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District 1 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 18, 2021
5:30 p.m.

Bel Aire City Hall
7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS 67226

Board Members in Attendance: Daniel Bateman, Judah Craig, Amy Cox, Kendall Hershberger, Jacqueline Kelly, Dr. Stephanie Kuhlmann, James Reid, Drake Robinson

County Representatives in Attendance: Commissioner Pete Meitzner; Mike Pepoon, County Counselor; Nicole Gibbs, Community Relations Specialist

1. Call to Order

- a. Commissioner Meitzner called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. He reminded members to contact Nicole Gibbs for day of notifications and questions.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. A motion was made by Daniel Bateman to approve the minutes for the Sept. 20, 2021 District 1 Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) meeting. Judah Craig seconded this motion. **The CAB approved the motion with a vote of 8-0.**

3. Public Agenda

- a. Lonny Wright commented on allowing business owners to sit on CABs

4. New Business

- a. Bylaws of the District 1 Citizens Advisory Board
 - i. County Counselor Mike Pepoon reviewed the CAB Bylaws. A motion was made by Jacqueline Kelly with a second by Daniel Bateman to approve the bylaws. **The CAB approved the motion with a vote of 8-0.**
- b. Establishment of Chair/Viceperson
 - i. Commissioner Meitzner spoke on delaying a vote on establishing a Chair/Viceperson due to recommending an amendment be made to the D1 CAB Resolution. Commissioner Meitzner is asking the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to amend the D1 CAB resolution to add the ability for business owners in the district to be members of the CAB. He also shared that there are 3 open positions on the CAB. **Members will vote at the next meeting to select a Chair and Chair Pro Tem.**
- c. Redistricting
 - i. County Counselor Mike Pepoon shared that every ten years, dictated by state statute and following the release of updated census data, the county is required to go through a redistricting process. The goal of this process is to reach compactness and equalize the amount of population in each district. The hope is to keep each district at around 104,000 voters and +/- 1% difference between districts. Mapping software used by the Department of Geographic Information Systems created eight scenarios that were presented to the BOCC who are now discussing with their CABs and the public. In order to adopt a new district boundary map, it has been voted and approved by the BOCC through a resolution. There is no specific deadline, but the hope is to complete the redistricting process by the end of the year.

1. Jacqueline Kelly spoke in favor of the second map.
 2. Daniel Bateman commented that the second map moves him to another district. He also asked if the city's redistricting process influenced/affected the county's process. County Counselor Mike Pepoon stated no it does not. He also mentioned that in this process, it was requested that current sitting Commissioners not be redistricted out of their boundaries. It was also shared that voting precincts cannot be broken up between multiple districts.
 3. Judah Craig asked for clarification if the goal of the process was to create the best map/approach that best represents the population.
 4. The Chairman said that proposals try to keep cities together in one district, but is happy have discussions about the maps.
 5. The question was asked of Jacqueline Kelly how Bel Aire City Council was identified and she confirmed that members are at large members.
 6. Drake Robinson shared insight on Johnson County & Wyandotte County districting.
 7. Daniel Bateman asked if there was a demographic balance made when creating proposed redistricting maps, asking specifically if neighborhoods are kept together.
 8. The Chairman shared that redistricting proposed maps are based on population/voters and no demographics.
 9. James Reid & Amy Cox had troubles accessing the redistricting maps online. Staff will look into this issue.
- ii. A motion was made by Kendall Hershberger with a second by Judah Craig to receive and file the information presented on Redistricting. **The CAB approved the motion with a vote of 8-0.**
- d. Discussion of future agenda items
- i. Kendall Hershberger mentioned the Jabara Master Plan. It was shared that Bel Aire City Council would hear the master plan on Tuesday, Oct. 19. Kendall asked if Jabara was going to stay private. It was clarified that the airport is managed by the City of Wichita and a public airport. One item also noted was that Jabara's airspace does interfere with McConnell Air Force Base occasionally.
 1. The Chairman mentioned his recent trip to the NBAA conference and shared that private aerospace is growing and has continued to through the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - ii. Daniel Bateman asked what some upcoming topics were on the BOCC agenda. The Chairman shared the amount of conversation he's been having about Mental Health with Homelessness being the most visible part of it.
 1. Dr. Stephanie Kuhlmann shared that she recently spoke at a Andover USD 385 Board of Education meeting about mental health in young adolescents and the current trends.
 2. Jacqueline Kelly asked if there was any state funding coming to support the growing Mental Health need. The Chairman shared that Mental Health issues were being exposed at the state level and he was beginning to see the impact.
 - iii. Daniel Bateman asked if there should be a percentage declared of how many business owners should be on the CAB. The Chairman didn't foresee it being an issue that the number of business owners would outweigh other members
 - iv. Drake Robinson asked if the County was partnering with the City of Wichita on potential Refugees. He shared that to his knowledge there would be 400 Afghan refugees coming to Wichita. The Chairman shared that this wasn't on the county's radar and had no knowledge of that at this time.

- v. **The CAB decided to have a spokesperson from the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Coalition and the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office to speak at the next two meetings regarding mental health issues in Sedgwick County.**
5. Adjournment
- a. The District 1 Citizen's Advisory Board adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, November 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m.**
at Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS.*

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