



MBBA Membership Meeting Minutes, January 17, 2013

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance is \$23, 114.00.

Guest Speaker: President Dillman introduced Bob Barber, Sandler Sales and Management Training. Bob gave a presentation re: Change within Organizations.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- Positive press re: MacArthur redevelopment
- Requested meeting with Board to discuss mixed residential and retail area surrounding Esquire property and how to work with set challenges.
- Discussed the City Residency Requirement and why it should be reinstated.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- Concurred on positive press coverage.
- Urged MBBA to make the Esquire property its next project.
- Announced the Ward 6 2013 Grant Program is open for requests.
- Pharmacy Art will soon announce new location as part of the Live/Work/Play community.

Announcements:

- Jen thanked Paul O'Shea and Mike Farmer for the positive MBBA comments in the SJR.
- MacArthur Blvd property: two houses have been demolished on Laurel and MacArthur. Nothing has been announced re: demolished Taylor Rental property.

Project Updates:

- MacArt Fest: Debbie Thompson reported the ArtFest Gala will be Friday, June 7th and the ArtFest Fair will be Sat. June 8th at the Standard Mutual Parking Lot. Karen Jacobs and Kris DiCenso will serve as co chairs with her. Volunteers will be needed.
- Hy-Vee: due to purchase of former Shell Station location, Hy-Vee gas station will be moved to corner of MacArthur and Outer Park. Changes to turn lanes and curb cuts have been sent to IDOT for approval.

- MacBac/MBBA: merger of committee structure will be announced at February meeting. Anna Margaret Barris is working on committee design.
- 2013 Membership forms are available. Current members are urged to renew.
- Streetscape: Jim Moll will be checking on current zoning issues and possible funding for streetscape upgrades.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dirksen, Secretary