

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
December 20, 2012
Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance

NSCD officers: Barb Young, Carol Schaeffer, Kathy White and Mike Wilson.

Members of the Steering Committee: Jon Blanchard and Greg Stephens.

Others: Sandy Beverly, Ruth Breddus, Art Grover, Gary Hobbie, Shelly Martin and Gary Swartzendruber.

The total attendance was 12 persons.

Minutes

The minutes of the November 15th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

There was a payment of \$76.61 for cookies for the North Salina Design Workshop, which was held October 25th, yielding total cash in an account at First Bank Kansas of \$610.44.

The report was approved.

Old Business

By – Laws. Greg Stephens presented the proposed By – Laws and a discussion followed.

Greg Stephens moved that the By - Laws be approved. The motion was seconded by Jon Blanchard and all officers, except Carol Schaeffer, who left the meeting early due to illness, and all members of the Steering Committee voted to approve them.

The following persons who are currently officers and members of the Steering Committee will be the initial members of the Board of Directors and will hold this office until January 2015: Jon Blanchard, Jeanette Grant, Ramon Newsom, Carol Schaeffer, Greg Stephens, Mike Weiss, Kathy White, Mike Wilson and Barb Young.

At the annual meeting in January NSCD officers will be elected. It was decided that a member of the Board of Directors could also be an officer.

Conflict of Interest Statement. Greg Stephens present the proposed Conflict of Interest Statement and a discussion followed.

Greg Stephens moved that the Conflict of Interest Statement be approved. The motion was seconded by Jon Blanchard and all officers, except Carol Schaeffer, who left the meeting early due to illness, and all members of the Steering Committee voted to approve the statement.

Peace Garden Artwork Update. No report.

501(c)3 Update. Now that the By - Laws have been approved an application can be processed.

North Salina Design Workshop. This was held October 25th and 26th. Jon Blanchard stated that he would meet soon with City officials concerning the workshop results and, at

this time, didn't want to discuss them.

The report will be presented at a City Commission study session in February and NSCD members are encouraged to attend.

Parade of Lights. The NSCD float won second place in the "Other" category.

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. Shelly Martin, Coordinator of the Salina program, discussed this national program that connects community volunteers with individual Circle Leaders who are ready and willing to do whatever is necessary to move from limited resources to greater stability. The Consumer Credit Counseling Service provides office space and other organizational resources.

The poverty level for one person is \$11,170. In Saline County 25% of minors live in poverty and 14% of adults for a total of 9,356 people.

Families participating in this program will create their own paths out of poverty. To improve they must have Relationship, Reason (to go to work, families to support, etc.) and Resources. If one of three is missing the family can be living in poverty.

The first Circle's class, with 8 - 12 leaders, will begin March 7th and meet once each week for three months. There will be five teams: Resource, Recruiting, Community and Economic Stability and there is need for volunteers who will be Allies and mentor Circle Leaders. Funding is from donations and grants.

USDA Food Desert Map. An Internet site posts these maps and the one for Salina was discussed briefly.

Recognition of North Salina Christmas Displays. Mike Wilson discussed the Deck the House contest sponsored by the City in which some homes were recognized for having unusually attractive displays of lights and other holiday objects. No in residence in north Salina was select to participate in this contest.

Mike stated that many residents of north Salina don't have the resources to compete with persons living in other areas so next year perhaps the NSCD could sponsor a contest for homes in this area. This could generate a community spirit.

NSCD Brand and Logo. This was not discussed.

Open Forum

Salina Community Theater Discount Ticket Offer. Mike Wilson discussed the latest offer from the director of the SCT whereby residents of north Salina could attend the presentation of Dearly Beloved at a price much lower than normal. Mike distributed copies of an advertisement and asked persons to distribute them in relevant areas.

Next Meeting. This is scheduled for January 17th and will be the annual meeting.