

North Salina Community Development, Inc.
Salvation Army Community Center
October 16, 2014
Meeting Minutes

The meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Attendance. Twenty-one persons were present including Jon Blanchard, City Commissioner; Sandra Beverly, Community Relations Department, City of Salina; David Norlin, Jessica Rindt and Kendra Lawson, K - State - Salina; Gary Hobbie, Director of Community and Development Services for the City of Salina; Brenda Gutierrez, Program Director, Salina Area United Way and Dennis Lauver, President and CEO, Salina Area Chamber of Commerce.

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

Minutes. The minutes of the September 18th meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report as of October 16, 2014. New expenses included \$40.00 for a State of Kansas report registration and \$100.00 to the Shotokan Karate Team, yielding total assets of \$2,835.08.

The agenda was amended to move Dennis Lauver's presentation to the beginning of the meeting.

New Business

North Santa Fe Avenue landscape proposal. Dennis Lauver reported that \$1250.00 has been offered as a grant to buy materials for a community project. It is to be matched by an additional \$1250.00. Some suggested projects are landscaping or concrete pads for sculptures in one or multiple sites.

A steering committee, which will consider appropriate projects, was formed of the following persons: Gary Hobbie, Carol Schaffer, Jon Blanchard, Sandra Beverly, Barb Young and Darrin Wright. The committee should present its report before Thanksgiving.

Old Business

Prairie Land Food report by Sandra Beverly. Distribution of food will take place on Saturday, October 25th at the Grand Avenue United Methodist Church.

Salina Downtown Inc. report by Greg Stephens. It has been requested that the minutes of the NSCD meetings be emailed to SDI board members.

"Fe for the Cure" 5K Run report. About 673 persons participated.

Gary Hobbie reported that there were good displays at the First Thursday Art Rush.

K – State Civic Engagement grant. David Norlin and Greg Stephens. A document entitled "Strategic Planning, North Salina Community Development, Inc." was distributed.

On it were listed five categories: Economic Development, Redevelopment, Youth Engagement Activities, Community Engagement and Recreational Opportunities. In each category several projects were listed with the names of NSCD members who are willing to help.

K - State student leaders have selected projects from the list and will be contacting volunteers and arranging meetings. Some of the first projects to be considered are the parade of lights, the Teen Center, sculptures, a dog run and needs for 13th street such as clean – up. There will be two student leaders for each team and planning will continue until Thanksgiving Day.

Branding and logo design report by Greg Stephens. Ks Tech students are working on these.

Fall Fix – Up Day, Saturday, October 18th report by Gary Hobbie. Details are at <http://www.nckvc.org/index.php/component/content/article/2-uncategorised/23-fall-fix-up>

Gary also reported that **Ashby House** would be obtaining more property and plans to have transitional housing for persons who are ready to leave the House.

501 c(3) application report by Johnna Vosseller and Barb Young. The application has been approved and any future donations to the NSCD will not be taxed.

Neighborhood revitalization report by Gary Hobbie. A four-year plan would be presented to the City Commissioners in the near future. One aspect of the plan is that if a property is renovated, causing the valuation and real estate taxes to increase, that increase will be rebated to the owner for up to ten years.

USDA Local Foods Promotion Program Grant. \$25,000 has been awarded for local foods promotion with 12 persons on a steering committee. At a future NSCD meeting Barb Goode will report in more detail.

New Business

Pink Ribbon Tea, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at “The City” Teen Center. Details are at <http://www.salinadowntown.org/#!/pink-ribbon-tea/c1c6>

Mr. Imagination artwork, GL Huyett grant proposal update by Barb Young. Pieces of Mr. Imagination’s artwork will be attached to a concrete form. Troy Vancil will help with this and polish the concrete. The display will be placed in Hawthorne Park and anyone wishing to help should contact Barb Young.

SDI Christmas Parade, "Christmas with the Stars" , Saturday, November 22nd, 6:00 p.m. Two K – State student team leaders are working on this project and will coordinate efforts with NSCD volunteers.

Salina Journal "Deck the House" holiday lights contest report by Mike Wilson. Before the November meeting persons are encouraged to look for decorated

houses in north Salina and ask the property owners for permission to nominate them. At the November meeting we can select the houses, which should be nominated by the NSCD, not by individuals.

Photographs of the lighted properties should be submitted to the Journal during the last week in November and the first week in December. Votes for the favorite house will take place online the second week in December.

Open Forum

A person commented that she was told that K – State conferences will not be scheduled in Salina because of a perceived bad reputation of north Salina. Another person said that was not his experience and considerable discussion followed about north Salina.

Another person commented that some city employees had checked his property for code violations.

The **next meeting** is scheduled for November 20th.