

North Salina Community Development, Inc. Meeting
Salvation Army Community Center
May 17, 2012
Minutes

Beginning at approximately 7:00 p.m. attendees dined on barbeque pork, buns and beans. The business meeting began about 7:20 p.m.

Attendance

There were 17 persons attending.

Minutes

The minutes of the April 19th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Through May 7, 2012 the total income was \$1,530.21 and the total expenses were \$1,215.75 yielding a balance of \$314.46. The report was approved.

Old Business

Planning for the Hog Roast and Barbeque

The document entitled "planning for the hog roast" was discussed. It included various aspects of the event such as food, volunteers, sponsors and publicity.

Disposition of Peace Garden Artwork, discussed by Jon Blanchard

It may be placed at five corners near the Valero gas station, north of the pumps with landscaping and a pedestal added.

There are some green areas along Broadway, perhaps these may also be greenscaped. Jon will coordinate with city personnel on these matters.

New business

The Chamber of Commerce is considering a trip to Greenburg, Kansas to visit the small Quick Trip and Dillon's store. Perhaps something similar can be built in north Salina. Members of the NSCD have been invited to attend; more details will be presented later.

Open Forum

Jon Blanchard suggested that north Salina be divided into two to four areas or groups, each with a captain. People in each group could meet regularly to discuss their concerns. If someone living in a certain area has a concern he or she could contact the group captain instead of talking to a city employee. People in each group could coordinate neighborhood activities such as clean - ups, etc. Churches could be involved.

Greg Stephens said that initially perhaps one group could be formed to determine if this plan will work. It may be desirable to hire someone to organize the groups; perhaps the city could help with funds. Gary Hobbie could be consulted for his opinion.

Ramona Newsom said that we should not try to do too much until the NSCD is better organized. Barb Johnson said that perhaps at the hog roast people could be asked for their opinions.

Greg also said that committees might be formed to consider issues; one could be fund raising and finances.

Greg announced that the third national Rural Grocery Summit, sponsored by K-State Manhattan, would be held in Manhattan June 5th and 6th. Contact him at gregs3@cox.net if you wish to attend.

Regarding fund raising, Rick Weber will ask the Chamber of Commerce for a list of businesses to contact.

Jon Blanchard will read a letter in support of the North Central Regional Planning Commission at a County Commission meeting. Also, he has a map listing vacant lots that may be of use to Habitat for Humanity.

Ramon Newsome has worked on the By – Laws and will present a draft at the June meeting.

Art Grover announced that the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church would conduct a vacation bible school June 25th – 29th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next North Salina Community Development meeting will be held June 21st.