

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, 304 W. Grand Avenue
November 19, 2015
Meeting Minutes

The meeting began about 7:00 p.m.

Attendance. Twelve 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; Sandra Beverly, Community Relations Department, City of Salina; Barb Goode, city planning commissioner and Brenda Gutierrez, program director, Salina Area United Way.

The following officers were present: Barb Young, president and Johnna Vosseller, treasurer and acting secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the October 15th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report through November 19, 2015. Total income: \$14,335.59; total expense: \$12,694.35; net ordinary income: \$1,641.24 and total liabilities and equity: \$4,469.60. The treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business

Prairie Land Food will be distributed Saturday, November 21st at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

Salina Downtown, Inc. report by Greg Stephens. Fifty bicycle racks will be installed in the downtown area, Christmas lights will be placed and the Pub Crawl was a success. A special meeting will be scheduled to consider marketing.

North Salina landscape report by Barb Young. All work is completed except for the placing of a few plants and the artwork pedestal upon which will be mounted a tree sculpture.

Food Truck report by Barb Young. The sale of food and drinks has been moderate.

Hawthorne Park artwork report by Barb Young. The artwork pedestal has been poured. Troy Vancil will have two sessions with the City Commissioners and the triangles will be constructed at the Art Center Saturday, November 21st.

North Town District brochure report by Greg Stephens. A decision will be made concerning the front picture, perhaps a spray park, and about 1,500 brochures will be printed.

A digital movie will be produced featuring local business owners and discussing why they are located in Salina. A new website will incorporate the movie, a flyer and other items. There was a discussion of light pole banners with additional information to be

gathered and some grant funds are remaining.

Revision of the NSCD Mission statement. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Fe for a Cure Race/Walk report. There were 801 participants, a 20% increase from the previous year, and \$18,000 was earned including a donation of \$1,000 from Long MacArthur Ford. Next year the activity will be moved farther north on Santa Fe Ave. nearer to St. John's Military School.

Housing Assessment report by Gary Hobbie. The following was mentioned: the housing study is on the City website, four focused project areas were identified with three being in north Salina, it is desirable to continue the "five corners" project with ideas for improvements across the street, housing on Ninth Street, letters will be mailed to property owners mentioning help with improvements, the study consultant liked the Hawthorne project, vacant areas for housing were considered and a presentation will be made to the City Planning Commission at the beginning of the 2016.

NAACP report. A seminar and 2015 Freedom Fund Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, December 5th, 9:00 a.m. at the Webster Conference Center. Tickets may be reserved by contacting Cora Williams at 785 – 827 – 6955 or Sandy Beverly at 785 – 309 - 5790 ext. 2084 or 785 – 342 – 1599.

New Business

Discount Tickets for the Salina Community Theatre production of Meet Me in St. Louis are available for the November 28th and 29th performances.

Deck the House Contest. Mike Wilson will select a property for the NSCD to support and it will be posted on Facebook.

Tax Credits for Food Planning report by Barb Goode. A draft proposal has been prepared requesting \$25,000. These funds, which would be received quarterly, would flow through the NSCD and be used to establish a food hub similar to a warehouse from which goods would be available for schools, hospitals, etc.

Greg Hobbie moved that the NSCD be the final agent for this grant. The motion was seconded by Don Fortin and passed unanimously with Barb Goode abstaining.

Landscaping Project in collaboration with the Saline County Mounted Patrol. It is desirable to have a project similar to that of "5 corners" with brush removal and tree trimming by Westar. This would be a project for 2016.

The **next meeting** is scheduled for December 17th.