

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Meeting Minutes
Salvation Army Community Center
September 20, 2012

The meeting began at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Attendance

There were 21 persons attending including the following candidates: John Price, Gary Swartzendruber and Johnna Vosseller. NSCD officers present were Barb Young, Carol Schaeffer and Mike Wilson.

Minutes

The minutes of the August 16th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Old Business

By – Laws Revision

Greg Stephens reported that he and Ramona Newsom had met with attorney Nathanael Berg and a first draft of the document will be ready next week. It will be forwarded to the Steering Committee for their consideration.

Peace Garden Artwork

The City of Salina Community Art and Design Committee met September 18th with some NSCD officers and steering committee members attending. Mr. Imagination's artwork will be moved to the Hawthorne apartments and park area.

501(c) 3 Application

The By – Laws must be prepared first.

Public Design Charette

Jon Blanchard reported on the Public Design Charette, which is scheduled for Thursday evening, October 25th and all day Friday the 26th at the Chamber of Commerce, "Visit Salina" Annex. He is providing information for this event. Advertising, which might include radio and the Salina Journal, was discussed.

New Business

Fall Fix-Up Salina 2012 was discussed by Clay Thompson. It is scheduled for Saturday, October 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Volunteers will meet at St. John's Military School.

All persons wishing to help must register and should do so by October 9th. A form is available at www.nckvc.org On the left side of the page click on "10/20 FALL FIX UP". Late registrations will be accepted at 8:00 a.m. on October 20th.

Six homes are scheduled for cleaning and/or repair, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. Child Development Center on north Santa Fe Avenue has about 25 items to accomplish.

Each church in the City was sent an email message concerning this event and some St. Johns students will help. There are no boundaries; however, efforts will be concentrated in north Salina.

About \$800, which is tax – deductible, has been received or pledged to support this activity. Checks should be payable to the Volunteer Connection.

Closing of the East Iron Avenue Dillon's store

The following was discussed: the building had been leased by the Dillon's corporation, a prescription drug store might be interested in locating in the building, could people in Salina contribute to an organization to support a new grocery store and could something like a community land trust be established.

The Community Mercantile (The Merc, <http://themerccoop>) is located in Lawrence and includes a grocery store and a delicatessen, and offers some local produce and dairy and cooking classes.

Candidates

Each of the three candidates introduced themselves.

Kansas PRIDE program

Trudy Rice, Extension Associate, based at K – State – Manhattan spoke. Also present were Carl Garten, District Extension Director of the K – State Research and Extension and Dorothy Bray, Office Professional/Financials. The two latter persons are based in Salina.

The PRIDE program supports and recognizes community volunteer groups organized for community betterment. The program is supported by K - State Research and Extension, the Kansas Department of Commerce and Kansas PRIDE, Inc.

Volunteers can organize in autonomous community groups and determine their projects. Kansas PRIDE personnel, at no cost, will help them organize, network, find resources and gain recognition for their efforts. An example is the community of Lucas where volunteers created a tribute to stonemasons who worked in the area between 1870 and 1920. In this area there are three PRIDE communities: Assaria, Bennington and Delphos. In an average year about 70 Kansas communities are involved.

If the NSCD wants to enroll they should do so in the next few months so it can be a member in 2013. The City Commissioners must pass a resolution and there must be a memorandum of understanding between NSCD and PRIDE concerning projects to be accomplished. A quarterly report is required. Enrollment forms are at www.kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/pride/prideforms.htm

Promotion of the NSCD

Mike Wilson reported that Community Access TV will begin a new monthly show early next year entitled The Scene. A thirty - second promotion of the NSCD will be presented during each show.

Candidate Discussions

Each of the three candidates spoke briefly.

Open Forum

Jon Blanchard discussed an NAACP Block Party that will be held Saturday, September 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army Center. It will be open to the public and free, the NSCD will have a table and various activities, including bingo, will be offered. Last year about 400 people attended.

USD 305 will build a new alternative school building. Jon talked to Ken Kennedy, Assistant Superintendent and Executive Director of Operations for USD 305, about constructing this building in north Salina.

Amber Dennett of SalinaSoup.com discussed new businesses and organizations in downtown Salina. This growth may spill over into north Salina.

Gary Hobbie reported that the North Central Regional Planning Commission had accepted rehabilitation grant bids for six homes.

Art Grover reported that a chicken dinner will be offered at the Grand Avenue United Methodist church.

There was a brief discussion of a proposed city property maintenance code.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next North Salina Community Development meeting will be held Thursday, October 18th.