

North Salina Community Development, Inc.

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand Avenue

April 17, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The meeting began about 7 p.m. and was held at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand.

Attendance – Fifteen persons were present including Jon Blanchard, city commissioner ; Gary Hobbie, director of community and development services for the city of Salina; Barb Goode, city planning commissioner and Brenda Gutierrez, program director, Salina Area United Way.

All officers were present except Jeannette and Johnna.

New people attending were: Phyll Klima, Mike Rathburn and Lisa Larson.

Minutes - The minutes of the March 21st meeting amended and approved.

Treasurer's report – Barb reported: \$3, 238.96 for Santa Fe upgrades grant, \$197.40 expense for Santa Fe upgrade plants, \$899.70 for Hawthorne spray park sculpture.

Old Business

Farmers Markets- Phyll Klima reported: The Kitchen 4 Hire, 2014-15 food assessment is addressing the process for getting a city policy for approval for using parking lots for farmers markets. There are three in Salina: True Value parking lot on Ohio on Saturdays, the Dairy Queen parking lot on Fridays and at the Grand Avenue Methodist gardens on Tuesdays. The markets come from initiatives on healthy equity – “we are what we eat”, the Governors Local Food to Farm Task force and Kansas Rural Center program “Feeding Kansas”.

Prairie Land Food Food to be distributed in April by Barb, Gary and Art and will be distributed at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

Salina Downtown, Inc. Greg and Brenda- Greg Stephens will be stepping down from the volunteer position of reporting on Salina Downtown Inc. There will be 30 new bicycle racks by mid- May. The new Friday Night Live program, with art from 5-7 and music from 7-9, will begin in May. This has changed from First Thursday, which will still be hosted by the Salina Public Library and the Smoky Hill Museum. May 7 is the new Sculpture Tour. On May 27 there will be an Asian food truck by Tony Dong. These will be supported by the new STAR bonds movement.

North Salina landscape report by Barb Young. The work is in process at the Hawthorne Park. The work at Chuck’s Bar is done and the foundation for the sculpture pedestal will be done on May 2. The work at the mounted patrol is on-going: dirt work, drainage swales, and a blocked pipe. The mounted patrol had an ad in the Journal in April. Darrin is starting a plant list.

NSCD Little Library Update Brenda Gutierrez and Carol Schaeffer reported; There are books in the little library and people are taking them. They are replacing the books and keeping it full. Carol met with Lori at the library and will make a book list to keep track. It was suggested North Town should have more Little Libraries.

Plug-in Salina Report Brenda Gutierrez. There were more booths than expected, over 60 and the snacks were good. It was hosted by a Leadership Salina Graduate and there have been discussions on how to continue this event.

Spring Spruce-up Report- Barb and Brenda- 125 people volunteered and filled two dumpsters at the river cleanup site. The five point's landscape was cleaned up and new plants added. Brenda talked about using the Kohl's store volunteers which are a 501c3 group that donates \$500 and 5 volunteers. Lush Lawns volunteers were working at the 5 points project and may be used for future projects. Gary said Roger Bachta donated 2 free equipment hours and suggested sending a Thank You card.

New Business

Head Start -Lisa Larson talked about having a larger Head Start presence in North Town. Martin Luther King childcare center is already served. They want to keep their Ashby House connection and expand in North Town by purchasing and renovating a facility in North Town with the following capabilities: 3 classrooms, outside space, and office and a kitchen. They will turn in the RFP for the grant in May and the project will be the 2017-18 school year.

Konza Seeds Presentation April 26 by Barb Young and Darrin. It will be an eat and vote, micro-funding event; for \$10 you get to vote for the group who will get the money. They will have Mounted Patrol and present on the landscaping project.

Salina Food Information Barb Goode reported. She is re-applying for the North Central Kansas food hub grant for \$100,000. There was discussion about the USDA, and low income and low access to food in North Town. The SNAP program has been approved for residents use at the farmers markets. Prairieland is working on a new CSA. Brenda Gutierrez reported that there will be a summer meal program for children at Lakewood Middle School.

Discover Salina Naturally- Barb Goode- it will May 1 from 11-4 and NSCD will have a booth.

Hog Roast Barb Young reported. It will be Saturday June 4th. There will be Fishing with a Cop at Lakewood Park in the morning and 11 AM the Hog Roast at Thomas Park. SPD is furnishing prizes to be given away at both parks. Committee work in progress.

Bicycle Share Project Trillian Svoboda reported on free use bicycles, the Green Apple Bicycle Share booth at Discover Salina Naturally and the information meeting/flyer.

There will be an ad in the Journal and she might need funds for snacks at the event. K-State students will film the event. She might have another BARK event in August

Salina Community Theatre Pat Brooks will check on future plays and the North town discount tickets with the password Visit Salina.

Open Forum

Food Hub-Barb Goode-she has to write a new grant support/commitment letter for the USDA Local Food Program implementation. To receive \$100,000 there has to be \$33,000 match. This would be for working class, poor, low income/low access to healthy foods populations. Some of the suggested places for parents to pick up food from the CSA were: the food bank, Martin Luther King Childcare, the Seventh Day Adventist church, Assisted Living facilities, Ashby House, The free store, Faith Freewill Baptist church, the health department, and the downtown bus hub. Jon moved the support the USDA grant, Carol seconded and it passed.

Volunteer Connection-Gary Hobbie reported that the tool trailer from Volunteer Connection is at the Ashby House.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:48 PM