

**North Salina Community Development, Inc.**  
Salvation Army Community Center  
October 17, 2013  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Minutes.** The minutes of the September 19th meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** The report dated October 17, 2013 was distributed with total liabilities and equity of \$2,191.33. The report was approved.

**Attendance.** Twenty persons were present including Jon Blanchard, City Commissioner; Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services for the City of Salina; and Johnna Voseller, USD 305 Board member. Officers present were Barb Young, President; Kathy White, treasurer and Mike Wilson, Secretary.

**Old Business**

**"5 Corners" project.** Jon Blanchard reported that the sculpture has been placed and additional work will include rockwork and landscaping with low maintenance plants, perhaps perennials to be planted in the spring.

Darrin Wright prepared a sketch of the completed project showing locations of plants and other items. If there is a dedication ceremony Mike Wilson will record it and prepare a show for Community Access Television.

The cost of the project will be more than the \$1000 grant so fundraising efforts will be initiated.

**Engagement grant.** David Norlin reported that Gary Hobbie instructed student volunteers concerning the Next Door program. The advisory committee will meet soon and Jeanette Grant will be asked to develop a flyer.

**New Business**

**Fall fix - up day.** Clay Thompson reported that 20 cadets from St. John's Military Academy will help and some of the projects include painting bleachers for South and Lakewood middle schools, assembling rain barrels and river clean up.

**Healthy Homes assessment.** Healthy Homes is a division of the Environmental Services Division of the Salina - Saline County Health Department. Healthy Homes is part of the CARE grant that Salina obtained from the EPA. The grant also funds labeling of the inlets for storm water drains, assembly of rain barrels and radon testing of residences by the Health Department. Kathleen Malone Crouch and Shawn Esterl, specialists were present.

Kathleen discussed a power point presentation, which included the following.

Unhealthy homes can cause injuries, allergies (caused by mold), asthma (caused by dust and high humidity) and lead poisoning. The latter can cause brain damage in children; there is one lead investigator in Salina. If asbestos is present it can scar lungs.

Radon gas comes from the soil and carbon monoxide gas is generated by unvented furnaces and water heaters. Some volatile organic compounds include paints, pesticides and lacquers.

Healthy Homes personnel offer assessments of residences, will provide test instruments and can answer homeowner's questions. The organization accepts referrals from physicians, school nurses and day care providers.

**“Deck the House” contest.** Mike Wilson stated that some homeowners in north Salina spend considerable time and money decorating their property but none was nominated in last year's contest.

Since many people in north Salina have limited funds to buy decorations and cannot compete with homeowners in other areas of the city, perhaps there could be a separate contest for homes in north Salina. Mike will contact someone at the Salina Journal, that sponsors the contest, and inquire.

### **Open Forum**

Johnna Voseller, a member of the board of directors of the Milk Jr Child Development Center, read a letter from their staff in which it was stated that members of the NSCD are to be thanked for contacting Heartland Programs, Early Childhood Education, and supporting Milk in their efforts to obtain funds.

Greg Stephens reported that Phil Coleman, who works with Boy Scouts, needs volunteers.

Jon Blanchard stated that Bob Jenkins of Leadership Salina reported that north Salina was selected as a service projects and he would like suggestions of relevant projects.

**Adjournment.** 8:25 p.m.

**Next Meeting.** This is scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup>.