



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, April 9, 2015

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton reported as of March 31, 2015: Total Liabilities & Equity: \$22,418.35. Accounts Receivable: \$740.00. Expenses: \$30.00.

Guest Speaker: Joshua Collins: Director of Business and Community Development, Springfield Chamber of Commerce.

- Focus on continually working to better the community and economy plus revitalizing Springfield's Downtown to accomplish that goal.
- Working with Community based organizations that are for-profit or not-for-profit.
- Range of initiatives: developing housing/and or mixed use housing; community health such as economic development, education and social services for community residents.
- Currently: Downtown CDC is raising seed capital for the first development and to identify a viable mixed use project for residential housing, commercial and/or retail space.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamain:

- Esquire property: checked with City Recorder's office but found no final notice. Potential buyer may be waiting for City Election results and/or wait to submit bid upon building demolition.
- Neighborhood concerns re: sewage back up. CWLP sent information flyers enclosed in monthly bill re: City financial assistance for older neighborhoods.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- City approved new zoning regulations re: food truck licensing.
- Garbage Reform Ordinance will be open for discussion re: City funding and City residents who do not pay for waste pickup.
- Ward 6 Fund will focus on public neighborhood Green Projects.

Jerome Mayor: Mike Lopez:

- Will attend monthly MBA meetings.
- IDOT approved 10 Jerome intersections.

Sangamon County District 23 Board Member: Lisa Hills

- Working with Lenox & State Street neighborhoods to improve waste removal.
- Sheriff's Department has been contacted to provide routine safety drive by checks.

Neighborhood Police Officer: Tamara Walcher:

- MacArthur Park Apartments: some disturbance has been noted but mild.

Announcements:

- MacArthur Blvd. Clean Up: Saturday, April 25th: Co-Chairs: Laurie and David Farrell. Meet at Franklin Middle School at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers needed.
- MBA Spring Social: Thurs. May 21st @5:00 p.m. III Tomassos Italian Bistro 1130 Legacy Pt.
- District 23 Mercantile and Foundry: Market on MacArthur, Sat. June 20th: 10 -5:00 Market Boutiques will partner with community non for profits who will receive a portion of revenue sales.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dirksen, Secretary