



District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

June 5, 2023 | 7 p.m.
Goddard District Conference Center
315 S. Main, Goddard

Board Members in Attendance: Sharon Ailslieger, Joe Brown, Rhian Collins, Cameron Dawson, Patrick Gaughan, Carl Losey, Janice Manlove, Kevin McWhorter, Michael Mitchell, Stephanie Wise

County Representatives: Commissioner David Dennis, FD1 Chief Doug Williams, Christina Reith - MAPC

1. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- a. Call to Order – Chair Kevin McWhorter
 - i. Chair Kevin McWhorter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Chair Kevin McWhorter
 - i. **The D3 CAB approved the meeting minutes from May 1, 2023, with a vote of 9-0.**

2. PUBLIC AGENDA

- a. The public agenda allows members of the public to address the District 3 Citizens Advisory Board.
 - i. None

3. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fire District 1 Steering Committee – FD1 Chief Doug Williams
 - i. Stations in District 3
 1. #31 Andale - \$2.8 million, last up to 50 years
 2. #35 Goddard, Fire & EMS, 15 personnel
 3. #39 Garden Plain, 9 Personnel
 - ii. Joe Brown asked, what is the cost of a quint?
 1. \$1.5 million
 - iii. Chief Williams explained the tax revenue from different cities and the cost of just one station including building, operating, personnel, equipment
 - iv. Wichita Fire Department comparison
 1. Equivalent of 15.75 mill levy for 2022 but have hired 42 positions and have new union contract, bringing them to the equivalent of 20.75 mills for 2024
 2. SCFD = 17.912 mill levy
 3. Will not increase County mill levy to increase pay to match Wichita
 - v. Derby Fire Department Comparison
 1. 22.61 mill levy equivalent
 2. If they grow anymore, they will have to build another station and hire people increasing costs.
 - vi. Joe Brown asked, how does that affect insurance?
 1. Chief Williams replied, ISO (Insurance Services Office) ranks fire departments 1-10 and that affects rates. The lower the better.
 - vii. Pat Gaughan asked, is it agency by agency?
 1. Chief Williams replied, it is by your fire department, the county is rated at a 2. Some of the rural areas are a 4.

- viii. Kevin McWhorter asked about Valley Center
 - 1. Valley Center is a 5
 - 2. State Farm rates departments differently
- ix. Janice Manlove asked, had a fire recently. Said it went smoothly and rescued her pets. Little damage by fire crews.
- x. Sedgwick County Map divided into 9 station districts
- xi. Sharon Ailslieger asked, so if you have a Wichita address it won't be you (SCFD1)?
 - 1. Chief Williams replied, probably not, but could be. There's overlap. About 6,000 alarms are seen together each year with WFD.
 - 2. Do something similar with Derby
- xii. Sharon Ailslieger asked, so if you call 911, is the dispatcher who decides?
 - 1. Chief Williams replied, it goes to closest unit by GPS.
- xiii. More responses each year. 12,300 in 2020 to 14,940 in 2022. 20% in 2 years.
 - 1. 3,999 so far in 2023.
 - 2. Includes medical calls.
- xiv. Pat Gaughan asked, do you track number of fires? Are they increasing?
 - 1. Chief Williams replied, no, fire are staying steady.
- xv. Commissioner Dennis said Colwich and Union Township has volunteer fire department with SCFD as backup. Residents pay Zero mill to Sedgwick County.
- xvi. Kevin McWhorter asked, what would prevent Sedgwick County form billing Colwich?
 - 1. Chief Williams replied, they could.
 - 2. Commissioner Dennis says its political.
- xvii. Commissioner Dennis spoke about efforts to hold mill levy, no increases.
- xviii. Chief Williams is excited the County is in good shape with stations and people to handle growth.
- xix. Chief Williams talked about steering committee that will meeting monthly to advise SCFD1.
 - 1. 5 largest communities get to appoint a member to the committee, 1 from Spirit, 1 from Sedgwick County Association of Cities (selects from smaller communities), 2 at-large. All business owners.
 - 2. Trying to visit neighboring city councils to talk about what is going on
- xx. Pat Gaughan asked, how prepared is WFD and SCFD to fight fire in tall buildings?
 - 1. Chief Williams replied, very prepared on buildings. Grain elevators are harder. The two departments cross train together.
- xxi. Joe Brown asked, how can SCFD protect the big all-wood hotel in Goddard?
 - 1. Chief Williams replied, hotels have sprinklers inside hat help a lot.
 - 2. More fear with apartment buildings because no sprinklers in private residences.
- xxii. Joe Brown asked, how many more trucks will it take to protect Goddard to keep up with growth?
 - 1. Chief Williams stated, shouldn't need to add people based on projected growth because of getting backup from nearby towns.
- xxiii. Pat Gaughan asked, Wichita needs 20k more homes in future. Are you prepared for that?
 - 1. Chief Williams stated, yes, because the new homes will be spread out around Haysville, Derby, etc. where there's backup.
- xxiv. Joe Brown asked, will those homes come with hydrants, etc.?
 - 1. Chief Williams replied, yes, we use tenders in rural areas, but new builds on city services will have hydrants.
- xxv. Sharon Ailslieger asked, did wildfires a few years ago lead to more collaboration with other counties?
 - 1. Chief Williams stated, yes, a taskforce is in place with several counties involved.
- xxvi. Kevin McWhorter asked, what are the pros and cons of consolidating with WFD?
 - 1. Chief Williams stated, it could save money and would be more efficient. It's political.

