



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, September 10, 2015

Welcome: MBA Board member Doug Dougherty brought the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton reported as of August 31, 2015: Total Accounts Receivable: \$896.00; Total Expenses: \$1,100 with Current Balance: \$20,653.00. Report was approved as presented.

Guest Speaker: Lisa Stott, Springfield City Planning and Design Coordinator

- Currently, new City Administration is in a transition time, but Mayor Langfelder has a vision for future development. Department of City Planning and Design is working with Karen Davis, Director of Economic Development.
 - Economic Development Commission has met 3 times.
- Potential Projects;
 - National Endowment of the Arts Grant: City would work with Springfield Art Association to create art in railroad underpasses.
 - Downtown Springfield: Food truck site; creative crosswalks and pocket parks.
 - Working with local developers to streamline incentives re: vacant lots in Downtown areas plus neighborhoods.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- MacArthur Park Apartments: Bonds have been approved for upgrading apartments. Espary Developer is offering to buy site - purchase and renovation will be \$15-\$20 million project.
- Ruler Foods and Dollar General development:
 - Real estate transactions are not final. Joe will share development plans upon receipt with MBA Assoc.
- Federated Funeral Directors announced plans to sell current site on MacArthur and Laurel. Business will move to West Jacksonville Road.

Jerome Mayor: Mike Lopez:

- Turn Around Agenda in Governor Rauner's Office is impending process in Jerome's Budget - particularly with road projects.
 - Iles Road has 5000 cars a day - a major concern is lack of sidewalk and pedestrian safety.

Sangamon County District 23 Board Member: Lisa Hills

- Major issues for neighborhood safety- east of MacArthur and south of Lenox Avenue - are the high number of landlord evictions and law enforcement calls.
- The Sheriff's Department and States Attorney's Office have agreed to buy 3 pole cameras to be used for drug surveillance.
- Working to create a Highland Neighborhood Association - positive move to coordinate neighbors, communication and promote safety.

Neighborhood Police Officer: Tamara Walcher:

- MacArthur Park Apartments listed only 12 calls for the month.

Committee Reports:

- Membership: Katie Davison announced a successful strategic planning meeting. The focus for membership renewal will be January 1st of each year.
- MacArthur Boulevard Clean Up: Blessed Sacrament School will partner with MBA for a Clean Up on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015.

Announcements:

- Bites on the Boulevard: Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2015. Katie Davison announced:
 - Sponsorships are needed for music and volunteer tee shirts. Ace Bike Shop has agreed to be the Banner Sponsor.
 - Additional Food Trucks have registered. 8 - 10 Trucks will be present.
 - Volunteer Sign Up is going well.
 - Working with Neighborhood Police Officer to create plan for traffic control across MacArthur.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Dirksen, Secretary