

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand Avenue
March 19, 2015

Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance. Twelve persons were present including Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services for the City of Salina; Sandra Beverly, Community Relations Department, City of Salina and David Norlin, instructor and coordinator for the social work program at K-State–Salina.

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

Minutes. The minutes of the February 19th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report. The report dated March 1 – 19, 2015 listed expenses of \$40.00 for a report to the Kansas Secretary of State and \$59.40 for the NSCD web site, leaving total assets of \$2,728.96.

Old Business

Trillian Svoboda, president of **Benefiting Animals and Raising Knowledge** (BARK), reported that this group and the Humane Society of the United States have scheduled a joint meeting for March 25th. Donations from businesses are being solicited to pay for the cost of printing materials and goodie bags for animals. Two hundred microchips and vaccines are available and volunteers are needed.

Salina Downtown, Inc. report. The 2014 volunteer of the year was awarded to the NSCD.

USDA Local Foods Promotion Program grant report by Barb Goode. About 70 persons, including many producers, attended a 6-hour workshop. One of the topics discussed was food accessibility; also, attendees would like a local food hub and have an advisory board to the city. Since the Farmers' Market, which is held at the Water's Hardware parking lot, is not convenient for persons living in north Salina it would be helpful to have one in north Salina.

Healthy Homes report by Barb Goode. A healthy homes workshop will be offered April 13th at Christ Cathedral Episcopal Church from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Attendees should RSVP to kathleen.malonecrouch@sschd.org Volunteers are needed for food preparation and childcare. A free healthy home inspection can be requested and residents will be given a bag of items for the home including a smoke alarm, first aid kit and other items.

Bags for Save – a - Lot opening report by Mira Mickler-Moss. The proposed NSCD logo stickers, which will be placed on the bags by volunteers, must be vinyl and colors are limited. The costs are: black and white stickers, 500 for \$155 and 3 - color stickers, 500 for \$255 with the cost being shared by SDI. Inc. Refrigerator parts have not yet been delivered and the manager wants to distribute bags with logos 2 weeks after the opening.

Barb Goode moved that 500 3-color stickers and 240 bags (four bundles) be ordered with the cost being shared by SDI, Inc. The motion was seconded by Don Fortin and passed.

Coffee with a Cop report by David Norlin. Since his students will be arranging the meeting it was requested that it be the last of April. Mike Wilson will contact Chief Nelson.

Engagement grant report by David Norlin. General canvassing will be conducted Monday through Saturday in March and April with the objective that each person complete ten forms by May 1st. Event goals include: housing assessment meetings, Salina Area United Way community conversations, block club, Coffee with a Cop, 5th street block meeting, and 11th and 12th streets block meeting.

A north Salina business meeting may be scheduled for March 31st at noon; students will call businesses and mail post cards or letters.

Greg Stephens' students have contacted about 180 businesses and a Salina development meeting is scheduled for March 24th. Maps indicating locations of businesses, owner-occupied houses and other features will be generated.

New Business

Spring Spruce-Up report by Gary Hobbie. This event will be held Saturday, April 18th with a pancake breakfast prepared by the NAACP and check-in at 7:30 a.m. at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church. Activities will include a clean up at Johnstown Towers apartments and the first block north of the railroad tracks, painting of part of the Grand Avenue Church, placing medallions at storm drains and a partial river clean up. This event is sponsored by the Volunteer Connection and other entities.

The **Salina Community Theatre play** entitled Death Trap was discussed by Mike Wilson.

Open Forum

A **perceived need for a more suitable meeting place** was discussed by Mike Wilson.

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The next meeting is scheduled for April 16th.