



**South Side Christian Church Community Room
2600 South MacArthur Boulevard
Thursday, October 10, 2019**

October Meeting Minutes

1. **Welcome** – Michael Higgins
 - a. Meeting convened at 7:40am

2. **Board Reports**
 - a. Secretary’s Report – Michael Higgins
 - i. Minutes approved as presented
 - b. Treasurer’s Report – no report

3. **Speaker:** Rochelle Hartmann, new Director of the Lincoln Library
 - a. Goals
 - i. New website design and implementation
 - ii. Update branding – this will include creating a new logo
 - iii. Create community service program: how to get books/visitors and users to be more connected to local schools.
 - iv. Plan to deal with homeless population around the Library. Does cause security issue with visitors but urges visitors not to discount homeless but try to interact with them. This is a nationwide problem.
 - b. MBA Member Question: Is there a plan to expand service to “branches” of the City? If so, please keep MacArthur in mind.
 - i. How much does it cost to maintain a “branch”? At the minimum a couple hundred dollars.
 - c. General information:
 - i. Late fines are deleted for school children. E-cards offered to the Springfield School District.
 - ii. Non-profit organizations can use facility at no charge.

4. **Local Government Update**
 - a. Alderwoman, Ward 6: Kristin DiCenso – absent, no report
 - b. Alderman, Ward 7: Joe McMenamin

- i. Need for a service-focused center for homeless population continues
 - ii. Introduced Bill Barton who is remodeling two 12-unit apartment building in the area
- c. Mayor, Village of Jerome: Michael Lopez
 - i. Former Shop N' Save site will have another car sale this year
 - 1. Owner of building/lot not looking for a new grocery store/tenant
 - ii. Looking to get additional video gaming approvals within the Village
 - iii. Halloween events:
 - 1. Trick or Treat breakfast: Saturday, October 26th
 - 2. Trick or Trunk: Thursday, October 31st at Jerome Church
- d. Board Member, Sangamon County: Lisa Hills
 - i. Sangamon-Menard Area Regional Transit (SMART) to expand service
 - ii. Solar farm west of Springfield - vote tabled until County has a better idea of how recently passed legislation will impact solar projects
 - 1. Legislation includes Dept. of Agriculture assessing solar farm impacts on farmland and also requires owner having a decommission plan and a bond of surety posted for the decommission of the project.
- e. Mayor, City of Leland Grove: Mary Jo Bangert
 - i. Continued issues with car break-ins
 - ii. Wildwood Road will reopen in one week (week of October 21st)
 - iii. Leland Grove Trick or Treating hours will be from 4:30pm-7:30pm
- f. Springfield Neighborhood Police Officer: Mike Badger
 - i. Car break-ins continue; please ensure all doors are locked
 - ii. Recent count of shots fired in the City: 124 verified this year so far
 - 1. These calls are taken very seriously: for each call, the police time on-scene is approximately 1-3 hours and approximately 7 police units respond.

5. Announcements

- a. Fall MacArthur Boulevard Clean Up with Franklin Middle School will be Saturday, October 26th

6. Adjourned at 8:45am

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dirksen, MBA Board Member
Jess Weitzel, MBA Board Secretary