

North Salina Community Development, Inc.

Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand Avenue

January 21, 2016

Meeting Minutes

The meeting began about 7:20 p.m. and was held in the United Way Building at 128 N. Santa Fe #3, Salina, Ks.

Attendance. Eleven persons were present including Jon Blanchard, mayor; Johnna Vosseller, USD 305 board of education and NSCD treasurer; Gary Hobbie, director of community and development services for the city of Salina; Barb Goode, city planning commissioner and Brenda Gutierrez, program director, Salina Area United Way.

All officers were present.

Minutes. The minutes of the December 17th meeting were approved with the following correction: money spent on works in progress.

Treasurer's report through December 17, 2015. Total income: \$14,335.59; total expense: \$12,694.35; net ordinary income \$1641.24; total liabilities and equity: \$7,511.16. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

Prairie Land Food will be distributed Saturday, February 20th at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

Salina Downtown, Inc. No Downtown Inc. report

North Salina landscape report by Barb Young. The work is progressing and should be done by March, except for the intersection of North and Broadway rain garden. Trees in the rain garden area have been knocked down by Westar energy and the City of Salina will start on drainage problems. Some of the expenses may be covered by a neighborhood grant.

Food Truck report by Barb Young. There are trucks, but it is sporadic. Efforts on this project will be tabled until spring.

Hawthorne Park artwork report by Barb Young. The work should be done by March.

North Town District brochure report by Greg Stephens. The brochure is ready and some of the expenses may be covered by the K-State grant budget. The play equipment at Thomas Park that was featured is going to be replaced and the Yesteryear Museum might take the old equipment.

Revision of the NSCD mission statement. Several statements were suggested and a

motion was made and approved to adopt “Empower residents and businesses to revitalize the Salina North Town District,” as the new mission statement.

Discussion of additional NSCD goals for 2015 through 2016. Possible new goals are:

- Collaborate with Sheriff/Mounted Patrol on landscaping and sculpture
- North Town Street Sign Banner Project
- Bikeshare promotion
- More wheel chair ramps
- St. John’s Baptist Church collaboration
- 9th Street and Grand Ave. Farmers Market
- Adopt at least Two Public Library Books sites
- Artwork/Mural at 5 corners
- Build capacity with a speaker event for North Salina group
- Heritage Commission and research project for North Town District story and Historical sites in North Town District
- Include North Salina/North Town into Comprehensive Plan
- Street Flower project along 9th Street
- Sidewalk Project for North Town District
- Frisbee golf event for Thomas Park
- Collaborative project with Lakewood and Fishing with a Cop Event for Annual BBQ
- Outdoor Living Room (like KC)
- Welcome wagon invitation for fire station and other, (cookies, etc.)
- Visit with Salina Tech about building a house in North Town tha has some connection Housing Study if possible
- Showcase Consumer Credit counseling and Circles in North Town
- Partner with K-State Extension for project in North Town
- Advocate for someone who experiences the state budget cuts in North Town
- Identify a skill that Salina Tech can teach in North Town
- Focus on an employment issue to bring in new employees to North Town
- Discounts for college student in North Town

Regular Events:

Fe for the Cure

Parade

Discovery Event

BARK event

Finish Hawthorne Sculpture project

Finish Chuck’s Bar Sculpture project

Finish Broadway and North rain garden

Little Library Brenda Gutierrez introduced the topic of the Hawthorne Little Library. Jon Blanchard moved to take over the library and have Carol supervise it, the motion was seconded by Brenda and approved.

New Business

Discount Tickets for the Salina Community Theatre production of “Calendar Girls” are available for the February 5th, 5th and 7th performances.

Greg Stephens reported that Tim Unruh is making the brochures for North Town re-branding and will have kick-off to introduce the North Town District in mid-February. There was a consensus that this is a good idea.

There was a consensus for having a table at Discover Salina Naturally in May.

Elections. In January all four officer positions and four board member positions expired and elections for those positions were tabled until the February meeting, Jon Blanchard will contact possible nominees.

The officer positions are president, vice – president, treasurer and secretary. Three officer positions remained the same: President-Barb Young, Vice-president-Jeanette Grant, Treasurer- Johnna Vosseller and Pat Brooks was nominated and approved for Secretary.

Open Forum

The **Volunteer Connection** has had a reduction in funds and the office at 239 N. Santa Fe will be closed, perhaps at the end of March. The several projects will be managed by other agencies with the United Way managing the VITA tax program. The equipment will be stored in the trailer at Grand Avenue Methodist Church as a cooperative between the church and NSCD. Barb Young and Gary Hobbie will look into getting a GSCF grant to fund this and a volunteer is needed to take care of the equipment. Will discuss this further at the Feb. meeting.

Open tabling at the Annual BBQ was discussed but no decisions were made.

Condolence card was signed for Cindy Grover and Barb made a motion to send \$25, it was seconded by Brenda and approved.

Jeanette reported that the Face book page has had 220 likes.

Barb Goode reported that we did not get the grant for the Thomas Park Orchard, she is looking into other options.

The meeting was adjourned about 9 p.m.