



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2013

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- HyVee will put out request for construction bids April 15- 19th.
- Ward 7 properties: MacArthur Apt. owner died recently -- said estate is in escrow. Joe requested MBA to contact the Springfield Housing Authority office to continue suspension of Section 8 vouchers for the MacArthur Apt. MBA Board member, Doug Dougherty made a motion for MBA to send a letter to Spfld. Housing not to open voucher distribution as yet. The motion was seconded by David Farrell. The motion carried.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- The City's infrastructure problems have been hotly debated at City Council meetings. This massive problem and its costs are why the tax increase is under discussion. Alderman Jobe supports a revenue increase. He encouraged MBA members to attend City Council meetings.
- Ward 6: Bel Aire Motel continues to have problems. Cory is seeking to get an ordinance in place. The Sankey Hi-Rise will be demolished by late August. A new Spfld. Housing building will be on site 2016. Ward 6 grants --totaling \$15,000 -will soon be available. Application deadline is May 1st.

Guest Speakers: Kevin Green, Chr., and Michael Higgins, member, of Springfield Bicycle Advisory Council:

- An overview of the proposed regional bike/pedestrian pathway plan was presented. In Springfield, there are four priority routes.
- Sherman and Rochester have already approved the bike/pedestrian pathway plan and Chatham has the proposal ready for the vote.
- Kevin and Michael urged MBA members to support the club's efforts to get the Springfield City Council to vote "yes" on their plan.
- Doug Dougherty made the motion for MBA to send a letter supporting said plan to the City Council. Anna Margaret Barris seconded. The motion carried.

Announcements:

- Membership: Committee sign up sheets were distributed. Anna Margaret Barris urged members to register for one or more committees. Committees are: Events & Neighbors; Marketing; Streetscape & Zoning and Neighborhood Ambassador.
- MacArt Fest: Volunteers are needed for each event: Friday, June 7th: set up and Gala; Saturday, June 8th: ArtFest and clean up. PLEASE volunteer. Financial sponsorships are also needed. This is MBA's largest yearly fund raiser. Contact Chairman Debbie Cimarossa Thompson for details.
- April 20th is MacArthur Blvd. Clean Up. Franklin Middle School students will be partnering with MBA. Volunteers are needed. Contact Julie Dirksen for details.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dirksen, Secretary