

**Sedgwick County 3rd District
Citizens Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2018
Goddard School's Conference Center
7:00 p.m.**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order – Ms. Jessica Mounts called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes – Ms. Janice Manlove made the motion to approve the minutes. Motion was 2nd by Mr. Larry White. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC AGENDA

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of ZON2018-30 – David Yearout, Principal Planner, MAPD

Mr. Yearout: This item will be heard by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission (MAPC) on Thursday, Aug. 9. The property is proposed to be platted for smaller lot sizes. Rural residential property allows for a minimum lot size of five acres whereas single family-20 zoning allows for 20,000 square foot lots. Flooding issues around that area will also be addressed through the platting process. The City of Colwich is okay with the plat.

Ms. Manlove: What about water and sewage hookups? The properties will be too small for a lagoon but they will most likely have onsite systems.

Ms. Manlove: Is there anything that can be done to stop rural development and its water intake/ the impact on farmers? No, the properties would have the right to one domestic water well.

Ms. Manlove: Was there any opposition from the neighbors? None anticipated.

Mr. Phil Meyer (agent): The applicant had reached out to most (all but one) neighbor to discuss the actions.

Ms. Manlove moved to support the case; seconded by Mr. White. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of CON2018-31 – David Yearout, Principal Planner, MAPD

Mr. Yearout: The MAPC will consider this item on Aug. 23. Cox Communications has acquired the site and plans to build an “unmanned telecommunications facility.” It is essentially a building

with computers/ technology and a breakroom; staff will only be there periodically. Staff has received one phone call regarding this topic but the resident was appeased to learn that it did not mean that a tower was going to be built.

Mr. David Wright: Since this is one mile south of St. Theresa's, what is the intended development for the next 10-20 years in that area?

Mr. Yearout: Currently there are no plans in place; the corner itself has been zoned commercial since 2000.

Mr. Wright: This looks like the Northwest Bypass would go through it. Additional concerns include the landscaping and how it will look when QuikTrip goes in across the street – 21st Street is a major corridor now.

Ms. Manlove: Cox Communications is buying the flag shape? How big is the proposed building?

Mr. Yearout: The building will be 40 feet by 60 feet.

Ms. Manlove moved to support the conditional use; Mr. White seconded the motion. Both were withdrawn for a more specific motion.

Mr. Wright moved to support it with consideration given to architectural character of the building and plan for landscaping and screening with regard to future residential development along the 21st Street corridor. Ms. Manlove seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

Review of the 2019 Manager's Recommended Budget – Lindsay Poe Rousseau, CFO

Ms. Poe Rousseau shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the proposed 2019 budget for Sedgwick County and Sedgwick County Fire District 1.

Chairman David Dennis (*slide 7*): The policy decision regarding the Fire District 1 mill levy will be made on Budget Adoption Day. The fire station in Andale needs to be repaired and there's potential to buy a 100 foot aerial truck so he was not sure it would be prudent to change the mill levy. The Fire District is severely impacted when a city annexes property.

Mr. Kevin McWhorter: The Fire District's budget was nearly insolvent?

Ms. Poe Rousseau: The Governing Body of Fire District 1 could have raised the mill levy but residents would not have received any additional service. There were a number of factors impacting the budget such as annexation by cities, the Great Recession, and a union with two year contracts which had three percent raises for employees.

Mr. McWhorter: Do you have a forecast for the Fire District that includes annexations?

Ms. Poe Rousseau: The dollar amounts are not known but in a few years the City of Wichita may be able to annex property (industrial corridors).

Chairman Dennis (slide 10): One of my priorities, and one of former advisory board member Karl Coster's priorities, is an EMS crew to better serve western Sedgwick County.

Mr. White: The six call taker positions are six bodies?

Ms. Poe Rousseau confirmed that it was six individuals.

Chairman Dennis: The Substance Use position will help out a lot of our departments. Opioids severely impact the Sheriff's Office, EMS, COMCARE, District Attorney, and District Court. We do not know the cost to the community but it is huge. This position will work with the upcoming mental health position. If any board member is interested, there is an opioid summit on Oct. 25 at the Hughes Metroplex on 29th Street and Oliver.

Ms. Poe Rousseau: The Andale fire station would be remodeled and not rebuilt.

Mr. McWhorter (slide 13): Has the Board of County Commissioners had any conversation about interest rates in regards to bonding.

Chairman Dennis: The conversation between the BOCC now is more about using cash or bonding for projects.

Mr. White (slide 16): All County employees are outstanding therefore they all will get bonuses.

Chairman Dennis (slide 21): One project listed is to pave the entrance at an industrial area in Maize.

Mr. White (closing): The 2019-2020 budget the City of Wichita puts together is such a waste of people's time.

Mr. McWhorter: Did the County forecast assessed valuation?

Ms. Poe Rousseau: Yes, it is roughly double what the City of Wichita projects and shared the budget page which reflects that information.

BOARD AGENDA

1. Ms. Manlove commented that several houses were building brick/ palace-type mailboxes and she was under the impression that mailboxes had to be able to breakaway.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONER DENNIS

1. Congratulations to Kate and Lauren for being finalists for the Distinguished Young Professionals award through Young Professionals of Wichita. Kate received one of the awards.
2. Be sure you vote tomorrow.
3. There will be a public hearing regarding the budget at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9.

4. Mike Borchard, County Appraiser, announced his retirement.
5. The previously mentioned opioid summit will be an all-day event.
6. INTRUST Bank Arena was selected to host Women's NCAA Regional Rounds in 2022. It's like the Elite 8.
7. The County sold the Greyhound Park at auction and he hopes to earmark those funds for an administration building.
8. Members of the Zoo's Executive Board are selling tickets to Zoobilee.
9. As a member of the USS Wichita Executive Committee he confirmed that the ship had passed its sea trial and will be commissioned in Florida in December.
10. He was elected vice-chair of WAMPO.
11. The homelessness problem in Wichita is more apparent with the closure of Nafsgar Park. On Aug. 14 there will be a meeting to discuss homelessness between Wichita and Sedgwick County leaders.
12. There is no further update regarding the Andale Fire but he still has concerns.
13. Next month, the Chairman suggested discussing a white paper regarding fire services.
14. He attended Rotary today. The presenter, a retired Commander from McConnell spoke about stress and how the amygdala controls decision making when stressed.
15. Glenn Steele submitted a resignation letter this afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

Larry White made a motion to adjourn. Motion was 2nd by Aaron Hamilton. Motion was passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 10 at Goddard School's Conference Center.