



# District 1 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 20, 2022 | 5:30 p.m.  
Bel Aire City Hall  
7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS 67226

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**Board Members in Attendance:** Daniel Bateman, Judah Craig, Amy Cox, Joseph Dozier, Jacqueline Kelly, Jim Reid, Drake Robinson

**County Representatives:** Commissioner Pete Meitzner, Election Commissioner, MAPD Division Manager Philip Zevenbergen, Community Relations Specialist Nicole Gibbs.

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**1. Call to Order**

- a. Chair Judah Craig called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. A motion was made by Daniel Bateman to approve the minutes for the May 16, 2022, District 1 Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) meeting. Amy Cox seconded this motion. **The CAB approved the motion with a vote of 5-0.**

**3. Public Agenda**

- a. No Public Comments

**4. New Business**

- a. Zoning Case CON2022-00017

- i. Philip Zevenbergen presented CON2022-00017 a Conditional Use to allow a Utility, Major generally located north of East 45<sup>th</sup> Street North and within a quarter mile east of North Greenwich Road. The proposed use is for an Electrical Substation to increase capacity to the system. The applicant is Evergy Kansas South, Chris Meyer. MAPC's recommendation is Approval with Conditions.
1. Development and maintenance of the site shall be in conformance with the approved site plan.
  2. A solid screening fence or wall shall be installed at the time abutting or adjacent properties are developed residentially.
  3. If the Zoning Administrator finds that there is a violation of any of the conditions of the Conditional Use, the Zoning Administrator, in addition to enforcing the other remedies set forth in Article VIII of the Unified Zoning Code, may, with the concurrence of the Planning Director, declare that the Conditional Use is null and void.
- ii. Judah Craig asked about the considerations for a sub-station.
1. Philip Zevenbergen stated that it does not require a variance because there are no businesses or houses. A 9-foot wall will be up for security.
- iii. Jim Reid asked if the capacity needs are for future growth or something that is needed today.
1. Philip Zevenbergen says that is unknown at this time.
- iv. Jim Reid asked if this is part of the Airport Master Plan.
1. Philip Zevenbergen stated that not that he is aware of.
- v. Judah Craig asked if Evergy has a Master Plan.
1. Philip Zevenbergen stated that he is sure they do and this is meeting their plan.
- vi. Jacqueline Kelly asked what will be done to make sure this isn't an eye sore or produces a lot of noise/light.

1. Philip Zevenbergen stated that there will be a wall. The wall will help reflect that and it will be unlikely anyone will hear or see anything.
- vii. Jim Reid asked if they purchase the land or was it acquired via eminent domain.
  1. Philip Zevenbergen said they already owned the 8.5 acres.
  2. Commissioner Meitzner said they did not purchase the land from the City.
- viii. Jim Reid asked if residents were notified
  1. Philip Zevenbergen said that notification is required within 1,000ft radius. Likely notified.
- ix. Danial Bateman made a motion, Jacqueline Kelly seconded, to approve the recommendation. **The CAB approved the motion with a vote of 6-0.**
- b. Recovery Connect
  - i. Commissioner Pete Meitzner presented on the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Program. Recover Connect a Sedgwick County economic recovery program run by the Public Policy and Management (PPMC) at Wichita State University. The purpose of the program is to connect individuals, small businesses and nonprofits to resources to help them recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.
    1. Amy Cox asked if we have already applied for ARPA funding, can we call Recover Connect.
      - a. Commissioner Meitzner responded, yes, call and ask.
    2. Jacqueline Kelly asked is Recovery Connect was part of County ARPA funds or an outside entity.
      - a. Commissioner Meitzner said that it was part of county ARPA funds.
    3. Jacqueline Kelly asked what the timeline was for turning in an application.
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    4. Jacqueline Kelly asked if the information was also provided in Vietnamese.
      - a. Commissioner Meitzner shared that Recovery Connect information is available in English, Spanish & Vietnamese.
    5. Judah Craig asked if it they were able to share this information with everyone.
      - a. Commissioner Meitzner encouraged the CAB to share the information and also look into it for themselves if they needed assistance.
    6. Jacqueline Kelly asked how long will Recover Connect be funded.
      - a. Commissioner Meitzner responded that it is funded through the end of ARPA which is Dec. 2024.
- c. Discussion of future meeting dates and agenda items
  - i. Judah Craig went over the schedule. He also has not received an update on the combined CAB meeting. The last update was that the District 5 chair was trying to work with staff and hoping for a meeting in September.
    1. Danial Bateman stated he is interested in attending pending the date
      - a. Jacqueline Kelly, Amy Cox & Drake Robinson stated the same.
      - b. Amy Cox stated the same.
    2. Jacqueline Kelly asked which other CABs they would be meeting with.
      - a. Judah Craig replied it's county-wide and would include all 5 CABs. District 5 CAB is the one coordinating the effort.
    3. Judah Craig said it might be set up in lieu of one of our meetings and to send suggestions.
      - a. Jacqueline Kelly asked is Zoom an option?
      - b. Judah Craig said that is a great idea.
    4. Jacqueline Kelly asked if this has happened before.
      - a. Commissioner Meitzner said not to his knowledge regarding County CABs. The City of Wichita District Advisory Boards (DABs) has more zoning/individual work.

- ii. Daniel Bateman asked if there were any big issues currently being discussed by the BoCC.
  - 1. Commissioner Meitzner responded that the 2023 Budget is at the finish line. Inflation and pay is hitting everyone hard. There are challenges with each department. Law Enforcement and Corrections have lots of competitiveness going on within county. County jobs have always been as a stepping stone, but staff are doing things to combat the people shortages, such as adding cameras in the jails. COVID-19 has also made everyone reevaluate how they do business.
  - 2. Jacqueline Kelly said their HR director is surprised how everyone is looking for people.
- iii. Jacqueline Kelly asked if County offices have relocated yet.
  - 1. Commissioner Meitzner said the BoCC is moving in July. The courthouse will eventually be completely courts and the support for them. The lease at Ruffin for Sedgwick County administrative services is for 3 years. Several other departments are looking to relocate their offices as well.
    - a. Amy Cox stated COVID-19 didn't help the Mental Health Crisis and her work saw an increase of 30%.

## 5. Adjournment

- a. The District 1 Citizen's Advisory Board adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, July 18, 2022, 5:30 p.m.**, at Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS 67226.*