



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 12, 2014

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

- President Dillman requested MBA members introduce themselves.
- Introduction included individual's name and home location. Dial Court "won" for the "most MBA members". A challenge was made for fellow members to "beat Dial Court".

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton presented a Six Month in Review report:

- May 31, 2014: Total Liabilities & Equity: \$25,052.71

Guest Speaker: Britt Holzmacher, Washington Park Walkway

- Purpose is to create safe pedestrian crossing path at intersection of MacArthur and Williams Boulevard due to heavy four lane traffic pattern.
- An online petition has been created to submit requests to the Springfield Department of Public Works
<http://www.change.org/petitions/springfield-department-of-public-works-create-a-safe-way-for-pedestrians-to-enter-and-exit-washington-park-at-macarthur-and-williams-boulevard>
- City officials are not willing to install traffic lights as stop lights would disrupt heavy traffic flow. Request has been made to install flashing yellow lights or painting a pedestrian walkway on roadway to raise public awareness.
- Question and answer period followed presentation.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- Offered to support Washington Park Walkway petition.
- Reported MacArthur Park Apartment police calls are down 50% from 2013– 80% occupancy with only four remaining Section 8 apartments.
- Acknowledged HyVee for the Community Garden donation and volunteer workers.
- Recognized President Jen Dillman for her work with the complex.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- Agreed to support Washington Park Walkway. He talked with Public Works Director Mark Mahoney and Lori Williams, City Traffic Engineer re: petition.
- Bel Aire Motel continues to be in violation of City Code. Will implement intensive investigation and speak with Mayor Houston and Springfield Housing Authority.
- Thanked HyVee and Illinois Times for support of 3rd Annual Ward 6 Block Party.

Project Updates:

- IDOT Study: Doug Dougherty

- Curb cuts on MacArthur: wants to complete plan before IDOT Study is presented.
- Ordinance would be applicable citywide.
- President Dillman urged members to get involved with this project.
- MacArthur Park Apartments: Jen Dillman
 - Community Garden is going very well. Brought in some sample products to share with MBA members.
- MacArt Fest: Jen announced no 2014 Fest. Urged MBA members to “step forward and get involved”.

NO JULY MBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Next meeting will be August 14, 2014