

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
September 18, 2014
Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance. Nineteen persons were present including Melissa Hodges, Executive Director of SDI, Inc.; Sandra Beverly, Community Relations Department, City of Salina; David Norlin, K - State - Salina; Amber Dennett, Executive Director at Friends of the River Foundation; Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services for the City of Salina and Gary Swartzendruber, candidate for state representative in the 69th district.

The following officers were present: vice - president Jeanette Grant and secretary Mike Wilson.

Minutes. The minutes of the August 21st meeting were approved with the following corrections. In the Attendance paragraph Rachel Hinde's position is in the Community Relations Department, City of Salina and in the Open Forum section, second paragraph, the word mediums was replaced by medians.

Treasurer's report as of September 18, 2014. Total assets are \$2,975.08, the same as last month. The report was approved.

Old Business

Prairie Land Food report by Sandra Beverly. Distribution of food will take place on September 27th at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church. Orders were doubled including eleven specials. Payment can now be made with a check. For more information access <http://www.prairielandfood.com>

SDI report by Melissa Hodges. The calendar of upcoming events was distributed and and includes

October 6th, Coffee with a Cop, 9:00 AM at Ad Astra;

October 11th, Fe For A Cure SK Race beginning at 9:00 AM from St. John's Military School to Kansas Wesleyan University where live music will be presented. Participants can park at KWU and ride a bus to St. John's. Volunteers are needed. Race information and registration is at <http://www.feforacure.com/raceinformation.html>

October 18th, Fall Fix-Up Day, 8:00 AM to noon. In addition to the usual activities planters in the downtown area will be tended.

October 18th, first Zombie Pub Crawl, 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Dress as a zombie and visit eight downtown establishments. Register at <https://adobeformscentral.com/?f=t47YcqWx-DzSj9QgQSLIq>

October 24th, Pink RibbonTea, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the City Teen Center.

October 31st, Big BooRama, 4:00 - 5:30 PM

November 22nd, Christmas Festival & Parade of Lights
November 29th, Shop Small Saturday Holiday Open House

Facebook report by Jeanette Grant. The page entitled “North Salina Community Development” is operational and persons are encouraged to “like it” and post items.

NSCD branding and logo. Greg Stephens led a discussion and attendees suggested possible statements for a brand, which should include the spirit, personality and vision of north Salina.

Engagement Grant report by David Norlin and Greg Stephens. A spreadsheet was distributed that listed projects under the following headings: Economic Development, Redevelopment, Youth Engagement Activities, Community Engagement and Recreational Opportunities. Attendees were asked to indicate which project they would like to be involved with.

Teams will be formed with NSCD members and K – State Salina students who will canvass north Salina residents, organize team meetings, prepare materials and accomplish other tasks.

New Business

Fall Fix - Up Day report by Gary Hobbie. This will be held Saturday, October 18th. In addition to the usual work volunteers will assemble rain barrels at the old municipal pool and clear spent vegetation from downtown planters. Lunch will be provided and information and a registration form is at <http://www.nckvc.org/index.php/component/content/article/2-uncategorised/23-fall-fix-up>

Open Forum

Sandra Beverly. The NAACP block party will be held Saturday, September 20th from 11:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army Center. In addition to other activities there will be a “Decorate Your Wheels” contest.

Art Grover stated that the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church would sponsor the following.

A carnival Thursday, September 25th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.;

The annual chicken and noodles dinner, Thursday October 9th and

Gospel music and a potluck dinner, Tuesday October 7th.

Amber Dennett reported that an EPA Brown Field Area Planning Grant application is being prepared for next year.

The **Save - a - Lot grocery store** on East Iron Avenue is scheduled to open in November.

Mike Wilson discussed a proposed city ordinance that includes regulations for gravel driveways. His survey of north Salina streets yielded 180 lots with gravel driveways. He will speak at a City Planning Commission meeting in October in opposition to part of the ordinance.

Roy Miller of the Shotokan Karate Team located on N. Broadway west of “five corners” spoke about that organization, whose web site is at <http://www.millersshotokan.com/index.cfm> He also helps teach martial arts at the YMCA and is the creator of the annual Great Plains Karate Challenge. He mentioned that two of his students were invited to compete in the World Karate and Kickboxing Championships in Dublin, Ireland and he asked for sponsors to help pay travel expenses. Mike Wilson pledged \$100 of his funds and he also moved that the NSCD pledge an additional \$100 to support the team. The motion was seconded by Gary Swartzendruber and passed.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned about 8:25 p.m.

The **next meeting** is scheduled for October 16th.