

District 2 CAB                                                                                                                Zoom

February 08, 2022                                                                                                     Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** Martha Pint, Dr. John Burke, Dr. William Hammers, Nikki Helms, Spencer Dean, Jenny Duong, Tabitha Lehman, Susan Norton, Ashlie Brockleman

1. **Call to Order:**
   1. Nikki Helms called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm
2. **Roll Call Vote:**
   1. No roll call vote
3. **Approval of Minutes:**
   1. John Burked moved to approve the October meeting minutes. Susan Norton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Public Agenda:**
   1. No public comment
5. **New Business:**
   1. **Zoning Case—CON2022-00002, Presented by Kathy Morgan**
      1. This case is for an expansion of an Evergy utility substation at the southeast corner of MacArthur and Southwest St.
         1. There is an existing substation (can be found on page 4 of packet)
         2. It appeared there between 1968 and 1974.
      2. There is a site plan that PEC included for review
      3. They are wanting to put a chain-link fence around the property for security and ease of maintenance.
      4. They are going to maintain just one access point that already exists
      5. The north side, and west side are in the City of Wichita, the rest is SF-20 zoning and is in the County. There is some limited commercial zoning
      6. There is some residential land and some agricultural land in the vicinity
      7. This fits into a pattern of Evergy updating and expanding substations
      8. This would be considered a major substation and would require conditional usage
      9. Staff is recommending that the planning commission approve the application
      10. This will be heard by the Planning Commission on Thursday, February 17, 2022
      11. Staff is recommending that they have an ornamental or evergreen tree every 30ft. Tree height should not be more than 20ft.
          1. They are concerned about the possibility of tree growth impeding power lines
      12. Staff is recommending the inclusion of shrubbery
      13. Kathy Morgan stands for questions
          1. Tabitha Lehman asked if the homeowners have had a chance to weigh in.
          2. Morgan answered in the affirmative. There has been no contact against the zoning change.
      14. Kathy Morgan described the process of hearings, protests, approval of zoning change
      15. Nikki Helms asked about the voting requirements for the CAB
          1. Morgan answered in the affirmative.
          2. The planning commission will often ask if the relevant advisory boards have the case and what their recommendation is
      16. Lehman made a motion to recommend the zoning change. Ashlie Brockleman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
   2. **ICT-! Discussion**
      1. Presented by Spencer Dean
      2. It stands for Integrated Care Team. It is a team that responds to mental health crisis—similar to what Cedric Lofton was experiencing
      3. Dean wanted to see if it would be possible to explore expanding the service
      4. Staff is on loan from EMS, WFD, and WPD
      5. Dean wondered if it would be possible to hire ICT-1 staff
      6. Dean wanted to know if they could have the director speak to the CAB
      7. The program exists and is working right now
      8. They just need more people to make it work\
      9. Martha Pint noted that it was highly supported
         1. Dean answered in the affirmative
         2. The only problems are staffing shortages
      10. Commissioner Lopez noted that the biggest staffing challenge is having a paramedic present
      11. She also stated that she was going to update the CAB on the status of the community task force
          1. She said that the task force will be looking into ICT-1
      12. Nikki Helms asked where people needing services are taken? What is done with there are no available service providers?
          1. They can treat patients in the field
          2. They can also have patients admitted
      13. Helms was getting at the issue that we lack long-term mental health treatment.
          1. Getting more people would be great, but without more services it will not fix the issue
          2. Dean agreed that there are long-term problems, but the short-term crisis has to be addressed
          3. ICT-1 can reduce pressures placed on other first-responders
      14. Pint wanted to know if service data was available beyond just quarterly data?
      15. Dean moved to invited the ICT-1 director to present to the CAB. Pint seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
   3. Community Task Force Update
      1. Presented by Commissioner Lopez
      2. She wanted to get a group of people together to look at the system with a focus on juvenile mental health policies
      3. This idea was developed in consultation with County staff
      4. The task force is comprised of nonprofits, groups, and community partners
         1. A diverse group of people from the community
      5. The elected officials chose the groups. The groups chose the members.
      6. There are support staff from the relevant agencies to answer technical questions
      7. This group will bring back recommendations for what they should change
      8. There is interest from legislators in Topeka to see the recommendations from the task force
      9. We are asking that the task force complete their work within 60-90 days to accommodate the budget cycle
         1. Their recommendations will require budgetary response
      10. The Board of County Commissioners passed a motion to send a supportive letter to the Department of Justice to support the task force’s letter
      11. Commissioner Lopez encouraged the CAB members to watch the meetings
      12. This is a unique event--Republicans and Democrats, the City and the County-- are all on board with evaluating the system and are considering changes
      13. John Burke stated that it appeared that the DA’s assertion that the stand your ground law seemed to be a stretch
          1. Commissioner Lopez emphasized that the Commission has no say on what the DA decides to do
          2. Commissioner Lopez did say that there were conversations in Topeka about the stand your ground law
      14. Nikki Helms had a question about WPD regarding some children saying that they were beaten up by the police
          1. Commissioner Lopez noted that WPD is a City of Wichita organization. However, the community task force will be looking at City policies.
      15. Tabitha Lehman asked about the status of the state mental health hospital. Is there a way that the County is trying to push this forward beyond simply being on the legislative agenda.
          1. Commissioner Lopez stated the variety of ways that the state mental health was being advocated for.
          2. There is an effort to explore the unique possibilities presented by ARPA funds and other buckets of federal funding
      16. Dean asked that either Commissioner Lopez or Nikki Helms reach out to the Director of ICT-1
          1. He also stated that people had reached out to him to offer words of encouragement to Commissioner Lopez
6. **Other**
   1. Bill Hammers expressed appreciation for having Zoom meetings. He encouraged Commissioner Lopez to keep up the good work.
   2. Commissioner Lopez mentioned that she has been working in the hospital to experience what they are experiencing.
7. **Adjournment**
   1. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02