



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2016

Welcome: President Michael Higgins called the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer out of town. No report given.

Guest Speakers: Luke and Leo Hermes of Starcrest Cleaners

- Presented new Starcrest Cleaners construction plans at 2025 S. MacArthur, current location of FlipFlops.
- Construction depends upon approval by Zoning Commission and the City for three zoning variances requested by Starcrest: a 4-5 stacking of cars receiving valet service, alley access and approval to omit landscape screening in the rear of property. Currently, house fencing provides privacy landscaping and space for landscaping would be limited.
- Variances to be heard by Zoning Commission in July and by the City Council in August.
- Starcrest will add more landscaping in front to soften parking area and improve drainage.
- There will be no on-site processing of dry cleaning.
- Facility will include a coin-operated laundry with an attendant present and a small area for lease.
- Starcrest's store at HyVee will remain open.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7 Joe McMenamin: Report provided by Lynn McMenamin

- Correction of May minutes. Minutes stated "Two possible knockdowns anticipated on Cherry Road." Should read: "Two possible knockdowns anticipated on MacArthur Boulevard."
- Butler School received a \$2,535.00 grant from Lowes for a storage shed in the Three Sisters Garden. The Garden will become part of classroom instruction.
- Of 184 apartments at The Boulevard Townhomes, 61 have been rented. There were only three calls to police in May with no arrests.
- Very impressed with Starcrest.

Jerome Mayor Michael Lopez

- The new Asian Market is planning a July opening. The video gaming parlor that is connected to the Market is open for business.
- Six gaming parlors currently operate in Jerome.
- Sections of Iles Avenue have been upgraded.
- Requested and received approval to use MBA logo for village's quarterly bulletin.

- Invited all to celebrate with Jerome by attending its July 4 parade.
- State temporarily closed Shop & Save's liquor department because of wording issue in the license.

Sangamon County District 23 Board Member: Lisa Hills

- Owner of Lenox and Glenwood property is deciding what to do with the property.
- Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held September 17 and 18.

Discussion

Bites on the Boulevard: Katie Davison

- Police are very concerned about patrons crossing MacArthur Blvd. at Conklin. Police will direct individuals to use crosswalks at So. Grand & MacArthur.
- Will emphasize walking and biking. Ace Bike Shop will oversee a holding area for bikes.
- Two new trucks: Poppers and Good Life Farms.
- Promotions planned on radio, Facebook and website.

GreenUp/CleanUp Grants: Jess Weitzel

- MBA budgeted \$5000 for 2016 grants for MacArthur Boulevard property improvements.
- Grants will provide 25% of project costs up to a maximum of \$500.
- On line and hard copy applications are available.

Announcements

- Peases now sells coffee and pastries at Laurel store. Coffee bar and frozen kids drinks coming soon.
- June 10: Carillon Festival
- June 15: Blessed Sacrament Party
- June 30: Local First Springfield Kick-off at Rolling Meadows Brewery

Respectfully submitted,
Loretta Durbin, Secretary