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District 5 CAB

Oaklawn Sunview Senior Center, 2907 E. Oaklawn Dr.

November 18, 2022

Meeting Minutes

**Board Members in Attendance:** David Sowden – President, Liz Loera, Fred Pinaire, Brad Smith, Olivia Hayse, Christopher Wyant, John Nicholas, Amanda Amerine

**County Representatives:** Commissioner Howell

**Speakers:** Elizabeth Stanton

**Attendees:** Randy Fox - USD 263

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**1. Call to Order:**

- a. David Sowden called the meeting to order at 4:07 pm

**2. Invocation:**

- a. Elizabeth Stanton

**3. Flag Salute:**

- a. All members stood for pledge of allegiance

**4. Roll Call:**

- a. David Sowden, Fred Pinaire, Liz Loera, Brad Smith, Olivia Hayse, Christopher Wyant, John Nicholas, Amanda Amerine
- b. Quorum was present

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

- a. Motion to approve by David Sowden, 2<sup>nd</sup> Christopher Wyant, September 2, 2022 – unanimous approval
- b. October 7, 2022 – unanimous approval

**6. Public Agenda:**

- a. none

**7. New Business:**

a. **David Sowden**

- i. Thank you to Tanya Jacobucci for serving on the board
- ii. Thank you to Fred Pinaire who has served as vice chairman, Fred has resigned to pursue interest in Wichita City Government.
- iii. We now have 3 board openings

b. **Commissioner Report (40 minutes)**

- i. Update on Sheriff's Department staffing
  1. We are currently about to graduate a class of 15 deputies, we have another class starting with 15 more members. We also have another class coming up in the future with about 30 members.
  2. Retention level has improved.
  3. EMS is still uncertain at this time.
  4. In regards to mental health, several positions were removed from the FTE's that have been vacant for several years. Comcare has received 30-

35% pay increases across the board. Our legislative issues are filled with improving mental health programs in Sedgwick County.

5. Fire District Steering Council was adopted by the BOCC. Implementation is the next step.
6. Senate Bill 367 and House Bill 2200 are still on the legislative agenda.
7. We have vacated the court house and are officially in the Ruffin Building at 100 N. Broadway in the lower level auditorium, for all BoCC meetings.
8. Public transparency issue does not have a lot of support, I would encourage the board to keep pressing the issue and hopefully it will gain traction in the future.

c. Round Table Discussion on Diversity in the CAB

- i. What is diversity? Age, race, gender, geography, economic status, job experience, in high school/home school, in college, military experience, single adult/parent, representative of other community groups. We are limited by who applies to the CAB, however the ultimate goal to have a board representative the community.
  1. The purpose of this exercise is to go into 2023 and replenish and refresh the board so that we are more effective in the future.
  2. The board may need to amend the bylaws and add seats. The CAB should consider designating a specific seat to a high school student.
- ii. Another point for discussion is to determine the ROI for CAB5, Davis Sowden contacted the County CFO and asked to get an analysis on what the annual cost is for CAB 5. The question for the CAB is, are we adding value to the County.
  1. The D5 CAB mission is to, "Provide the Fifth district County Commissioner and the Board of Commissioners, as a whole, advice and recommendations regarding matters of public policy, citizen engagement and problems or issues specific to the District."
  2. Olivia Hayse – suggested adding the agenda to the FB page to bring more public awareness to the improvement projects suggested to the BOCC by CAB 5.
  3. Commissioner Howell provided a list of all 45 areas of the county that pertain to the BOCC and asked CAB members to review the list and determine what issues are important and which departments to reach out to for information regarding county issues.
- iii. Starting in 2023, we should consider amending the bylaws to limit issues discussed in the CAB to areas that the Commissioner has authority over.
  1. Individuals can bring issues to the table and the board will direct the individual to the correct person/body to address the issue but, the CAB will not discuss issues that the BOCC has no authority over.
  2. Commissioner Howell suggested regularly reviewing the bylaws to keep the purpose of the CAB fresh in CAB member's minds.
  3. **Motion by Chris Wyant** – *CAB to review bylaws, purpose and mission statement on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting. The purpose being too clearly define purpose of the CAB and add a clause stating that the, CAB will*

*limit discuss and debate to issues that the Sedgwick County Commission has the ability to impact or vote on; all other issues that do not meet this criteria will be redirected to the proper authority. Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Pinaire. Motion passes 6-0 (2 members absent as of 5:00 pm)*

**d. Off Agenda Item**

- i. KDOT has officially approved a k-15 study to be completed in 2023. The D5 CAB has worked diligently to make this study happen and create a safer community. The study will start at I-135 exit on to K-15 down to 95<sup>th</sup> street.
- ii. Chairman Sowden asked CAB to reach out to businesses in the community and allow them the opportunity to utilize CAB members as an advocate to express the needs of the businesses in the community.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Please spread the word about the openings in the CAB, the goal is to have them filled by 2023. Replacing CAB board members please try to keep up with promoting diverse membership. Get the word out to individuals who you think would be beneficial to the CAB. Diversity is based on socioeconomic status, sex, location, background, ethnicity, language, etc.

In 2023, we should keep in mind our ability to post videos and information to social media and YouTube.

Liz Loera suggested tracking the accomplishments of the D5 CAB.

**Who would be in favor of a CAB Christmas Party?**

Review of future subject matter – determine priority and interests

- Sedgwick County Elections Office Tour/Election Security
- Lobbying Opportunities with coordinating jurisdictions
- \$17M Mental Health Facility – ARPA Funding?
- ICT-1 Follow Up
- County fines versus State Allowance Resolutions
- County Ethics Policy
- K15/95<sup>th</sup> St S Railroad Overpass
- Fire Dist 1
- Derby/SGCO EMS

**ADJOURNMENT**

**5:37pm**

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be Friday, January 6, 2023 at 4:00pm*

*DOCUMENTS:*

CAB 5 9/2/22 Mins.

CAB 10/7/22 Mins.

Demographic Data

County Upcoming Events:

- None

County Closed:

- Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 24, 2022 – Friday, November 25, 2022
- Christmas – Monday, December 26, 2022

Commissioner Howell Events:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each Month – Bullet Points @ Range 54 (5725 E Kellogg Dr S., Wichita) 4p-5:30p
- Last Friday of each Month – Cuppa Jo with Jim @ Calvary Baptist Church Gymnasium (1636 E. Patriot, Derby – enter through the glass doors on the East side of the Building) 7a-9a.