

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
November 15, 2012
Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance

There were 17 persons attending.

Minutes

The minutes of the October 18th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

There was no report.

Old Business

By - Laws update. Greg Stephens discussed the proposed By – Laws and several changes were made. This document will be distributed to the NSCD Officers and Steering Committee members for their comments and discussed again at the December 20th meeting.

North Salina Design Workshop. Jon Blanchard reported that the North Salina maps he had drawn have been scanned and, hopefully, will be posted on the NSCD web site. Following the North Salina Design Workshop on October 25th and 26th about 25 people, who had not attended the workshop, participated in a review of the topics at a real estate office.

Copies of an email message written by Kathy Roeser, in which she commented about the plans for North Salina, were distributed.

Parade of Lights Float. Ramona Newsom wrote a song entitled Silver Bells, which was recorded in Aaron Householter's studio and will be played from the float using his sound system.

Additional float work is scheduled for Friday at 6:00 p.m. and persons wishing to participate in the parade should be near the float at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

New Partners for Smart Growth Conference. Barb Goode will attend the conference, which will be held February 7, 8 and 9, 2013 in Kansas City. She will be an invited speaker and requests that she be informed if you plan to attend. For more information and to register access www.newpartners.org

New Business

Circles of the Heartland. Cindy Grover of the Guiding Coalition discussed the Circles program, which began in May. A contract has been signed and grants received for this initiative, which is not faith – based.

The program is primarily for people in inter-generational poverty. They form circles with a

person in poverty as the leader and mentors in the community to assist them. A person must apply to be a Circle leader and training will start in March at the Grand Avenue United Methodist church. There will be 18 weeks of classes and as many as 18 months working with people. Mentors will complete some of the training.

Other persons involved in the Circles program are Shelly Martin and Rodney Denholm who work in the Salina office of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

David Norlin discussed a course of study entitled Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-by-World which he facilitates.

Salina Area Technical College (Salina Tech). President Greg Goode stated that personnel at that College will be active in the pathway out of poverty program and involved with the Circles program. They will start with the high poverty elementary schools; 48% of USD 305 students receive free lunches.

Mr. Goode also stated that Salina Tech is accredited and has a partnership with Hutchinson Community College to offer general education courses that can be applied to the first two years of a baccalaureate degree.

About 15% of Salina Tech students transfer to colleges offering baccalaureate degrees and last year this college was in the top 10% nationally in its category.

The Salina Adult Education Center will move to the Salina Tech campus.

NSCD Brand and Logo. Jeanette Grant, NSCD web master, said that the NSCD might design a new brand (name) instead of North Salina Community Development and might design a logo.

Open Forum

Greg Stephens reported that City Commissioners are discussing gateway signs for Salina and the first one may be placed at north Ninth Street near I – 70.

Other discussion concerned the several entrances into Salina.

Jon Blanchard may conduct an abbreviated planning session, similar to the North Salina Design Workshop, for businesses in north Salina. It could be offered the first of next year.

Next Meeting. This is scheduled for December 20th.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.