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District 3 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting  
Minutes

Monday, July 6, 2020  
7 p.m.

Goddard School District  
Conference Center

**Board members in attendance:** Sharon Aislieger, Lamont Anderson, Nancy Hinten, Sherry Livingston, Janice Manlove, David Wright, Kevin McWhorter  
**County representatives:** Commissioner David Dennis, Health Director Adrienne Byrne, Senior Planner Kathy Morgan

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. **Call to Order** – Meeting called to order by Chairman Lamont Anderson, 7:01 pm.
2. **Approval of June Minutes** – Sharon Aislieger mentioned a correction to the minutes regarding the spelling of her last name throughout the June minutes and corrected a comment. Janice Manlove was not in attendance and asked to have her name removed from the attendance list. The minutes were approved with the noted changes unanimously.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Discussion of CON2020-00010-Senior Planner Kathy Morgan**

Members of the public in attendance included: Lyneisa Cocking

This is for the doggy daycare center, which was discussed at the June meeting. The parties came up with an acceptable list of conditions for the operation of the dog center.

At the planning commission, they heard from the owners and neighbors. The two-week protest period has passed and they received no protests on the case. The action of the planning commission to approve with the conditions they presented is now final. It will not go before the Board of County Commissioners since there were no protests.

Sharon Aislieger mentioned that she thought that the biggest concern was the traffic. Nobody seemed to complain about noise. Kathy Morgan said that was not one of the issues. She said the company sent specific times that would mitigate traffic backup. All the issues got resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

No one from the public voiced a comment. Lamont Anderson mentioned that he liked seeing the engagement of the citizens during the previous meeting and the members of the board regarding this matter. He is glad there is a resolution. Lamont Anderson said that it was approved and asked for a motion to accept it. Sharon Aislieger motioned to approve, and Nancy Hinton seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Upon the request of Commissioner Dennis, Kathy Morgan also mentioned a brief update on the events center at Prairie Hill. The applicant met with the legal department and resulted in the applicant's withdrawal of the application because he does not need the conditional use for the accessory dwelling unit. He has enough acres out there to continue with his operation and is going through the planning process.

## **2. COVID-19 Update – Health Director Adrienne Byrne**

The first case of COVID-19 in the U.S. was in Washington State in January. The first case in Kansas was March 7 and the first case in Sedgwick County was on March 19. Adrienne gave an update on the numbers of cases rising in Sedgwick County.

She explained that a close contact is anyone who has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 within 6 feet or more for greater than 10 minutes. Just passing by someone does not make you high risk. This continues to be an evolving process.

At first, masks were not as encouraged due to not knowing what we know now. Surgical masks were in high demand and there was a short stock. As time has gone on, the majority of people have cloth masks. The mask provides protection to others around you and some protection to you.

She explained that statistics about new deaths and hospitalizations help inform the community about whether or not they should move forward with reopening.

The numbers declined this week, so it is the first week of several that it is not increasing, so it is stable. Some people want to return to normalcy too quickly.

The Health Department is testing more residents, which leads to more positives. This can let the community know whether to relax or increase restrictions.

Byrne reviewed the COVID-19 dashboard, symptoms of COVID-19, and the process to be tested.

211 is the number that people use to call in to get tested. They sometimes get 1,000 calls in a short period of time. They have paused non-priority asymptomatic testing for the time being.

Social distancing helps, as well as quarantine requirements for travelling. Sharon Aislieger asked about asymptomatic testing. She asked, "What is the death percentage of this if you are a normal person? Is it just like the flu?" Adrienne said it is a brand new virus and can have long-term effects. There are some positives for being in the middle of the country. There is a concern about a second wave during the winter and fall when people are closer, inside, and in closed quarters.

Kevin McWhorter talked about children in the classrooms in the schools in relation to COVID and how they are less likely to catch COVID. Adrienne said it is a challenge in the schools because of all the touch points.

Nancy Hinten asked about the saliva test. Adrienne said they are looking into the saliva test, although it is not approved through the FDA yet.

Adrienne said there is a problem with the antibody test because it is better when used in higher prevalence areas since false positives can occur. Antigen testing is a fingerprint test, which is good at testing positives, but can have false negatives. Nasopharyngeal is the best way to test currently.

Nancy Hinten asked how they know people are in recovery. Adrienne said they are contacted daily.

David Wright said that he runs businesses and wants to compliment Sedgwick County on the data they have provided. It is a hard time telling between cumulative cases and cumulative recoveries. He would rather see trends about the number of cases per day. Another thing to consider is wait time for test results. Waiting two weeks or a week and a half is a long time to wait in this situation. Adrienne said they have hired more people to staff and have bought their own machine.

Sherry Livingston asked about when her doctor will be able to do testing. Adrienne said it will be a while. A lot of doctor's offices are doing testing, but it is just their patients.

Nancy Hinten asked about planning for vaccinations. Adrienne said they are preparing for drive-thru vaccinations.

Commissioner Dennis expressed appreciation for Adrienne, the Health Department, and other county employees. He said this discussion will occur at the BoCC staff meeting and the normal BoCC meeting that week.

Commissioner Dennis also talked about his experience taking the COVID test.

## **BOARD AGENDA**

### **1. Citizens Advisory Board Members**

Glen Shafer brought up the topic of talking about a Code of Conduct for the County Commissioners. Commissioner Dennis said that there is one currently. It is a set of rules that were put together by the Kansas Association of Counties.

Commissioner Dennis said Kate will send out a copy of the Code of Conduct.

Janice Manlove said that some articles in the paper lately have been more political.

Commissioner Dennis said that the Code of Conduct does not address personal behavior outside of County business.

Janice Manlove asked what they are doing with the jail populations.

### **2. Comments from Commissioner Dennis**

- They approved the Station 31 Fire Station plans. The facility can accommodate females and was approved unanimously.
- Regarding the Northwest Bypass in Sedgwick County, they are putting in money matched by KDOT. If you put a million in again, KDOT will match that, which is a possibility of 2 million a year. This comes from 1 cent sales tax.
- Commissioners are working on how to spend the \$99.6 million for CARES funding. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) had 157 responses. On the next Wednesday, they are making first big decisions about how big the pots of funding need to be.
- He mentioned the importance of getting students back to class.
- The manager is putting out his budget on July 15<sup>th</sup>
- He said the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting takes care of the August meeting.
- There are no pay raises for Sedgwick County employees.
- Sedgwick County has a good rainy day fund. However, this year, they may end up with a deficit.
- Courts are backlogged on cases and trying to get cases processed with five tents.
- For the Zoo board meeting, the new entrance is coming along well
- There was a special meeting regarding masks. The governor is requiring them. Commissioner Dennis said he had a hard time voting on something that could not be enforced. On Friday, the Mayor got the City Council to mandate masks.

- Being mindful of the hospitals, many members of the board mentioned that they want masks mandated. Leadership is important. They said it is more about leadership than making a statement.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Janice Manlove made a motion for adjournment, Sharon Aislieger seconded. Lamont Anderson adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 27, at the Goddard School Conference Center.