

North Salina Community Development, Inc. Meeting
Grand Ave United Methodist Church
February 16, 2012
Minutes

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m. Since it was not a regular meeting the minutes and treasurer's report of the previous meeting were not discussed.

Attendance

About 47 persons attended.

Presentation

Connie Cyr, a Housing Specialist based in Beloit and employed by the North Central Regional Planning Commission, discussed the City of Salina home rehabilitation plan. A major part of her talk concerned the process of applying for a rehabilitation grant. Homes in the northern and west – central areas of the City have been targeted.

Documents distributed included: City of Salina Application for Housing Rehabilitation (29 pages), Weatherization Home Assistance Program, Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home and the Lead Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right.

This is a voluntary program for homes that need \$1000 to \$25,000 worth of repairs. A family of three persons with an income of \$43,300 per year or less is eligible. The grants are provided by the U. S. Department of Energy and excess funds from other states can be used.

A pro-rated three-year mortgage ensures that the grantee will live in the home for three years; however, in that time a home can be sold to a low-income family with no penalty.

Before a grant is awarded eligible homes are inspected and ranked. Some features that will yield a better ranking include low income, disability, elderly and a single parent with dependent children.

Homes not eligible include mobile homes built prior to 1976 and those not attached to the ground. A home eligible for the WZN weatherization assistance program is not eligible nor are homes in the flood plain or those with asbestos or lead paint that can't be removed.

Homes will not be remodeled nor will air conditioning be installed. If lead based paint is present federal guidelines must be followed; however, the grant will not pay to remove that paint.

Examples of rehabilitation include plumbing, electrical, foundation, roof, insulation and installation of smoke detectors. At the competition of the rehabilitation houses built before 1978 must pass a lead clearance test. The state of Kansas has a list of work to be done, the homeowner can't specify what is to be accomplished.

Another meeting on this topic will be held February 23rd.

Next Meeting

The next North Salina Community Development meeting is scheduled for March 29th; note that this is not the third Thursday of the month. This will be a special meeting in conjunction with an EPA technical assistance for sustainable communities meeting. The location will be announced later.

The meeting ended about 8:30 p.m.