

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
June 19, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Attendance. Thirteen persons were present including Jon Blanchard, City Commissioner; Johnna Voseller, USD 305 Board member and Treasurer of the NSCD; Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services for the City of Salina; Melissa Hodges, Executive Director of SDI, Inc.; Brenda Gutierrez, Salina Area United Way; Dina Giron, Human Relations Specialist for the City of Salina and Aaron Householter, City Commissioner. All officers were present.

Minutes. The minutes of the May 15th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report, as of June 19, 2014.

Income

donations to the Greater Salina Community Foundation: \$2,418.86
hog roast contributions: \$972.36, which included about \$322 in cash at the event
other: \$50.00

Expenses

hog roast: \$845.09
registration fee for the 501(c)(3) application: \$400.00
equipment rental and maintenance: \$54.71
“five corners” expenses: \$2,318.86
liability insurance premium for 1 year: \$600.00
yearly web site fee: \$77.57 (domain name and other items)
Total current assets: \$2,070.95

The report was approved.

Old Business

Hog Roast and Barbeque Report. The event was very successful with beautiful weather (not hot and no rain) and excellent music. The attendance was 500 – 525 persons.

Johnna will send Jeanette a list of donors and the latter will prepare and mail thank you cards.

SDI Report. Greg Stephens stated that the typical meeting consists of a public forum, a report by the city manager, board committee reports and a discussion of recent events. At the last meeting officers were elected and the new web site was discussed.

Melissa Hodges reported that persons are encouraged to adopt a sidewalk planter and a Minority Entrepreneurial Committee, which helps persons to start a business, is being formed. An informational meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 28th, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the Salina Area Chamber of Commerce.

The “Happy in Downtown Salina” video is being shown on Community Access Television.

Save – a - Lot Grocery Store. Jon Blanchard and Gary Hobbie reported that the building is being remodeled and a new entrance prepared. A tentative opening date has not been announced.

Items for sale will be displayed primarily in bulk, the owners will receive a sales tax rebate for 10 years with a maximum of \$250,000 and there are no other government funds.

A groundbreaking event that includes a welcome to the neighborhood is being planned with a tentative date of July 18th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Sponsors are requested and music might be provided. The store owners are also planning a ribbon cutting ceremony.

New Business

Rain Barrel Project. Barb Goode reported that about 100 barrels are unassembled and stored in the old swimming pool area. A final assembly day will be scheduled, perhaps to coincide with the fall fix- up day in October.

Little Libraries. There are four in Salina with one being in Hawthorne Park. The library director has asked for our recommendation for another site in north Salina and the area near the MLK building was suggested. Mike Wilson will forward this information to the library director.

Open Forum

Barb Goode reported that various persons have coordinated their efforts and applied for a USDA grant that would consider food and nutrition issues. The applicants must supply 25% of the funds.

Gary Hobbie reported that five requests for housing studies have been received and community outreach programs will be scheduled later. Persons can enroll online to add a contribution to their monthly water bill to help support remodeling of homes.

There was additional discussion on various topics.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 17th.