



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, October 13, 2016

Welcome: President Michael Higgins called the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: September Balance: \$18,752.75; Income: \$518.96; Expenses: \$129.89.

Guest Speaker: Tony Collins, new Store Director, Hy-Vee, Springfield, IL

- Hy-Vee, Inc. is second largest employee-owned grocery corporation in the US: builds 5-6 new stores annually and remodels 30.
- Adapts faster to market changes compared to other grocers that answer to shareholders: MacArthur Boulevard store will soon open its medical clinic, and will continue to actively participate and invest in the Springfield community.
- Predicts Hy-Vee will open a second Springfield store.

Local Government Update:

Ward 7 Alderman: Joe McMenamin

- 150 attended the Mayor's Strategic City Forum for Ward 7.
- Issues discussed: speeding, failing to stop before turning right at stop signs and red lights, children's safety, crowded streets.
- Two demolitions completed: former Flip-Flops and Triple A Alterations.
- Inquiries being made about Federated Funeral Directors' property.
- Major improvement in maintaining landscaping at Dollar General.

Jerome Mayor: Michael Lopez

- Developer has entered into an agreement to renovate Flooring Depot.
- Continued interest in vacant lot between Sonics and Asian Market on Wabash.
- Ongoing concern for school bus safety access near Boulevard Town Homes.
- Announced Jerome activities for October.

County Board District 23 Member: Lisa Hills

- Neighbors are actively supporting property code enforcement for problem properties on Glenwood and Lenox.

Neighborhood Police Officer: Tami Walcher

- Officers feel body cameras are beneficial.
- Boulevard Town Homes offering office space for officers to file reports.
- Reported recent break-in of gun shop on the north end of Springfield.

Principal Black Hawk School: Terrence Jordan

- Speeding cars by Black Hawk School are creating public safety issues. County Board member Lisa Hills will follow up.

ICON President: Carol Kneeder, review of Regional Neighborhood Network Conference (RNNC), Sept. 29th – Oct. 1st, Champaign, IL.

- 24 Midwestern Cities meet annually to share successful strategies concerning neighborhood improvements.
- Community police training can strengthen communication between police and families of victims and media.
- Neighborhood development: To accomplish goals must educate neighbors and get their support. Strong code enforcement of poorly managed properties improves value and reduces crime. Long-term development requires persistence in seeking funding and strong public-private partnerships within the City.
- 2017 RNNC Conference: October 5-7, Evansville, IN.

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Durbin