

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
July 17, 2014
Meeting Minutes

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

Attendance. Twenty persons were present including Jon Blanchard and Kaye Crawford, City Commissioners; Johnna Vosseller, USD 305 Board member and Treasurer of the NSCD; Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services for the City of Salina; Melissa Hodges, Executive Director of SDI, Inc.; Brenda Gutierrez, Salina Area United Way; Dina Giron, Human Relations Specialist for the City of Salina; Sandra Beverly, Community Relations Department, City of Salina; Rachel Hinde, Director of Communications and Military Affairs, Chamber of Commerce and Abner Perney, City Planning Commission.

Officers present were Barb Young, President; Johnna Vosseller, Treasurer and Mike Wilson, Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the June 19th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report as of July 12, 2014. Items that were reported in the minutes for June are not listed below.

income

in-kind gifts, goods: \$125.00

donations to the Greater Salina Community Foundation: \$3,018.86

hog roast contributions: \$1,072.36

expenses

hog roast: \$970.09

block party: \$150.00

“five corners”: \$2,389.09

total current assets: \$2,550.72. The report was approved.

Old Business

Save – a - Lot grocery store report by Jon Blanchard. A “Welcome to the Neighborhood” will be held Friday, July 18th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at 505 E. Iron Ave. with a ceremonial groundbreaking at 5:30. Some dignitaries attending will be the mayor and a representative of Save – a –Lot. Sponsors of the event are B & K Prescription Shop, ReMax Advantage Realtors, Burger King, SDI and the NSCD.

SDI report by Melissa Hodges. In conjunction with the Leadsled event there will be a sidewalk sale Thursday, July 24th from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. with live entertainment and free popcorn and cotton candy. Vehicles will cruise Santa Fe beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Salina Regional Health Center (SRHC) will sponsor a 5K race on Saturday, October 11th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Facebook report by Jon Blanchard. He is developing a page entitled “North Salina Community Development” which should be operational in a few weeks.

Continuation of Planning for North Salina. Jon Blanchard and Greg Stephens led a discussion of possible projects that might be completed through July 2015. They are listed in five categories.

economic development

non – profit organizations

IEDC input

have a ride a City Go bus to work week and install bike racks on busses

advocate for an Expo Center in north Salina

Go Fund Me project

job coaching and mentoring

redevelopment

land bank

sidewalk improvement

Mr. Imagination

better bus stop benches

place sculptures in north Salina

after school youth engagement activities

support Salina Kids on Bikes managed by Russell Diehl

programs at Lakewood Park

explore relationships with the City

community engagement

housing needs assessment

Deck the House event

engage St. John’s Military School and KWU

rain barrels

explore printing bags for the Save - a - Lot store

Prairie Land food program

community conversations

community meals with meetings

complete the K – State engagement grant project

bike party

hog roast and barbeque

support the fall fix-up day

recreational opportunities

dog park

Parade of Lights at Christmas

crush the large rocks on bike trails or remove them

repurpose the bus benches at Ohio street bridge

New Business

Prairie Land Food report by Sandra Beverly. It is a non-profit organization that specializes in bringing the best quality food to persons at low prices. Some ways to order food include contacting Sister Carolyn Juenemann at the Catholic Chancery, 103 Ninth St., Monday through Friday, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Persons may pay with cash, checks or SNAP (food stamps). An alternative method is to order online at www.prairielandfood.com. The next order date will be August 11th with a distribution date of August 23rd. Volunteers are needed to sort food and advertise the program. It is hoped that a food distribution site can be located at the Salvation Army Center.

Open Forum

Mike Wilson reported that the public library has no plans to place additional Little Libraries in north Salina; currently, there is one at the Hawthorne apartments.

Discount tickets are available for the Saline Community Theatre (SCT) production of *A Life in the Theatre*.

Rachel Hinde suggested that buses might transport persons to the SCT. She also mentioned an involvement in Nextdoor, the free private social network, and a weekly show on Community Access Television.

Johnna Vosseller reported that the IRS has received our 501 c(3) application and we can expect a reply in a few months.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 21st.