



MBBA Membership Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2012

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

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

Treasurer's Report: Current Balance is \$23,319.01

Guest Speaker: Mark Mahoney, Director of City Public Works: City's Infrastructure

Director Mahoney reported:

- 46% of City streets need repair. Public Works is responsible for 625 miles of streets spread over 66 square miles. Springfield has more miles of street maintenance than other central Illinois cities.
- Mayor Houston is proposing a plan to borrow \$86.6 million to pay for infrastructure fixes. This would include in addition to street repair, sidewalks, storm sewers and sanitary sewers.
- City is trying to maintain and deal with the worst problems. Modernization expenses are not in this current infrastructure plan.

President's Report:

- President Jen Dillman, Doug Dougherty and Jim Moll met with IDOT re: MacArthur Boulevard. Requested the Lakota Study be used in the future plan for existing right of way. IDOT was asked to expedite this study. They agreed and said it would be completed by end of calendar year. Jen acknowledged Senator Dick Durbin for his continued support.
- Jen announced the Board voted unanimously to change the Association's name to: MacArthur Boulevard Association. This will allow the image- *Believe in the Boulevard* to expand beyond businesses to include neighborhoods, schools, parks and churches

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7 Joe McMenamin:

- Hy Vee was presented to Council for final consent vote. This was due to the change in initial site plan due to Shell Station purchase. The space will be used for parking and a landscape site.
- Sidewalks will be built around the Hy Vee perimeter—future plan is to extend sidewalks west on Cherry Road.

Alderman Ward 6 Cory Jobe: no report

Projects:

- Kim Rosendahl announced Dig It All Design is working on a new MBA logo. It will be presented at the April meeting.
- Anna Margaret Barris, Membership Chairman, created a new membership plan. Renewals will be emailed. A formalized recruitment plan will be implemented. Members are asked to sign up for committees.
- Debbie Thompson announced the MacArt Fest is moving along. Contact her to volunteer. The Gala General ticket prices are: \$25.00; MAB members: \$20.00.

Announcements:

- Amy Beadle announced Scheels Spring Events and invited members to participate.
- MacArthur Boulevard Clean Up: Saturday, April 20th. Franklin Middle School students will participate. MAB volunteers are needed. Contact Julie Dirksen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Dirksen, Secretary