

North Salina Community Development, Inc.

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand Avenue

March 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 – Twenty one 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; Barb Goode, city planning commissioner and Brenda Gutierrez, program director, Salina Area United Way.

All officers were present except Jeannette.

New people attending were: Kimberley and Rodney fro Circles of the Heartland, Chris Pembleton, Terry Herrington, Joan Ratzlaff, and realtors, Charles Ross and Gabe Grant.

Minutes - The minutes of the January 21st meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report – Johnna reported: Weiss wants NSCD to start paying for the web domain; she suggested that a debit card should be obtained. It was moved by Barb Goode, seconded by Carol Schaeffer and passed. It was decided Barb Young and Johnna Vosseller should have access.

Old Business

Prairie Land Food will be distributed Saturday, April 23 at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

Salina Downtown, Inc. Greg Stephens is stepping down from the volunteer position of reporting on Salina Downtown Inc. The meetings are on The 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 AM for anyone wanting to volunteer. Barb Young reported that there was a speaker on retailing and discussion on bicycle racks in the downtown sculpture tour. They hired a new part-time person, Melanie Sanders.

North Salina landscape report by Barb Young. The work is in process at the Hawthorne Park and the concrete triangle might be in May. The work at Chuck's Bar is done except waiting for engineering for the sculpture pedestal. The work at the mounted patrol is on-going: dirt work, drainage swales, and a blocked pipe. The mounted patrol has an ad planned for April 10.

Housing Assessment update - report by Gary Hobbe. The assessment is finished and the group will start looking at incentives, financing and taxing in regard to housing development, along with the City Commission. There was a discussion about starting a

Community Development Corporation (CDC). It was decided NSCD couldn't start a CDC, but it could come from people within NSCD. There was discussion about infill housing, policy priorities and affordable housing, and new legislation for housing in bad condition. Jon Blanchard talked about the missing middle in affordable housing and tiny houses and cluster neighborhoods.

NSCD Little Library Update Brenda Gutierrez and Carol Schaeffer reported; There are books in the little library and people are taking them. It was decided that it didn't matter if they kept them and that they were replacing the books and keeping it full.

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 Graduates and there have been discussions on how to continue this event.

Bicycle Project There was a report on free use bicycles with racks that hold ten bikes each placed around Salina and the possibility of hosting an information meeting.

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.

New Business

Discover Salina Naturally Barb Goode reported. It will be held May 1, 2016 @ Lakewood Park from 11 AM to 4 PM. NSCD will have a booth.

Spring Spruce Up Barb Young reported. I will be April 16 and a flyer will be sent out. Barb Goode reported that there will be about 40 rain barrels made and there was a consensus that they will be given to Day Care centers for use in children's gardens.

Hog Roast Barb Young reported. It will be Saturday June 4th. She attended a meeting with Brian from Lakewood Discovery Center and Brent from the Salina Police Department. 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.

Salina Community Theatre Carol Schaeffer will check on future plays and the North town discount tickets.

Open Forum

1. Gary Hobbe reported that the tool trailer from Volunteer Connection still needs a sponsor organize to house the trailer, do tool upkeep and tool distribution. It was suggested that the Grand Avenue Methodist Church might be contacted.

The Meeting was Adjourned at 8:17 PM

