559 Ferrell Dr. NRNA

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant