



## **MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, May 14, 2015**

**Welcome:** President Michael Higgins brought the meeting to order.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Daniel Shelton reported as of April 30, 2015: Total Assets: \$23,088.57. Income: \$50.00. Expenses: \$26.00 Report approved as presented.

**President's Report:** Michael announced Jen Dillman has resigned. As Vice President, he has moved to President. Michael acknowledged Jen for her years of hard work for MBA.

**Guest Speaker:** Michelle Tjelmeland, Founder of District 23 Mercantile and Foundry

- District 23 created to help fund Cochlear Implant Awareness Foundation, 501 (c) (3) NPO
- District 23 is a Home Décor Boutique – open 20 hours per month and staffed by volunteers.
- Sat. June 20<sup>th</sup>: Market on MacArthur, “Pop Up Shops”, will host 20+ vendors who will partner with a non for profit organization which will receive an agreed upon % of sales.
- Acknowledged MBA for their support of event.

### **Government Update:**

- Alderman McMenamin recognized County Board member, Lisa Hills; Jerome Mayor Mike Lopez and NPO Tammy Walcher. Alderman McMenamin referred to SJR article re: a possible future developer for MacArthur Park Apartments. Esquire property has been purchased by Eric Hoogland. Current plan is: asbestos removal to be completed by May 15<sup>th</sup> and demolition of structural property will take one month.
- County Board member Hills: Neighborhoods encompassing Outer Park, Highland, Lenox and State have seen increased crime rates. Neighborhood meeting was held at Southside Christian Church: 100 neighbors were in attendance plus extensive number of government representatives. A Neighborhood Organization will be created to promote respect of property, positive neighborhood relations and coordinate residents to work with City and Woodside to improve area.
- Jerome Mayor Lopez: Jerome restaurant, The Barrel Head, has offered to host a function for MBA. Jerome and MBA will continue to work together on the MacArthur Park Apts.
- NPO Walcher: Police foot patrols have been increased due to Mother's Day incident. Rumors of a second abduction attempt were proven false.

### **Project Updates:**

- Membership: Katie Davison asked members to complete MBA membership survey and return by end of meeting. Additional surveys will be available at MBA Social. Katie announced that a MBA Board Retreat will be held Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup> to set future MBA Goals & Objectives.

**Announcements:**

- The Wardrobe selected MBA as their non for profit @ Market on MacArthur event.
- MBA Social reminder: May 21<sup>st</sup> @ Tomassos Italian Bistro 1130 Legacy Pt.
- MBA recognized Tracy Gage, Butler School Principal, for receiving the Horace Mann 2015 Administer award. Flowers will be sent from MBA.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8: 30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Dirksen, Secretary