

**North Salina Community Development, Inc.**  
Salvation Army Community Center  
March 21, 2013  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Attendance**

Fourteen persons were present including Krista Trusty, candidate for USD 305 School Board, Amit Bhakta and Jon Blanchard, candidates for City Commissioner and Phyll Klima, Executive Director, Salina Downtown, Inc.

**Minutes.** The minutes of the January 17th meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** There was no report.

**Old Business**

Barb Goode reported on the **New Partners for Smart Growth Workshop**, which she attended recently. Several hundred people attended this annual national conference that was funded in part by the Kellogg Foundation and the USDA. Barb's presentation concerned the EPA Technology Assistance grant, which the NSCD had previously obtained, and three areas of interest in north Salina. Other topics presented were building rural wealth based on assets, healthy food initiatives, the start this fall of a K – State master's program in urban food and cultivate K.C., a project whereby gardens would be planted in unused land such as under high voltage power lines, etc.

A **neighborhood garage sale** in north Salina was suggested by Krista Trusty. Topics considered were: it might be held the Saturday before the clean-up day, placement of yard signs, obtaining a list of addresses for persons participating and holding it in the Salvation Army parking lot. It probably would be better to have sales in each person's property and donate unsold items to the Salvation Army. Phyll Klima, suggested that a Facebook page for north Salina be established and Jon Blanchard volunteered to do this.

A yard sale committee with members Krista Trusty, Carol Schaeffer and Jon Blanchard was formed.

**Artwork for "5 corners"** was discussed by Jon Blanchard. The following points were considered: the site would be maintained by the NSCD, after the existing grass becomes green it will be killed with a chemical and the artwork placed. The \$1000 awarded from the Love Your Community grant will pay for this project. The NSCD might participate with the Parks Department in developing an experimental rain garden in another area.

**NSCD logo.** Barb Young said that Dennis Lauver would like to have a logo for the city and a group will be formed to consider this. Krista Trusty and Amit Bhakta will represent the NSCD.

## **New Business**

Mike Wilson reported that **discount tickets** for the Salina Community Theater production of the Follies would be available to north Salina residents. He will distribute advertisements.

**Neighborhood Communications.** Information concerning a NextDoor website was distributed and Greg Stephens reported that we could apply for a \$10,000 K - State grant with the application being due April 1st. These funds could help pay students who would walk throughout north Salina promoting neighborhood communications and identifying potential leaders who would be trained.

Other topics discussed were: contacting the 224 business owners in north Salina, developing a video about north Salina with the help of KWU students and sponsoring a cultural food festival.

Jon Blanchard reported on the results of the **East Iron street grocery store** petition drive. It ended February 6th and more than 2800 signatures were collected. Barb Young presented them to the City Commissioners who expressed their support.

Barb Goode stated that the NSCD has applied for an **EPA Smart Growth Implementation Assistance Program** grant on the Role of Manufactured and Modular Homes in Sustainable Neighborhood Design. About 70 applications were submitted nationally and only 4 – 5 will be approved. The grant will include the equivalent of \$70,000 in consulting fees and the awardees will be announced in May. Jon Blanchard and Gary Hobbie are the principal contacts.

Barb Goode said that the NSCD could apply for a **Kansas Health Foundation grant** which has a maximum value of \$25,000. Since it must be health related perhaps we could request funds to develop hiking trails or consider obesity. The application is due September 15th and organizations must have 501 (c) (3) status.

The **third annual hog roast and barbeque** is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st in Thomas Park. The following was considered: it would be desirable to have people from throughout Salina, perhaps tickets should be issued so that each person could obtain only one meal and should tickets be issued when cars enter the park?

Only vendors from non – profit agencies will be allowed to participate and they cannot sell food or drinks. Vendors must be checked to ensure that they have liability insurance.

Perhaps activities could be offered such as a 4H project for children or a walk on the levee.

Liz Lee will cook side dishes using food supplied by the NSCD. About 7 people volunteered to serve on a committee.

## **Open Forum**

Barb Goode discussed the possibility of the NSCD participating in Discover Salina Naturally, which has replaced the green fair. It will be held Sunday, April 21st at Lakewood Park. Perhaps the NSCD could sponsor a north Salina food fair. Mike Wilson will deliver posters advertising this event.

**Next Meeting.** This is scheduled for April 18th.