



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, March 12, 2015

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton reported as of February 28, 2015: Total Accounts Receivable: \$230.00; Total Assets: \$22,125.12. Current: Membership dues received: \$25.00; Expenses: \$763.40 ending with Balance as of March 12th: \$21,895.12. Report approved as presented.

Announcements:

- MacArthur Blvd. Clean Up: Saturday, April 25th: Co-Chairs: Laurie and David Farrell. Franklin Middle School will partner with MBA. Volunteers needed.
- MacArthur Blvd. IDOT Study will be completed in April.
- Jen announced Hy-Vee grants will help fund healthy gardens at MacArthur Park Apartments.

Ward 7 Candidate Forum: David Farrell, moderator.

- Candidates seeking Ward 7 Alderman position: Michael Higgins, Joe McMenamin and Sarah Delano Pavlik
- Each candidate received the following 4 questions prior to the Forum. Candidates were limited to three minute response time per question.
 - 1 .Would you support the issuance of a municipal bond backed by future MacArthur Blvd. TIF revenues in order to accelerate TIF funds being available for the development of new construction and rehabilitation of existing properties along the Blvd?
 - 2 Would you support a zoning overlay for MacArthur Blvd. from So. Grand Ave to Wabash Ave in order to accelerate the implementation of the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission's MacArthur Blvd. Master Plan commonly known as the Lakota Plan?
 - 3 Would you support an intergovernmental agreement between the State of Illinois and the City of Springfield to transfer jurisdiction of MacArthur Blvd. between So. Grand Ave and Wabash Ave after all infrastructure improvements detailed in a soon to be released study are completed?
 - 4 As you know, the Esquire Theater is scheduled to be demolished. Do you have a redevelopment vision for this important piece of real estate? If yes, what would it be?
 - 5 *** Moderator David Farrell presented a new question to Forum members: Would you support a City Planner position and what role would that entail?

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Dirksen, Secretary