



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 11, 2015

Welcome: President Michael Higgins brought the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton reported as of May 31, 2015: Total Liabilities & Equity: \$21,875.63 . Income: \$565.00 Expenses: \$1,777.94.

Guest Speaker: Catie Franks – American Red Cross Major Gifts Officer/ South Central Illinois Civic Heroes Awards : July 24, 2015.

- Heroes of the Heartland is a celebration of local heroes. Categories include: Youth, Military, Public Safety, Senior, Community, Workplace, Healthcare and Civic.
- Invited MBA to participate in event by nominating a “Hero” whose actions have benefitted or influenced others in the community.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- Esquire property sale discussion: consensus was to encourage and support new structures to work for a mutual positive MacArthur Boulevard environment.
- Spoke with Director of Public Works Mark Mahoney re: MacArthur Blvd. street sweeping. Will continue to pursue this request.

Jerome Mayor: Mike Lopez:

- Invited MBA members to the Jerome July 4th Parade
- Reported that he and Alderman McMenamin have learned a potential new developer is interested in the MacArthur Park Apartment complex. No further news at this time.

Sangamon County District 23 Board Member: Lisa Hills

- The Lenox/So. Glenwood/ State Apartment complex owner is in the process of making improvements on the property. Lisa encouraged the neighbors to contact the City if problems occur.

Neighborhood Police Officer: Tamara Walcher:

- MacArthur Park Apartments: area has been quiet.
- Prairie Farms has been having some neighborhood problems but NPO Walcher has been monitoring the situation.

Announcements:

- 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.

- Katie Davison announced a MBA Food Truck Social will be held the last week in July in the Standard Mutual parking lot. Additional information will be forthcoming via email.
- President Higgins acknowledged Paul O'Shea for his years of service as the City Planning and Design Coordinator. Paul will retire June 26, 2015.
- NO **JULY** MBA MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Next meeting will be August 13, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dirksen, Secretary