

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
May 15, 2014
Meeting Minutes

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

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

Minutes. The minutes of the April 17th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report. A check had been written for landscaping expenses leaving a balance in the checking account of \$2,441.25. The report was approved.

Old Business

Engagement Grant. There was no report.

“5 corners” dedication. Greg Stephens reported that there were 60 - 65 attendees and the family was happy with the event. Perhaps the entire corner should be considered as a concept with a mural on a building or other feature.

SDI Report. Melissa Hodges reported that the Sculpture Tour Salina would begin this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. with the unwrapping of 26 sculptures. There will be live entertainment and materials will be available at the Art Center for families wishing to create a sculpture.

A bike race will be held Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the downtown area and a video will be recorded featuring various performing groups.

Hog Roast Planning Committee. Mike Wilson reported that planning is continuing for this event, which will be held Saturday, June 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Thomas Park. The participation of blue grass musicians, Bill Burrows and Sue Scriven, has been confirmed and new activities will include the Salina Kids on Bikes program and a rain barrel drawing.

Persons wishing to help should contact Mike Wilson at [m_wilson_422 @icloud.com](mailto:m_wilson_422@icloud.com). The next committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 29th , 5:30 p.m. at Ad Astra.

2014 Strategic Planning Update. At the suggestion of Jon Blanchard this report was moved to the end of the meeting.

New Business

Save-A-Lot is planning to open a grocery store in the former Dillon's building on E. Iron. Jon Blanchard suggested that a "Welcome to the Neighborhood" activity be held after the Smoky Hill River Festival.

2014 Strategic Planning Update. Jon Blanchard continued the discussion from previous meetings. Five categories had been determined and each was ranked by attendees from a first to fifth preference. The results were

1. Regional park concept and recreational opportunities, no votes for first preference;
2. Economic development, six votes for first preference;
3. After-school youth engagement activities, four votes for first preference;
4. Redevelopment planning, five votes for first preference and
5. Community engagement and involvement, four votes for first preference.

Open Forum

Barb Goode announced Friends of the River cleanup days scheduled for the third Saturday of each month. This Saturday training will be offered at the Friends office at 8:00 a.m.

USD 305 is coordinating the summer meals for children program, which will have nine sites including a new one at South High School.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 19th.