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|  | **District 1 Citizens Advisory Board Meeting**  **Minutes**  Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 | 5:30 p.m.  *Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave., Bel Aire, KS* |

**Board Members in Attendance:** Daniel Bateman, Steven Burt, Judah Craig, Joseph Dozier, Diane Gjerstad, Kathryn Herzog, Ray Mann, Jim Reid

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

1. **Call to Order**
   1. Judah Craig began the meeting at 5:35 p.m.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
   1. A motion was made by Diane Gjerstad to approve the minutes. Kathy Herzog 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. We welcomed new member, Ray Mann to D1 CAB.
   2. We began discussion on CON2025-00011.
      1. Diane Gjerstad asked, if anyone has a question about the case, we’re not supposed to reply to everyone on the email correct?
         1. Sarah Harper responded, correct, that would violate KORA. I will forward any information I receive on to the CAB.
      2. Steven Burt motioned to approve the staff recommendations. Judah Craig seconded this motion. The CAB approved the motion.
5. Commissioner Meitzner began his update on the North County Land.
   * 1. Kathy Herzog asked, was the park moved due to the conservation act and because of the financial comparison?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, yes it had to be equal or greater than the value.

* + 1. Kathy Herzog asked, you said there were some options about where a new development in that park area might go?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, there is a couple of them. There are some potentials but they don’t want to be visible. Even if my fellow Commissioners haven't, we haven't really disclosed to them what maybe could happen unless it gets really close. Then we will have an executive session to kind of say, is it a right to move forward with exchanging that?

* + 1. Kathy Herzog asked, would you make one spot? So it would be one other place?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, we even looked at trying to move that encumbrance all the way to Lake Afton, because Lake Afton will be Lake Afton all the time.

* + 1. Diane Gjerstad asked, we can’t go back to Sedgwick County Park either?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, no. The Zoo wants to expand and do some things in that area.

* + 1. Diane Gjerstad asked, this was very controversial back in the day, but is it restricted? Can you build houses on it?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, well the whole 650 acres is all encumbrance so we talked about can we put this encumbrance on two of these flats but we’re handcuffed.

* + 1. Kathy Herzog asked, can you move that encumbrance somewhere else?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, yes, if we can move that encumbrance somewhere else. So going north to hit that park is the dirt roads. So if you're going to develop you're going to have to get utilities, roads. That's why we, if we as a county, want to develop but successfully, we would take it on to manage.

* + 1. Daniel Bateman asked, is there any need, want, interest from law enforcement to have a long range, city range that they could use?
       1. Pete Meitzner responded, there is a shooting range way down at Lake Afton that the city use already.
       2. Daniel Bateman responded, yes, but it doesn’t have long range, rifle.
    2. Daniel Bateman asked, can the land be paid?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, I don’t know. Agriculture has to be wild and that is some kind of park issue. But if we wanted to dig a pond out there, that’d be okay.

* + 1. Judah Craig asked, could you build, like a venue or music space out there?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, yes.

* + 1. Steven Burt asked, what is our community missing? If we did a survey what would they say?

1. Judah Craig responded, I think the destination is the hard part.

2. Pete Meitzner responded, yes like you said it’s so isolated that I’m not sure if people know about it. We could do a communications message that asks what they think.

* + 1. Tex Dozier asked, what is the closest residential area within driving distance, in the county, to this area?

1. Steven Burt responded, it looks like there is a neighborhood to the south west and property called out of parcel number four.

* + 1. Daniel Bateman asked, what are City/County residents going out of town to do that we can provide for them in a similar space location?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, off roading, camping.

2. Kathy Herzog responded, it would be great to put something really noisy up there, whether it’s a playground or whatever.

* + 1. Commissioner Updates

1. The County held their 2025 Budget Retreat.

2. The 2025 Appraiser Report came out recently.

3. State Legislation is ongoing.

* + 1. Jim Reid asked, where do we make up funds for the Tag Office, out of our property tax?

1. Pete Meitzner responded, yes, out of the general fund. You’re renewing your tag, you're paying your other fees to do all the title work and everything else. And then on top of that, we have to pay to fund this department.

* + 1. Judah Craig asked, on the technology side, what's the hang up with updating the State Tag service? Because there's so many better options out there, is it because of security purposes?

1. Ray Mann responded, no. They've eliminated a bunch of staff on their end, and some of the staff that they have in key areas are probably three to five years from retirement. Not everybody is willing to tackle something new.

* + 1. Jim Reid asked, there was an item that a guy wanted new equipment for EMS or an ambulance, what has become of that?
       1. Pete Meitzner responded, yes, that is going to officially be on the BoCC agenda coming up next.
    2. Housekeeping Items

1. We moved our meeting in March from Monday, March 17 to Tuesday, March 18 at the same time.

**Adjournment**

1. The District 1 Citizen’s Advisory Board ended at 6:54 p.m.

*The next Citizens Advisory Board Meeting will be* ***Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 5:30 p.m.***  *at Bel Aire City Hall, 7651 E. Central Park Ave.*