

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
April 18, 2013
Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance

Thirty persons were present including county commissioner Randy Duncan, city commissioner Jon Blanchard and Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services. Officers present were Barb Young, President; Carol Schaeffer, Vice – President; Kathy White, Treasurer and Mike Wilson, Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the March 21st meeting were approved with the following correction. In Old Business under the paragraph entitled "Artwork for "5 Corners", NSCD was replaced by City of Salina.

Treasurer's report. As of April 18, 2013 total assets were \$621.16. This included an expense of \$39.28 for rental of a generator for the Parade of Lights float and a check for \$50.00 from the City for the NSCD second place prize in the Other category.

Old Business

Discover Salina Naturally, which will be held April 21st, was discussed by Barb Goode. Sponsors are Phillips Lighting, the Prairie Land Market and others; the NSCD will have a booth.

Clean - Up Day on April 20th was discussed by Clay Thompson. Participants will meet at the south end of Lakewood Park.

There will be no **north Salina garage sale** in the next few months, but one may be organized later.

The **artwork for "5 corners" and Hawthorne Park** was discussed by Jon Blanchard. Grant funds have been received and the sculpture stored. When the grass grows it will be killed, the sculpture placed and xeriscaping installed.

North Salina branding and logo committee. Jon Blanchard reported that it met earlier this date and plans to design a logo for the city and perhaps others for various areas. Jon will set up a Facebook page for north Salina.

The **EPA Smart Growth proposal** has been submitted and, hopefully, results will be announced the first part of May.

Salina Community Theater discount ticket offer for the production of Follies. Mike Wilson reported that 11 had been sold with one person buying 5.

New Business

Engagement grant for neighborhood structure and communication. Greg Stephens reported that a grant application for \$10,000 was submitted April 1st and results should be known in about 3 weeks. It is hoped that about \$6000 in – kind funds might be obtained. Some collaborators are city leaders, KWU, the Volunteer Connection and others. Also, an archival video of north Salina is being prepared.

David Norlin discussed activities that would improve the community and the possible establishment of a Nextdoor free private social network for neighborhoods.

Third Annual Hog Roast and Barbeque, Saturday, June 1st in Thomas Park. Eric and Mrs. Barnett, owners of Rubbing Butts Barbeque, which will provide the meat, were present. Perhaps vendors such as community and church groups should be allowed and activities planned for children.

Open Forum

Roger Pentico, owner and manager of **River Bend Farms**, hopes to start a vegetable garden on 10 acres north of I – 70. It could operate like a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project, which have become popular ways for consumers to buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer. No chemicals would be used but funding and irrigation wells are needed.

Some ideas are to place veggie wagons on a city property and sell the items to neighbors, provide food for low-income people and start a farmers' market in north Salina. Interested persons should contact him at rogerpentico@yahoo.com

Gary Hobbie briefly discussed a **property maintenance code and a land bank program** whereby property owners facing a tax sale might offer a property that could be put to a good use.

Lucas Phelps hopes to organize a **Salina landlords' association**, which would meet once each month.

A new business, **Little B's tropical sno cones**, will open in the former liquor store building at Pacific and Santa Fe Avenues.

Adjournment. The meeting was ended at about 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting. This is scheduled for May 16th.