



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, February 12, 2015

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: December minutes were approved as presented. No January minutes as meeting was cancelled due to severe weather.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton reported: December 2014: Income: \$150; Expenses: \$170; December 31, 2014 balance: \$22,584.00. January 2015: Income: \$75; Expenses: \$15; January 31, 2015 balance: \$22,633.00.

Guest Speaker: Charlyn Fargo Ware, Hy-Vee Registered Dietitian: **Health & Wellness**

- Daily food choices affect lifelong wellness. www.hy-vee.com/meal-solutions offers menu planning, specific menu choices for numerous medical needs, budget-friendly menus and recipes.
- Hy-Vee offers in-store Health Screenings – free or minimal cost
- Health and Wellness team: conducts cooking classes; health screenings; immunization clinics and nutrition discussions.
- Hy-Vee is partnering with gen H kids and MacArthur Park Apartments to plant healthy food gardens.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- Introduced new **Neighborhood Police Officer:** Tamara Walcher
- MacArthur Park Apts: Police calls for service in 2008-2009 averaged 44.9 per month. As of December 2014, calls decreased to 20 per month. Also, a new on site manager has been named. (Per Jen: A Food Drive will be held Friday, March 27th in partnership with St. John's Hospital for MacArthur Park residents.)
- Esquire Theater: Current owner has until Feb. 15, 2015 to present City a demolition contract. If sold, the new purchaser has on or before April 16, 2015 to present demolition contract. First Assessment hearing will be April 22, 2015.

Project Updates:

- IDOT Study: Doug Dougherty
 - IDOT Study continues -must obtain new traffic counts, core samples of pavement, design turn lanes north of Laurel and east onto So. Grand. Public meeting will be held in April – date to be announced. A report will be issued by June.
- Membership: Katie Davison
 - A membership enrollment drive is forthcoming. Requested member assistance to help in this project.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Dirksen, Secretary