

**North Salina Development  
Minutes for February 10, 2011**

**President Mike Weis opened the meeting by making the announcement that he and Krista Trusty had several discussions resulting in Krista's announcement that she was stepping down from the position of secretary.**

**Brief discussion of progress on the website. Janette has continued to work on the website and it is still in the development stages. It was suggested that the name be shortened to North Salina CD. We will have to do our own work to copy and print property listings on our website.**

**There was no report of traffic and safety concerns. Jon Blanchard volunteered to work on the issues and will get with Mike after the meeting to get particulars.**

**Gary Hobbie-Planning and Community Development spoke to the group about the City of Salina Revitalization Plan effective July 1, 2009. North Salina is in the revitalization district. It was an informative report of the tax rebates that are available for commercial, residential and industrial improvements to properties in the revitalization district. Mike and Carol have copies of the plan and maps. Anyone that would like more information can contact Dean Andrew with the City of Salina Planning Department. Gary also spoke about the clean up scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. It has been expanded to all properties north of Elm St. They need equipment and volunteers. Leaders are needed to go door to door and laborers to help with the clean up. Contact person is Nancy Klostemeyer with the Volunteer Connection.**

**Brian Schwartz – First Bank Kansas discussed loans and the advantages of locally owned banks. He provided information about first time home buyers and commercial loans. Brian also discussed the possibility and interest of a branch located in North Salina.**

**Barb Johnson reported that the EPA Care Level II Grant will be applied for. She also suggested that we apply for the New Transportation Grant. A steering committee consisting of Candace McBride, Barb Shirley, Greg Stephens, Jon Blanchard and Krista Trusty will develop the tools and submit the grant application.**

**Mike announced that we have \$1000.00 in donations. Jerry and Valerie Zimmer with Hi Co Motors have donated \$500.00. First Bank Kansas donated \$250.00 and Mike Weis has donated \$250.00. We are unable to open up a bank account until we decide what type of organization we are going to be. We could go ahead and open it up under and individuals name, but that would create some problems we don't want to contend with. It was suggested that we get legal advice from an attorney and proceed from there. Mike is going to talk to Andy Heidrich and report his findings. These checks will be taken to the bank by Mike for safe keeping.**

**Item 7 on the agenda was to discuss the primary election for City commissioners and discuss support and endorsement of a candidate but this discussion was nixed because of information provided to us that non-profit organizations cannot give support or money to any candidate. There were four commission candidates in attendance at the meeting. They were Ronald Young, Barb Shirley, Aaron Householter and Marie Johnson. Each candidate was asked to introduce themselves and give a short speech about their campaign. Phil Black who is a candidate for the school board was also in attendance and gave a short speech about the importance of our education system.**

**Eric and Jennifer Barnett spoke about their future plans for opening a barbeque restaurant "Rubbing Butts Barbeque" at 1329 N. Ninth St. They have a lot of clean up to do. It will be a carry out restaurant with the maybe the possibility of a drive-up window. Mike announced that Lonnie Wilson has purchased the old Uptown Motel and his plans are to leave the front building that has been remodeled standing and to gut out the rest and put in similar buildings as he has on State St.**

**Mike commented on the enthusiasm and momentum of North Salina Community Development. He referred to conversation with Dennis Lauver with the Chamber of Commerce to the effect that the Chamber has failed North Salina. Mike said that we have also not done our part. Every candidate on Friendly Fire was asked about North Salina.**

**Aaron Householter announced that there is a new business in the old Cruce Produce building that employs thirty people. It is a record press business.**

**Boundaries need to be set. It does not matter if we define it on a map as North of the tracks we can still invite businesses between the t tracks and Elm street to attend meetings and get involved.**

**Suggestions:**

**Get involved by volunteering for different boards with the City of Salina.**

**Deliver statements at commission meetings.**

**Form advisory boards in different areas of town.**