



## District 1 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, Sept. 16, 2024 | 5:30 p.m.  
Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS

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**Board Members in Attendance:** Steven Burt, Judah Craig, Joseph Dozier, Jacqueline Kelly, Kathryn Herzog, Diane Gjerstad, Andre J. Mboule, Jim Reid

**County Representatives:** Sedgwick County Commissioner, Pete Meitzner

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### 1. Call to Order

1. Judah Craig began the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

### 2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. A motion was made by Judah Craig to approve the August minutes. Diane Gjerstad seconded this motion. **The CAB approved the motion with a vote of 4-0.**

### 3. Public Agenda

1. There was no one from the public in attendance.

### 4. New Business

1. Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) representative, David Seitz began the presentation on the 254 Corridor update.
  - i. Kathryn Herzog asked, when does construction begin?
    1. David Seitz responded, so we're not approved for construction at all. We're not approved for design either. This is just a planning project at this point.
  - ii. Jim Reid asked, how is this funded?
    1. David Seitz responded, so the long term improvements, those are going to be pretty steep in cost. And I don't have an estimate for you yet, but we hope to have an estimate by that October 9 meeting. We did come here with an initial agenda where we would speak about some new funding opportunities to the locals, the counties, the cities out there to help do some of these improvement a little bit with smaller projects or locally administered projects, but they will have a newly available funding opportunity once this plan is complete and accepted, it's our corridor program, and we do some construction funding over 20 years.
  - iii. Pete Meitzner asked, but typically doesn't the state have to put up 50%?
    1. David Seitz responded, so those could be, they could be variable. I don't set a specific number with this plan. This plan doesn't set a specific number.
  - iv. Diane Gjerstad asked, there are these controlled intersections, but it seems that on some of these major highways where there's a section there's no, I'm going to call them rumble strips on the side and we've had terrible accidents in western Sedgwick County last year, people being killed on this here too. This is all that, but I wish it was sort of in the design plan, when does it start?
    1. David Seitz responded, we got called out on that, and I believe we were moving forward with a share or some sort of approval on our end that the counties could have one of these contractors out there donate some of their time.
  - v. Diane Gjerstad asked, I hope they keep the name of the bill and it stays with Senator Bill Morris. I assume that's in the statute?
    1. David Seitz responded, when we started in our preliminary investigations with the public, they were calling this the valley of death? Yeah, and that's not something I really care to see. So we want to make it better.

- vi. Commissioner Updates/Housekeeping Items
  - 1. Our Oct. meeting will take place at Exploration Place and include a tour.
  - 2. Commissioner Meitzner spoke on the recently passed budget including our growth, cuts to non-core services and the reduced mill levy.
  - 3. We discussed the homelessness shelter issue.
  - 4. We discussed short-term rentals like Airbnb and Vrbo.
  - 5. We decided to cancel our December meeting due to the holidays.
  - 6. We discussed how it is not required for CAB's to hear zoning cases.

**Adjournment**

- 1. The District 1 Citizen's Advisory Board ended at 6:36 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be **Monday, Oct. 21, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**  
at 300 N McLean Blvd*

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