

North Salina Community Development, Inc. Meeting
Salvation Army Community Center
June 21, 2012
Minutes

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

Attendance

There were 14 persons attending.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 17th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Financial activities for April 30th through June 21st included: direct public support (donations): \$1,729.57; barbeque expenses: \$769.98 and liability insurance for one year: \$571.00 yielding a checking account balance of \$703.05.

The report was approved.

Old Business

A. Report on the hog roast and barbeque

About 400 people attended. Written comments from attendees were discussed and these will be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Department.

There seemed to be no parking problems although next year 3 - 4 handicapped parking places should be reserved; perhaps signs can be obtained from the street department.

Methods to limit each attendee to one free meal. Perhaps when a vehicle goes through the park entrance one ticket can be given to each passenger.

Should vendors be allowed next year? Would they only display information or sell items? If items are sold the vendors' names must be listed on the park reservation permit and any vendor selling food must inform the health department.

Reserve the park for the first Saturday in June 2013 as soon as possible.

B. Disposition of the Peace Garden artwork

Gary Hobbie reported that city personnel had visited the five corners area and determined that a suitable place for the artwork would be on the north side of Broadway near the Midas Muffler shop.

C. Trip to Greensburg

Dillions is not interested in building a small store in north Salina so the trip to Greensburg will not be scheduled.

D. Draft copy of the proposed by – laws

Ramona Newsom distributed and discussed draft copies. Attendees should review them and forward comments to her or Greg Stephens. Carol Schaeffer and Greg Stephens were appointed new members of the By – Laws Committee.

A board, not just a steering committee, should be created.
Has the NSCD filed for renewal with the secretary of state?
The by – laws will be discussed again at the next meeting.

New Business

A. 501(c) 3 application

The by – laws must be approved before this application can be submitted.
The NSCD has a tax identification number.

B. Rural grocery store summit

Greg Stephens and Jon Blanchard attended the conference at which profiles and histories of existing stores was discussed.

The following was mentioned: in small towns a store is an impotent part of the community, there are food co – ops, there might be a complex of a grocery store, an emergency minor health care facility and a bank.

In Oregon a food bank is cooperating with grocery stores to obtain food.

South Hutchinson, a city separate from Hutchinson, is like north Salina and has completed a feasibility study.

If a store is built in north Salina, who will manage it? Would it be staffed primarily with volunteers?

Another person commented that north Salina has more important issues than a grocery store; for example, the development of that area.

C. The City manager's comments regarding the marketing of north Salina were mentioned but not discussed.

Open Forum

A fix – up day is scheduled for October. Small projects such as fence or garage work, broken windows, etc. will be accepted. Persons who have projects should contact the Volunteer Connection, 239 N. Santa Fe Ave., 823 – 3128. The City has some funds.

The building of Habitat for Humanity houses was discussed. A licensed contractor must supervise the construction of each home and perhaps the NSCD could supply volunteers to help build one.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next North Salina Community Development meeting will be held July 19th.