

VISIONEERING WICHITA



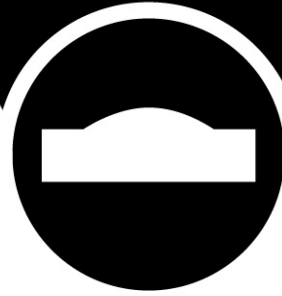
Urban & Regional Development



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Sedgwick County
Arena



Healthy Lifestyles



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Emergency Response

June 15, 2005

Infrastructure Foundation — Downtown Development

2. Build a downtown arena.

Sedgwick County's Action Step -- Sedgwick County will continue its leadership role in this area by assuming responsibility for the construction and operation of the Sedgwick County arena.

Current Situation:

- Overview of the arena** – The Sedgwick County Arena will be an entertainment venue that attracts a wide variety of activities including sporting events, concerts, family shows and other types of entertainment. Upon its completion, the Arena will provide 15,000 basketball seats as well as independent suites. The estimated cost for this venue is \$184,528,000, paid for by a 30-month, 1% voter approved county-wide sales tax.
- Timeline:** In November, the Arena issue was on the ballot and passed by a 52%-48% margin with a 78% voter turnout. The issue went on to the Senate and House as SB58 and was passed on February 16 and March 22, 2005, respectively. The final step of the legislative process was completed on April 4, 2005 when Governor Kathleen Sebelius officially signed the arena bill.
- RFP Distribution** – Sedgwick County recently distributed and received responses for an RFP for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) services for the Sedgwick County Arena. Upon selection of the A/E team, Sedgwick County will begin exploring options for the best possible location for the Arena. The A/E team will be responsible for: evaluating potential sites of downtown Wichita on the basis of location of streets, utility lines, storm water drainage and historical properties; developing at least three potential configurations of the Arena and its parking facilities; and completing traffic studies to determine the impact of the increased traffic to the downtown area. The City of Wichita has simultaneously distributed an RFP for the Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan.

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- ***The Arena Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan*** has been established by the City of Wichita and focuses on the specific geographical area of: N. Main Street on the West, Central rail corridor on the East, Kellogg freeway on the South, and E. Douglas on the North. The plan will focus on specific strategies for four key areas: environmental remediation, public improvements, market analysis, and area redevelopment.

Next Steps:

- ***The Arena Tax Oversight Committee*** will be comprised of ten (10) total members, five from the financial sector and one from each of the five commission districts. A member of the Board of County Commissioners will appoint each member of the committee. The committee will meet once a month beginning in July 2005 and will continue to meet through the completion of the Arena. The responsibility of the committee will be to ensure citizens that the monies collected under the 1% sales tax increase are being used specifically for the Arena project.
- ***The Citizen Design Review Advisory Committee*** will be comprised of eighteen (18) members appointed by the County Commissioners, with input from the Wichita City Council. The committee will be responsible for providing insight taken from citizens to be used in the design of the Sedgwick County Arena. The committee will begin meeting during July 2005.
- ***Community Meetings*** – As part of the Sedgwick County Arena process, Sedgwick County has planned three additional community meetings in 2005: one in late July/early August to focus on arena criteria; one in the Fall to identify pros and cons of three potential sites; and, one at the end of the year, during which the final site for the Sedgwick County Arena will be chosen.