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District 5 CAB

Bread of Life, 1301 E. Galena

August 6, 2021

Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** Olivia Hayse, John Nicholas, Fred Pinaire, David Sowden, Brad Smith, Janet Theoharis, Tanya Jacobucci, Amanda Amerine, Joseph Elmore, Fred Pinaire

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**1. Call to Order:**

- a. David Sowden called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm

**2. Invocation:**

- a. Donna Pinaire led the invocation

**3. Flag Salute:**

**4. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Unanimous approval of the July 2, 2021 Minutes

**5. Commissioner Howell spoke about the upcoming budget adoption process in late August**

- Biggest challenge salary for employees
- Hot topic Mental Health
- Approx. 15 million for Mental Health Campus
- August 27<sup>th</sup> 7-9am Morning Coffee with the Commissioner

- a. 1 Citizen Advisory Board opening for D5 CAB: looking for someone from Mulvane

- b. 1 Aging Advisory Board opening: meet once a month on Wednesdays during lunch time

Question J.N.: Where are they looking to put the Mental Health Campus?

Answer: Commissioner Howell - No one knows for sure at this point

Question O.H.: Will new Mental Health Campus have patient beds or will it be a place to house administration office space, etc.?

Answer: Commissioner Howell shared new campus is thought be a more expansive COMCARE + with more beds, etc. and space for community partners, in addition to patient beds

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

The public agenda allows members of the public to present issues on the agenda to the Board or share other issues.

**6. Public Agenda:**

- a. Public Comment by J. D. Munley concerning serious accidents at intersection on Pawnee and 143rd ask about signage/Traffic Control Devices to slow people down
  - Mark Borst, Traffic Engineer is looking at the intersection. If installed potential signage would be a 36 inch yellow rectangle with black lettering that reads "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop" below the existing Stop sign

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Tour of Bread of Life and Information regarding processes for Food Distribution conducted by Mrs. Donna Pinaire – Feeds up to 60,000 people in a year
2. Sedgwick County Public Works Presentation - County Representatives: Jim Weber, P.E., Director of Public Works/County Engineer, Lynn Packer, P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works and Mark Borst, P.E., Traffic Engineer

- a. Jim Weber gave an overview of the Public Works Organization as a whole
  - i. Highway Department
    1. 603 miles of roads and 609 bridges
    2. Over 14,500 traffic signs and markers – 32 traffic signals maintained
  - ii. Stormwater Management Department
    1. Review and approve drainage plans for new developments

Question J.N: Do you have any streams you are responsible for in D5 like Spring Creek?

Jim Weber: No, but we are working a project in Spring Creek we can go off the grid

- iii. Environmental Resources Department
  1. Manage and enforce the Sedgwick County Solid Waste Plan
- iv. Noxious Weeds Department
  1. Inspect 1600 acres each year for noxious weeds
- b. Lynn Packer, P.E., Deputy Director of Public Works gave an overview of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for major projects over \$50,000

- i. Project Development
  1. Projects are developed through the 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
  2. Budget allocation varies - ~\$20M/yr.
  3. Largest consistent expenditure is on pavement preservation & maintenance - \$9.6M/yr.
  4. Bridges are replaced as needed based on biennial inspections and other data – try to get 50 years out of bridges and they can last longer
  5. Road and bridge projects typically take 3-4 years to develop before construction.
- ii. Project Categories
  1. Maintain/Enhance/Expand/Quality of Place
- iii. Road Projects
  1. Roads are maintained on a 6-yr cycle
  2. Traffic counts updated every 2 years

Question: How much traffic has to be on a county or township road before Public Works decides it needs to take it over?

Answer: Lynn Packer shared there is no set answer nationwide, but generally between the 300-500 range of vehicles per day with counters is when Sedg. Co. takes a look at it. Also it takes around 4-5 years to plan and execute a paved road project.

- iv. Bridge Projects

1. Bridges are inspected (at least) biennially.

Question D.S: How many bridges does Sedgwick County maintain?

Answer: Lynn Packer responded 603, the second most bridges maintained in the State outside to the State of Kansas

Question F. P: What is the safety factor in calculation of load rating?

Answer: Lynn Packer responded typically a safety factor of 2. Considers operating load and dead load weight. A new law requiring additional signage for emergency vehicles - SG will maintain 3 truck signs

Mr. Packer shared that less than 35 out of Sedg. Co.'s 603 bridges that are under a sufficiency score of 50

v. 5-Year Summary

Total County expenditure of \$109M

- 67.7% to Maintain the Road and Bridge System
- 21.5% to Enhance the Road and Bridge System
- 9.2% to Expand the Road and Bridge System
- 1.6% to Improve Quality of Place (Bike/Ped)

c. Mark Borst gave an overview of Traffic Control Devices

14,542 traffic signs in Sedgwick County

32 traffic signals maintained

23 Flashing beacons

4 Mid-block Ped Signalized Crosswalks

8 School Beacons

What do various types of traffic devices cost?

Signs – cost to make, install it included, and labor \$150-250 per sign; Pavement Markings – about \$8,000 thermoplastic ; MMA that sticks to concrete used minimal amounts on concrete bridge decks concrete intersection approaches

ix. Intersection Warrants

Warrant – are thresholds

A warrant describes a threshold condition based upon average or normal conditions that, if found to be satisfied as part of an engineering study, shall result in analysis of other traffic conditions or factors to determine where a traffic control device or other improvement is justified. Warrants are not a substitute for engineering judgment. The fact that a warrant for a particular traffic control device is met is not conclusive justification for the installation of the device.

Question D.S: How do you dig down into data to get that information?

Answer: Mark Borst shared that he can go into database and use view only function to see crash data and can search specific addresses, intersections, stretches of road etc.

Question J.E: What about a roundabout system?

Answer: Mark Borst is a fan of roundabouts for speed reduction

Question D.S: Is there a federal guideline you have to follow or liability is incurred?

Answer: Mark Borst Yes there is guidance and regulation: shall = mandatory, should = recommended, may = discretionary.

Question D.S: If you veer from the guideline do you incur more liability?

Answer: Lynn Packer gave the example if an engineer is designing something outside of a recommended guide range, you better have a very good explanation as to why or you are definitely opening yourself up to liability

Question O.H: Has there ever been discussion on the cell phone ban or texting ban?

Answer: Texting while driving is illegal in the state of Kansas. Jim Weber states Sedgwick County is not involved in any local regulation at this time

### **BOARD ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING Carried Over from 8.6.21**

Budget Amendment Discussion/Debate

David S encouraged all Board members to look at budget and any suggestion; recommendations send information to Comm. Howell before the 25<sup>th</sup>

Review of future subject matter – determine priority and interests

- Sedgwick County Elections Office Tour
- ICT-1 Follow Up

Next Meeting - exploring other location possibilities like Oaklawn Elementary School, Go Create, in addition to Bread of Life

7. Adjournment:

- b. The meeting of the District 5 Citizens Advisory Board was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be Friday, September 3, 2021 4:00pm*