



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, April 13, 2017

Welcome: President Michael Higgins called the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: March minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: As of March 31, 2017: Income: \$610.00 Expenses: \$643.72.
Balance: \$18,757.41.

Guest Speaker: Jennifer Gill, Superintendent, Springfield Public School District #186

- District is sponsoring Community Comprehensive Facilities Study sessions to evaluate local schools' educational and facilities standards. Next session - April 26th - will be the fourth session – meeting outline:
 - Phase I: evaluate where District is today compared to other school districts. Phase II: discuss a united district plan and how to achieve.
 - Funding: Possibilities: Construction Bond Drive; tax referendum; County wide 1% sales tax increase.
 - Results: a master facilities plan will be developed based upon the conclusion of the sessions and the public input.
- MBA Neighborhood schools:
 - Butler: beautiful building but poor accessibility. Priority: make school accessible. Blackhawk: no small group learning spaces and cafeteria space too limited. Franklin: increased cafeteria space needed as well as open spaces for students with special needs.
- District received last State funding payment four months ago; hopefully, will receive payment by April 15th.

Local Government Update:

Alderman Joe McMenamin, Ward 7

- Congratulated newly elected Ward 6 Alderman Kris DiCenso and looks forward to working together on Ward 6 and Ward 7 MacArthur projects.
- Ribbon Cutting in May (date to be announced) for the MacArthur Boulevard Townhomes.
- Street Construction: Overlay on So. Grand from 2nd to MacArthur; Ash from 2nd to MacArthur; Outer Park Drive from Bates to MacArthur. MacArthur Blvd & Laurel intersection plan not finalized.

Jerome Mayor: Michael Lopez

- Glad to be re-elected to another term of office.
- Due to lack of State Budget funding, another Jerome police officer position was eliminated.

County Board Member: Lisa Hills

- No report

Neighborhood Police Officer: Tammy Russell

- No report

Announcements:

- Membership: No report
- 2017 Bites on the Boulevard
 - Four events will be held: June, July, August and September on the second Tuesday of each month posted.
 - Bites will be located in the MacArthur parking lot adjacent to District 23 and the former Standard Mutual Insurance. (National General Holdings, Corp.)
- MacArthur Boulevard Clean Up will be Saturday, May 6th
 - Blessed Sacrament School will partner with MBA.
- President Michael Higgins presented a motion by the MBA Board of Directors to “move the monthly MBA membership meeting site to the South Side Christian Church Community Room”. A written ballot was presented. The vote was 30 Yes with 2 abstentions.
- MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING and all membership meetings hence forth: South Side Christian Church Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dirksen, Acting Secretary