

North Salina Community Development, Inc. Meeting
Salvation Army Community Center
July 19, 2012
Minutes

The meeting began at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Attendance

There were 26 persons attending including Dr. Hall, USD 305 Superintendent, and Kaye Crawford, City Commissioner.

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The minutes of the June 21st meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The balance in the checking account is \$682.05

Old Business

EPA Report

The document entitled "Sustainable Growth and Development, Salina, KS, Next Steps Memorandum, June 2012", prepared by the EPA, was discussed by Barb Goode.

A section of that document is paraphrased below.

4. KEY ACTIONS/ TIMEFRAMES/ RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Continue to engage and inform residents and businesses regarding issues, opportunities and accomplishments.

2. Establish a clear vision and direction for the NSCD to undertake its next phase of growth and activity. Identify the people who will be involved in advancing community driven initiatives.

3. Develop a plan for North Salina that will establish general guidance for physical development, uses and activities, infrastructure improvements and environmental considerations.

4. Explore and seek out appropriate funding mechanisms.

5. Undertake a number of lower-cost, viable and visible projects.

6. Identify and tackle needed changes and additions to existing policies.

It was mentioned that we are now working on most of these steps. For example, in number 5 the City is displaying pieces of artwork on Santa Fe Ave. and has engaged in clean-up projects.

Attendees were encouraged to study the memorandum. A link to the document will be posted on the NSCD web site.

By – Laws Revision

The committee met and reviewed by – laws of the United Way and the Airport Authority to obtain ideas on writing the NSCD by – laws. Nathaniel Bird, a local attorney, will help. One question is: how will membership and board members be defined?

Peace Garden Artwork

It is planned to move the Bergen art piece to five corners this fall. No location was been found for Mr. Imagination's artwork; perhaps it can be moved to Thomas Park.

501(c) 3 Application

The by – laws must be prepared first.

New Business

Fire Department Report

Salina fire department personnel, Jeff Rittel, paramedic and captain in charge of District No. 1 Station and David Turner, battalion chief, discussed issues of importance to residents of North Salina.

This fire station is located at 222 W. Elm Street and serves the area from Crawford Street north to the county line. In north Salina there are 3520 single-family dwellings, 312 multiple family dwellings and 800 commercial buildings. District No. 1 has 8 to 10 rural contracts and its crew trains with crews of RFD numbers 2 and 7.

A goal is to have 90% of calls answered in 8 minutes or less. This total response time is from the first call to the moment a fire vehicle arrives at the scene.

If a call to north Salina is blocked by a train on Ninth S. or Santa Fe Ave. fire vehicles will go over the viaducts on Ohio or Broadway enabling personnel to adequately respond to emergencies in north Salina.

Moderate Income Housing Grant Proposal

Doug McKinney, Executive Director of the North Central Regional Planning Commission, stated that there is a shortage of moderate-income housing.

The Kansas Housing Resources Corporation offers affordable housing opportunities to first-time homebuyers and renters. It provides funding, at a maximum of \$400,000, to communities for rehabilitation or new housing.

The deadline to submit a proposal to the City Commissioners is the end of August with grants being awarded in October. The proposal should concentrate on a specific area, perhaps one of the three listed in the EPA report. There will be an application process for the rehabilitation of homes. The sponsoring agency should have partnerships with organizations such as technical schools and Habit for Humanity. The North Central Regional Planning Commission will help write the grant.

Partnership Project with Salina Downtown, Inc.

NSCD leaders will attend the City Commission study session on July 23rd in support of an SDI proposal requesting funds for a NSCD – SDI partnership project.

Open Forum

Dr. Phil Black, who was active in the formation of the NSCD, is the current president of the USD 305 School Board.

Dr. Hall, USD 305 Superintendent, is a member of the Salina community stakeholders' group.

Sandra Beverly, an Equal Opportunity Specialist with the Salina Human Relations Department, reported that a Fair Housing Workshop was held in April.

Kirk Cusick of Whispering Cottonwood Farm is the City gardener and he reported on those endeavors.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next North Salina Community Development meeting will be held August 16th