

***North Salina Community Development, Inc.***  
Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand Avenue  
October 15, 2015  
***Meeting Minutes***

The meeting began about 7:00 p.m.

Attendance. Fourteen persons were present including Jon Blanchard, mayor; Johnna Vosseller, USD 305 board of education and NSCD treasurer; Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services for the City of Salina; Sandra Beverly, Community Relations Department, City of Salina; Barb Goode, city planning commissioner and Brenda Gutierrez, program director, Salina Area United Way.

The following officers were present: Barb Young, president; Johnna Vosseller, treasurer and Mike Wilson, secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the September 17th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report through October 15, 2015. Total income: \$14,335.59; total expense: \$9,848.06; net income: \$4,487.53 and total liabilities and equity: \$7,315.89.

The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

**Prairie Land Food** will be distributed Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

**Salina Downtown, Inc.** report by Greg Stephens. Dan Martin, chairperson, and the other officers were elected; however, an executive director has not yet been hired.

Discussed at the last meeting were bicycle racks, Christmas decorations for downtown, lights for the downtown street light poles and cluster marketing. Also, a possible community investment district (CID) for downtown was considered. There would be a sales tax increase, but not for the Save – a – Lot store.

Some downtown businesses have moved to the Central Mall, which has been offering free rent.

**North Salina landscape** report by Barb Young. Most plants for the North Santa Fe Ave. project near Chuck's Bar have been placed and watered.

**Food Truck** report by Barb Young. One truck was at K- Tron this week.

**Hawthorne Park artwork** report by Barb Young. The artwork pedestal has been poured.

**North Town District brochure** report by Greg Stephens. Arrow Printing has the artwork but some minor revisions are needed. Up to 5,000 brochures can be printed for about \$1,500. A mailing by the Chamber of Commerce would cost about \$100 but perhaps this should be done in the spring since at Christmas time other organizations will be

advertising. Submissions of quality photographs for the brochure are requested, perhaps of the rain garden or the landscaping on N. Santa Fe Ave.

**Revision of the NSCD Mission statement.** This was tabled until the next meeting.

The **Fe for a Cure Race/Walk** is scheduled for Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at St. John's Military School. Volunteers are needed, primarily to block intersections. Information is at <http://www.feforacure.com/raceinformation.html>

If you can help contact Barb Young at [triadmfg@triadmfginc.com](mailto:triadmfg@triadmfginc.com) or 785 – 452 – 5272 and give your name and t - shirt size.

A meeting of volunteers is scheduled for Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 p.m. at the Tammy Walker Cancer Center, 511 S. Santa. At that time volunteers can collect t - shirts and receive instructions.

### **New Business**

**Discount tickets** for the Salina Community Theatre production of Becky's New Car are available for the October 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> performances.

**Grant application** to fund Access Television video. This was tabled until the next meeting.

**Organization goals progress** report by Greg Stephens. There are about 3 dozen North Salina Goals with 19 completed and 9 being explored or in progress. Accomplishments not listed on the goals sheet are North Santa Fe Landscaping, Mission Statement Review, Fe for the Cure, Food Truck Friday program, Participation in Local Food Task Force & Live Well Projects and Advisory Representative for Salina Downtown, Inc. At next month's meeting additional topics will be considered.

### **Open Forum**

Barb Goode discussed **food-planning grants**.

A \$100,000 grant has been obtained that would allow persons to use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) funds to purchase produce at the farmers' markets.

A grant for \$25,000 in tax credits for Advancing Rural Properties was obtained.

A pre-proposal was prepared in co-operation with Lakewood Park staff for a fruit orchard and possible berry farm at Thomas Park. The purposes of this grant would be for education and outreach.

Sandra Beverly discussed the following two events.

**George Washington Caver Day**, Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

morning program not yet decided

lunch at 12 noon, Presbyterian Church 102. E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Minneapolis. Make reservations by October 20<sup>th</sup>

about 1:00 p.m. view the George Washington Carver display at the museum

contact Earle Bess at [earbe8@gmail.com](mailto:earbe8@gmail.com) or 785 – 502 – 5119

**NAACP 2015 Freedom Fund Luncheon** on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at the Webster

Conference Center, 2601 N. Ohio St.

A seminar will begin at 9:00 a.m. and include presentations by the Salina Police Department, City of Salina government representatives, Salina Initiative for Restorative Justice and others. The cost will be \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for persons 18 and younger and college students. Lunch will be served at noon.

To reserve a ticket contact Sandy Beverly at 785 – 825 – 6841.

Gary Hobbie discussed a **housing study** that is tentatively scheduled for Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.