

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

The meeting began at about 7:00 p.m.

Attendance. About thirteen persons were present including Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services for the City of Salina; Brenda Gutierrez, Program Director, Salina Area United Way; David Norlin, instructor and coordinator for the social work program at K-State – Salina and students Michael Rathbun and Trillian Svoboda.

NSCD officers Barb Young, president and Mike Wilson, secretary were present.

Minutes. The minutes of the December 18th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report. None.

Old Business

Prairie Land Food will be distributed January 24th at the Grand Avenue Methodist church.

Salina Downtown, Inc. report by Barb Young. A new executive director is being sought. New vapor lounges in the city were discussed but no action taken. The PlaceMakers organization, urban planners, will assist with projects.

USDA Local Foods Promotion Program report by Barb Goode. A \$25,000 grant was awarded by the USDA. The purpose of the program is to promote the growing of foods locally and several entities will be involved. There will be a food assessment of Saline County and nearby areas and a meeting on January 29th. At a later date Miles Alexander of K – State – Manhattan will facilitate a workshop to assess how existing facilities, such as the commercial kitchen at the Masonic lodge, can be used.

North Santa Fe Avenue landscape proposal report by Barb Young. Sketches for the proposed landscaping were presented. The total estimated cost would be \$2,000 with one – half from the Chamber of Commerce and one – half from the NSCD. This project will be discussed with the city staff in the near future. It was moved and seconded that the NSCD donate \$1,000 to this project. The motion was approved.

Salina Journal "Deck the House" contest report by Mike Wilson. The NSCD had recommended the house at 1038 N. Santa Fe Ave, which received 66 votes with the owner being awarded the second place prize of \$50.00.

SDI Christmas Parade, NSCD float entry report by Barb Young. There was no awarding of prizes.

New Business

The **accomplishments of the NSCD** for 2014 were read by Barb Young.

The **estimated budget** for 2015 was not presented.

Election of members of the board of directors. To begin the staggering process of directors' terms the following was accomplished.

Barb Young moved that the following persons be elected as directors for 1 – year terms: Rosie Sickler, Johnna Vosseller, Donald Fortin and Mike Wilson. The motion was seconded by Carol Schaeffer and passed.

Don Fortin moved that the following persons be elected as directors for 2 – year terms: Pat Brooks, Jon Blanchard, Jeanette Grant and Ramona Newsom. The motion was seconded by Barb Young and passed.

Don Fortin moved that the following persons be elected as directors for 3 – year terms: Carol Schaeffer, Greg Stephens, Barb Young and Art Grover. The motion was seconded by Pat Brooks and passed.

At each future annual meeting in January four directors will be elected, each for a three-year term.

Election of officers. Art Grover moved that the following be elected: Barb Young, president; Jeanette Grant, vice – president; Johnna Vosseller, treasurer and Mike Wilson, secretary. The motion was seconded by Pat Brooks and passed.

A **fifth CityGo bus route** was discussed by Brenda Gutierrez. This will be designated the green route, cover primarily north Salina and begin February 2nd with 22 new stops. A \$60,000 grant from the Earl Bane Foundation will support the route for the first year.

The **Salina Community Theatre** is offering discount tickets for the play entitled Clybourne Park for show dates of February 14th and 15th.

Open forum

Michael Rathbun, who trains with **Miller's Shotokan Karate Team**, reported that two members of the Salina group had participated in the world championships in Dublin, Ireland and won a bronze medal in the kicking box contest. He thanked the NSCD for the \$200.00 it contributed to help with travel expenses.

The **K - State – Salina Civic Engagement project** was discussed by David Norlin. Students will be involved for one more semester, surveying of businesses will continue and a meeting scheduled. Salina Area Technical College students continue to design a brand and a video is being produced by Paul Green of KWU.

Michael and Trillian reported on their efforts and Michael noted that north Salina seems to be the automotive part of the City, some employees have no vehicles and a laundromat and grocery store are needed.

The **Save – a – Lot grocery** store has a tentative opening date of March 18th. Barb Young reported that the SDI and NSCD are designing cloth grocery bags.

A **Coffee with a Cop** meeting in north Salina the last of March was discussed by Brenda Gutierrez. David Norlin's students will search for a suitable meeting location for 15 – 25 people and consider an appropriate date and time. Carol Schaeffer will represent the NSCD.

A **“healthy homes” health department grant** was discussed by Barb Goode. Conditions in homes, especially those with small children, that may cause respiratory and other problems will be investigated. The NSCD was asked to co – sponsor this endeavor, which will be considered in more detail at next month's meeting.

A **housing survey and strategic housing plan** is being developed by city staff with the assistance of RDG Planners. Gary Hobbie reported that this plan will address current housing conditions, real estate changes and housing affordability in Salina as well as projecting the housing demand for future housing considering types and prices.

The city staff have driven along every street in Salina and located more than 9,000 problem properties whose locations will be placed on a GPS map. In late February or early March planners will conduct a public meeting and prepare a strategic housing plan for future years. **All persons are asked to complete a survey, which will help in the development of this plan. It is at www.surveymonkey.com/s/livesalina** Persons completing the survey, which ends February 9th, will be entered in a drawing for **two round trip tickets on Seaport airlines**. For more information contact Gary at gary.hobbie@salina.org or 785 – 309 – 5715

A **suitable location** for our regular monthly meetings is still being sought.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th with the location to be determined.