

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
May 16, 2013
Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Attendance

About 32 persons were present including city commissioners Jon Blanchard and Aaron Householter; President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce, Dennis Lauver; Head of Arts, Sciences, and Business Department, Kansas State University – Salina, Don Von Bergen; Salina Journal reporter, Gordon Fiedler; Dr. David Procter, Director and Dan Kahl, Extension Liaison, KSU – Manhattan, Center for Engagement and Community Development and Myles Alexander, Program Coordinator.

Officers present were Barb Young, President; Carol Schaeffer, Vice – President and Mike Wilson, Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the April 18th meeting were approved with the following correction. In the treasurer's report "the City" was replaced with "Salina Downtown, Inc."

Treasurer's report. There was no report.

Old Business

Artwork for "5 Corners" and Hawthorne Park. Jon Blanchard reported that a \$1,000 "Love Your Community" grant had been received to help develop 5 corners. At a later time there will be a call for volunteers for a planting party.

Third Annual Hog Roast and Barbeque, Saturday, June 1st in Thomas Park. Planning for this event continues.

New Business

Discount ticket offer for the production of Legally Blonde, the Musical at the Salina Community Theater. Mike Wilson asked persons to distribute advertisements.

Engagement Grant for Neighborhood Structure and Communication.

The NSCD was awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the Center for Engagement and Community Development.

One purpose of the grant is to survey persons and businesses in north Salina, get more north Salina residents involved in a proposed redevelopment project and identify leaders. Local college students will help with the survey,

KWU students will use social media to interact with north Salina residents and archive the project with photographs and videos, Salina Tech students will help design a logo and branding. Nextdoor, the free private social network for neighborhoods, will be implemented.

Persons and organizations that were involved in this project in various ways

were Greg Stephens, David Norlin and Kathy Brockway, KSU - Salina faculty; Barb Goode, KSU Pollution Prevention Institute; Paul Green, Kansas Wesleyan University, Production Manager/Communication Studies; Gary Hobbie, City of Salina; Chamber of Commerce personnel and Dr. Verna Fitzsimmons, CEO and Dean of KSU – Salina. KSU – Manhattan personnel involved were: Dr. David Procter, Dan Kahl and Myles Alexander.

North Salina Re-Development Plan. Jon Blanchard discussed a PowerPoint presentation that included a vision for north Salina. Topics included a discussion of the New Partners for Smart Growth Workshop and maps of the north Salina redevelopment planning process.

Key concepts are eliminating blight, developing attractive gateways, recycling, economic and residential growth, and commitment of the city. A partial list of goals and objectives included: make Salina a thriving and vibrant district, encourage a vibrant economy for Salina, make north Salina attractive to developers, beautify Salina and design a safe and efficient system of streets.

Open Forum

Art Grover reported that the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church community garden is operational and that volunteers are needed for Circles of the Heartland groups.

Barb Goode reported that about 300 students would be in Salina this summer to work on blighted homes.

Adjournment. The meeting was ended at about 8:40 p.m.

Next Meeting. This is scheduled for June 20th.