

Thursday, April 14, 2023 MBS Member Meeting Minutes

Meeting Convened 7:40 AM - South Side Christian Church

1. Welcome: Michael Higgins, President

2. Board Reports

a. Secretary – Bill McMahon

i. Approval of March membership meeting minutes

b. Treasurer – Adam Cook

i. Treasurer's Report as of March 31, 2023

3. Speakers:

a. Mayor-elect Misty Buscher. More of our community needs to know about groups like MacArthur Boulevard. May 5 is inauguration

b. Ward 6-elect: Jennifer Notriano: Excited to work with Mac Blvd. Look forwards to walkable, bikeable and green Boulevard.

c. Ward 7-elect: Brad Carlson: Lays out the borders of the ward. Participation is key. Will be available & will advocate for the city & our issues.

d. President Higgins comments: This is the time when the city can take action. Sewers. Burying telephone & power lines. Landscaping. Biking is already part of the plan. Opportunity for the city and the state to work together. This could be a gateway to the city.

4. Local Government Update

a. Ward 6 report -- N/A

b. Ward 7 report -- Joe McMinnamin: Is now a free man. Springfield has treated him well. Raised a family here. Beautification is important. Gateways into the city all looked neglected. Seven Pines has the largest collection on apartments in Springfield. 168 units. New windows. New AC.

c. Mayor, Village of Jerome: Michael Lopez: Congrats to elected officials. Have to work together. Nieman's food has closed on the deal to acquire the Shop & Save site. Won't be a grocery store. Not sure what it will be. Will be spending approx 1 million dollars to improve lles.

9:00 AM July 4th is the Jerome parade & hot dog breakfast.

d. Mayor, City of Leland Grove: Mary Jo Bangert -- not present.

e. Board Member, Sangamon County: Kevin McGuire -- not present.

f. Springfield Neighborhood Police Officer: Cody Musson -- not present.

g. Ryan McCrady, Springfield/Sangamon Growth Alliance comments: Sports complex development is moving forwards. Plan has been reworked due to inflation issues. Now they have a better plan, all in one phase. Largest sports dome in the country. All weather. Supports multiple sports.

City funding is contingent on the tax revenues that the complex is planned to generate. No taxpayer money is at risk.

#### 5. Announcements/Other Business

a. Macarthur Boulevard Clean-up Day: Saturday, May 13 -- call for volunteers

b. Macarthur Boulevard/Local First Shred Event: Saturday, May 20 -- call for volunteers

c. Status of EPA moving into White Oaks? Half the state is still working at home. Once they're fully installed, there will be traffic issues.

d. Springfield/Sangamon Growth Alliance: Master plan. May 18th visioning session. Memorial learning center.

Thanks to David & Laurie Farrell for the coffee sponsorship!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 AM.