- b. CON2023-00021 – Christina Reith - MAPC
 - i. APPLICANT: Kent and Susan Winter (Owner) and Patrick Erwin with Tillman Infrastructure (Agent)
 - ii. REQUEST: Conditional Use for a Wireless Communications Facility
 - iii. CURRENT ZONING: RR Rural Residential
 - iv. LOCATION: Generally located on the west side of North 215th Street West and within one-half mile south of West 77th Street North.
 - v. PROPOSED USE: 155-foot-tall telecommunications tower
 - vi. RECOMMENDATION: Approval with conditions.
 - vii. MAPC gets it Thursday. This is the first body to vote on it.
 - viii. MAPC received one phone call with health concerns, Agent referred caller to the American Cancer Society, reassured her.
 - ix. Joe Brown asked, have you heard from agricultural aviation people? Monopoles scare them because they disappear, and are under 200 feet with no lights.
 - 1. Christina Reith replied, no. Haven't received any comments.
 - 2. Patrick Erwin commented, we do file with the FAA
 - x. Cameron Dawson asked, who owns the nearby tower?
 - 1. Patrick Erwin responded, American Towers
 - xi. Pat Gaughan motioned to approve. Michael Mitchell seconded the motion. **The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0.**
- c. Discussion of future meeting agenda items
 - i. Last meeting for Rhian Collins. She has graduated and will be attending K-State.

4. BOARD AGENDA

- a. Janice Manlove asked, does Sedgwick County give funding to Visit Wichita?
 - i. Commissioner Dennis responded, no.
- b. Janice Manlove asked, why does Ryan Baty newsletters have a disclaimer?
 - i. Commissioner Dennis said they all do if there is a personal message from the Commissioner. If there is no personal message, there is no disclaimer.
- c. Commissioner Dennis gave an update:
 - i. Wichita Business Journal interview on Northwest Expressway coming out soon. Emphasized need for business support.
 - ii. Mike Pepoon is retiring. New County Counselor will be announced soon.
 - iii. Riverfest is underway. County sponsors, \$20,000.. Commissioner Dennis will be a judge at the car show.
 - iv. Attended Fire District 1 graduation. 4 new firefighters.
 - v. 931st Air Guard changed command last Saturday (June 3) and Commissioner Dennis attended. 3 wings at McConnell. 184th does Intel. 22nd Employs most of McConnell people.
 - vi. Has meeting on June 6 for electric vehicles. Recent bus battery fire worries him.
 - vii. Tom Stolz will come in July to brief CAB on the budget. Public hearings are in August.
- d. Pat Gaughan asked about mental health hospital funding.
 - i. Commissioner Dennis replied, have \$55 million to build. 100% state funded. \$25 million from ARPA (obligated by 2024), \$15 million from KDADS, \$15 million from reserve from KDADS budget.
 - 1. Building a hospital was estimated at \$40 million 3 years ago, now estimated at \$50 million. County has already chosen an architect. Facility has to be expandable to 100 beds.
 - 2. County will not operate, just build.
- e. Joe Brown asked, why can't the County use the closed Wesley Rehabilitation Hospital or the Riverside Hospital since it's only at 12% capacity?
 - i. Commissioner Dennis replied, cheaper to build new than to renovate an existing building.

- ii. Riverside has serious structural flaws. Flooding, bad elevators, methane gas seeping from the ground, bricks coming off, etc.
- f. Pat Gaughan asked, where does new admin building stand?
 - i. Commissioner Dennis responded, looking at several options but can't talk about it. Done in executive session.
- g. Janice Manlove asked, the election commissioner office is moving?
 - i. Commissioner Dennis answered, yes. Toured 10 places over 3 years but each election commissioner wants something different.
 - ii. Looking for buildings for other places as well. Corrections is in several different facilities. We also need a storage facility for PPE & drive thru testing & Vaccinations for SCHD.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, July 24, 2023, 7 p.m.**, at Goddard School Conference Center, 315 S. Main, Goddard, KS.*

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