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District 4 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
Agenda

Monday, June 8, 2020
6 p.m.

WebEx Online Meeting
Virtually

Board members in attendance: Sara Dixon, Zach Day, Philip Fraser, Melody Miller, Sabrina Shoemaker, Madison Shriner

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Fraser called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Meeting Minutes from March 9

After reviewing the March minutes, Madison Shriner made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Sara Dixon. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review of Area Development

To preface the discussion about the area development, Commissioner Cruse communicated that the purpose of this discussion is to clear up any potential misinformation regarding why some members of the Sherwood Glen Neighborhood Association are concerned about water potentially flooding one of the ditches in the area that is north of Interstate 235.

Philip Zevenbergen, Associate Planner at the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metro Area Planning Department (MAPD), explained that this particular case is north of Meridian, east on 40th Street. It concerns the rezone of a current residential property to commercial development.

He explained that there are use restrictions in that area that restrict the use of that land area for things that would be inappropriate, such as pawn shops and cemeteries.

He explained that when developing a new community unit plan, large commercial shopping areas are governed by the community unit plan, which ensures cohesive development and the right type of drainage system. Any new development in Sedgwick County has to abide by rules regarding retention and detention of storm waters. Furthermore, big shopping centers must have adequate storm drainage available. New developments must have a plan to capture and maintain their storm water and the plan must be approved.

He mentioned that the case will go before the City Council District Advisory Board. There is a public hearing opportunity, where residents can raise concerns about potential drainage issues with the creek and commercial development related to water drainage.

Commissioner Cruse mentioned that the City Council District Advisory Board meeting is June 17 at 6:30pm, which is one opportunity to make your voice heard. The other opportunity is June 18 at 6pm at the Planning Commission Meeting. Philip Zevenbergen explained that there is a virtual room set up for public comment at the Century 2, which is at the same time. Furthermore, the meeting is accessible virtually with Go To Meeting.

Commissioner Cruse also mentioned that there is a protest period with the City Council District Advisory Board, where individuals can submit protest petitions within the two week timeframe when they are received. This period would be June 18 to July 2. This protest process is a way to emphasize that there is opposition to the case. Individuals can submit written protests with the City Clerk. It is good to note that the individuals should live within 200 meters of the property in question to submit a petition. If they do not live within 200 meters of the property, they can still file a protest petition and the City Council will take it into account still. Commissioner Cruse mentioned that it is the exact same process and dates for the property in question on Womer, which is also related to commercial development.

4. Public Health and Community Health Discussion

Commissioner Cruse prefaced the discussion by mentioning that the Board of County Commissioners has the authority of the Board of Health and the title of Health Officer. The Board of County Commissioners or Health Officials have the ability to make decisions related to the health of the county.

Adrienne Byrne, the Health Director of Sedgwick County, gave an update on the COVID 19 response in Sedgwick County. She stated that drive-thru testing became available to anyone as of Thursday, June 4, regardless of whether symptoms. Furthermore, weekly testing is available for anyone who wants to be tested who works in a nursing home, corrections, hospitals, or another health care setting.

She stated that community members who are interested in being tested should call 2-1-1 and do not have to pay a fee for testing. There are no out-of-pocket costs whatsoever. She mentioned that it takes five or six days for the viral load to get high enough for nasopharyngeal swab tests to pick it up. She said that the people who call 2-1-1 are also asked questions to confirm that they are residents of Sedgwick County.

Adrienne also said that Sedgwick County has a contract with a commercial lab in town and that they utilize a nurse triage line. She said that people who want to be tested with the drive-thru testing must be scheduled beforehand. She also mentioned that the hours of the testing will be changing with the days getting hotter as the seasons change. The testing that has been from 10:30am-12:30pm will change from 9am-11am in an effort to avoid the employees having to be in personal protective equipment (PPE) in the middle of the day.

Since residents are scheduled for testing, the process typically only takes about 5 minutes once the testing process is started. Therefore, residents are typically in and out in 5 minutes. She mentioned that the organization Quest is also testing now.

Regarding the amount of time it typically takes to get back to those who have been tested, Adrienne said that it takes about 2 to 3 days on average for those tested to receive the results of their test. The people who tested negative may take longer to be informed of their test results in order to inform those with a positive test as soon as possible.

Adrienne also informed the group that the County has found a different space to hold testing. The new space is climate-controlled, but still has the capacity to have cars drive through. When the cars drive through, the residents stay in their car the whole time, except for a brief moment when they roll the window down to be tested. Adrienne informed the group that the County does 17 percent of the testing and sampling in Sedgwick County.

For the random sample survey, the County hired a company that generates names and numbers of landlines and cell phones, where people live, and their age. 6,000 numbers are called until they get 1,600 people participating in the random sample survey. People who are called can refuse to take the test. The purpose of the test is to find the prevalence of COVID 19 in the community. The County believes that the prevalence is low, but that this test can reinforce or challenge that presupposition.

The number of COVID 19 cases is not going down or plateauing. There has been an increase in events that bring people together. Recommendations have been issued to stay in phase 2 of the reopening, which is the max gathering of 20 people, until July 3rd. There will be future discussions on this subject.

Commissioner Cruse also wanted to mention the link for the Notice of Funding Opportunity, the NOFO. She mentioned that this link can be utilized by the community

as a whole. However, just because you fill out this form does not mean that you will be awarded funding. The form will close on June 19th and the purpose of the form is to assess the needs of the community related to COVID 19, such as the purchase of sneeze guards and masks. Aaron also mentioned that this NOFO form is for cities, schools, townships, nonprofits, and any other organization that provides a social service. Even if you used your own vehicle to get groceries for an elderly person during the pandemic, that counts.

5. Other

Commissioner Cruse opened up the floor for questions and emphasized that she wants this meeting time to be valuable and wants to hear questions that the members of the group want to know about. Zach Day asked about when Park City should open the playgrounds. Adrienne brought up how small children can be unsanitary on playground equipment, but there is only so much you can do about it. Adrienne voiced that she is glad that the Park City community has been taking it seriously. Zach Day also expressed his appreciation for having joined the advisory board and mentioned that he appreciates Commissioner Cruse's focus on the mental health part.

Cruse encouraged everyone to continue sharing the Comcare links and related information on social media. The Commissioner requested that the meeting be recorded, so a recording is available for this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. after a roll call.

Next Meeting

- July 13- Details to be determined