



MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2013

Welcome: President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

Secretary's Report: October minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Daniel Shelton announced the MBA Balance as of October 31, 2013, Total Assets: \$ 24,275.48. Liabilities & Equity: 0.00

Guest Speaker: Mark McWilliams, owner of CopperTree Outdoor Lifestyles and Registered Landscape Architect.

- Most important thing Springfield citizens can do for our community is to keep it Green and Clean.
- Biggest landscaping issue is lack of consistent maintenance.
 - Maintenance costs needs to be listed in City Budget as a line item.
 - Zoning: ordinance must be specific for landscaping and city businesses would be held accountable.

Government Update:

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamin:

- HyVee has overextended the landscaping design for total lot area.
- Perimeter sidewalks will be in place soon. The City will pay for a sidewalk west of HyVee.
- Acknowledged Jen Dillman, Lynn McMenamin and Southside Christian Church for excellent support of MacArthur Park Library.
- MacArthur McDonald's will remodel current structure in 2015.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- Thanked Mark and Laurie McWilliams for the design and implementation work on the South Sixth Street Gateway.
- Ward 6 had a successful 2014 Grant program which will be awarded to 30 Ward homeowners.

Committee Reports:

- Nominating Committee Member David Farrell announced the following 2014 Slate of Officers and Board.
 - President: Jen Dillman V. President: Michael Higgins Secretary: Julie Dirksen Treasurer: Daniel Shelton Past President: Debbie Thompson
 - Board members: Anna Margaret Barris; Fred Coombe; Doug Dougherty and Corynn Good.
 - Election will be held at the Annual Meeting on December 12th.

Announcements:

- Jen encouraged members to visit and or volunteer at the Library on Tues., Wed. or Thurs. at 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Michael Higgins introduced Lynn Miller, representative of the Springfield Bicycle Club. The Club presented their plan to pave the bike path connecting Outer Park to Iles Street through Franklin Middle School's east lot. The path is currently on City-owned property but is not paved. Funding will be provided by a partnership among government, private donors and local businesses.
- Four Annual Meeting Awards will be presented December 12th to Outstanding Non Profit; Outstanding Volunteer/s; Outstanding Property Improvement and Outstanding MBA member.
- Annual meeting will be hosted by Scheels.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Dirksen, Secretary