



## **MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, Thursday, January 14, 2016**

**Welcome:** President Michael Higgins brought the meeting to order.

**Secretary's Report:** December minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** John LeValley, MBA Board member, presented the Treasurer's Report as of Dec. 31, 2015: Income: \$160.00; Expenses: \$208.90; Total Assets: \$19,001.20. Report approved as presented.

**Guest Speaker:** Tom Anderson, Cohen-Esprey Managing Director: MacArthur Park Apartments Renovation Project.

- New Name: The Boulevard Townhomes
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits will be used to provide affordable housing to working families.
- Introduced Angela Morehead, Preserving US, Inc. who will work with residents and Cohen-Esprey to coordinate community services.
- Renovation will begin January 2016 with projected completion in approximately 15 months. Projected Monthly rents: \$685/garden unit; \$720/townhome.
- Extensive internal upgrades: (new kitchens, in-unit washer/dryer, etc.) as well as property upgrades: (new roofing, playground, upgraded site lighting, etc.)
- Introduced support staff and welcomed continued affiliation with MBA.

President Higgins introduced Laurie Farrell, long time MBA member, and Tuesday After- School MacArthur Apartments Program Coordinator. Laurie introduced the Volunteer Team members – all retired School District #186 teachers. This program will continue.

### **Government Update:**

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe: out of town

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- Sidewalk Improvement: Dial Ct. south to Cherry Road and Lincoln south to Outer Park Dr.
- Esquire Property: Dollar General ( south of Conkland) construction has started. North end of site: purchase has not been confirmed.

Jerome Mayor: Mike Lopez:

- Stated the Cohen-Esprey representatives have reached out to Jerome officials and a “positive relationship” has been created. Also acknowledged the strong ongoing relationship with MBA.
- New sidewalks along Iles are a high priority for pedestrian traffic – especially for the children.

Sangamon County District 23 Board Member: Lisa Hills:

- Announced Sangamon County has closed the apartment complex at Glenwood and Lenox for residential life, health and safety reasons. The County is working with the residents to locate new housing.

**New Business:**

- David Farrell, Nominating Chairman, announced the 2016 MBA Board Members:
  - President: Michael Higgins
  - Vice President: Julie Dirksen
  - Secretary: Loretta Durbin
  - Treasurer: Daniel Shelton
  - Members at Large:

Fred Coombe

Mary Pat Cavanagh

Katie Davison

Doug Dougherty

John LeValley

Jess Weitzel

Motion made to accept the nominations. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dirksen, Secretary