



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, June 14, 2018

Welcome: In absence of Pres. Michael Higgins, VP Julie Dirksen called the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: May Income: \$515.00; \$Expenses: \$118.84; Balance as of 5/31/18: \$17, 034.99.

MBA Review of 2018 Bites on the Boulevard's Kick – off: Co-chair Jess Weitzel

- Great turnout: at 6:30 p.m., over 300 attendees.
- Seven food trucks: HyVee, Chadito's, Robert's Seafood, Fields of Sweets, Cooper's StrEATside Bistro, Twyford BBQ and Wafflelicious plus two vendors selling locally crafted beer: Rolling Meadows and Engrained Brewery.
- Ace Bike Shop, Free Press Coffee and Itty Bitty Fashion Truck also participated.
- Butler was the neighborhood school featured at the June Bites. Almost \$500 was donated for extended Butler student projects.
- Delta Church provided free water, children's activities and a clean-up crew.
- South Side Christian Church provided tables and chairs.
- Mark Roberts donated the event space as well as his A/V music equipment.
- Big thanks to all the Volunteers with the set up, clean up and crowd control.
- REMINDER: next Bites: Tuesday, July 10th.

Local Government:

Alderwoman Ward 6: Kristin DiCenso

- Plans are still under consideration re: the former McDonald's site on MacArthur Blvd. At this time, nothing has been decided.
- Feedback for CWLP's Integrated Resource Plan can be submitted to feedback@springfield.il.us until June 28th.
- National Night Out events will take place City-wide on August 7th

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenemy

- New MacArthur Blvd. business activity:
 - Local Hy Vee: new store manager, Heather Garrity.
 - UNDERDOG Sports, Memorabilia & Games @ 2581 South MacArthur
 - Wonderful Waffle Shop: summer opening @2015 South MacArthur
 - Pawn King is moving into old Roy's Alternations
- Weed Control: spoke with Public Works Director Mark Mahoney re: weed and mowing violations. If City cleans up current status, the property owner must maintain said property. The public may call: 789-2167 or 789-2255 to report violations.

Jerome Mayor: Michael Lopez

- Car Quest has opened at 2625 South MacArthur Boulevard with a ten year lease. Mayor Lopez stated that: "much of their decision to sign on this site is due to the positive MBA neighborhood support."
- Shop & Save has not announced any future plans.

- Jerome is most grateful to the Springfield Police Department for the shared good partnership.
- Sangamon County Board Member: Lisa Hills
- SMART (Sangamon Menard Area Regional Transit) start up date in Sangamon County has been delayed due to finalizing expanded service details. SMTD and Sangamon County have partnered and the completed plan will allow for greater service area.
 - The County Board voted to table a vote concerning a proposed solar farm west of Springfield. The bill has passed House and Senate but is awaiting Governor's signature. Board is awaiting completion of new bill re: legislation and its impact of wind and solar farms on farmland before Board finalizes vote.

Announcements

- **No** July MBA Membership meeting
- Bites on the Boulevard: July 10th - Neighborhood school: Blessed Sacrament School
- Bites on the Boulevard: August 7th – Neighborhood school: Black Hawk Elementary
- August 7th: National Night Out.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dirksen, Acting Secretary