



## **MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 10, 2014**

**Welcome:** President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's report.

### **Government Update:**

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- Talked about sidewalk, curb and overlay infrastructure work, and handed out a list of work for 2014 in Ward 7. [View the handout...](#)
- HyVee sidewalks will be completed along with the landscaping. Sidewalks on the south side of Cherry Road west of HyVee will be completed after HyVee is open to avoid disruption of HyVee construction (a power pole being used in construction is in the way.)

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- Infrastructure improvements are also being done to alleys, some of which in Ward 6 are in desperate need and will be overlaid.
- Ward 6 Fund will award 20 grants of \$500 each to residents for outside improvements visible from the street. The deadline is May 2, and currently there are 3-4 applications coming in per day.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ward 6 Block Party is scheduled for Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 2-5pm at RW Troxell with free food, music, fun for everyone.

### **Announcements:**

- **MacArthur Cleanup Day** will be Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Franklin Middle School. Contact Doug Dougherty for more information.

- **HyVee Update**

Store Director Kyle Thornsborough said that 4-5 billboards were going up indicating the grand opening date will be announced May 1. So far they have hired 614 part-time and 145 full-time employees, including 78 employees transferring to Springfield from other HyVee stores. Training is proceeding at Southside Christian Church and at Des Moines for chefs and restaurant employees. Employees who exhibit the HyVee corporate culture of customer service will be given a raise, and Kyle said that attracting the best people has been possibly by offering several dollars an hour over their competitors. He indicated he welcomes competition by existing grocery stores in Springfield because it challenges HyVee to become even better.

Landscaping of islands is proceeding, with grass to go in two weeks before the grand opening, anticipated for some time in May. 150 people are now stocking canned good, with fresh produce to be stocked two days before the opening.

Kyle indicated that HyVee employees will be paid for time spent on community involvement, including the upcoming MacArthur Boulevard cleanup day, in which 20 HyVee employees will participate. HyVee has donated funds for three gardens in the MacArthur area: MacArthur Park Apartments community garden, Franklin School and Butler School.

Kyle thanked MBA and both Aldermen for their help getting the store ready to open and said HyVee has submitted their MBA Membership Application.

- **MacArthur Park update**

The Sangamon County Medical Alliance donated \$1,200 for snacks for the Children's Library. The Library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday during the school year from 3-5pm and serves preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade children. Additional volunteers are needed.

HyVee donated \$750 for the community garden, and Coppertree is starting on the garden today. There will be a community garden for the children, Ross Isaac will have a garden for restaurant veggies, and residents of the MacArthur area may request individual plots.

MacArthur Park manager indicates their intent to redo their sign on MacArthur and to repave roads within the apartment complex.

- Jen Dillman provided an **IDOT Study update**, indicating that work is just getting started due to weather delays, but is on track for completion by the end of the year, when a public meeting will be held.
- **Frankies on the Boulevard** has opened in the Town and Country Shopping Center.
- **Custom Cup** owner Brent Boesdorfer talked about roast-to-order single origin coffees, which are now available at Ross Isaac and by order from their website, [www.CustomCupCoffee.com](http://www.CustomCupCoffee.com). Three to four coffees are available and will be delivered within 48 hours with no delivery fee. Custom Cup is looking for a location from which to operate their roasting business; the roasting currently is done at Nelson's Catering.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Kneedler, Acting Secretary