



## **MBA Membership Meeting Minutes, September 12, 2013**

**Welcome:** President Jen Dillman brought the meeting to order.

**Secretary's Report:** August minutes were approved as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Daniel Shelton announced that the MBA Balance as of August 31, 2013 is \$25, 293.62.

### **Government Update:**

Alderman Ward 7: Joe McMenamain:

- Interest continues with the Esquire property. It requires more risk for the developer which takes longer to market said property.
- The Rocket Shop located on MacArthur is on unincorporated property; therefore, it is county and not city property. Both Alderman Jobe and McMenamain are checking.
- St. John's Accounting Department is moving into the Town and Country Shopping Center. It will be located next to the State Board of Elections offices. Approximately 60-70 St. John's employees will be moving to the new location.

Alderman Ward 6: Cory Jobe:

- The South Sixth Street Sign dedication will be Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. This project has been a partnership between the City, State and Federal governments. Copper Tree Landscaping has been active in the design and implementation of the signage.
- The City has approved construction of the Legacy Point Outlet Mall.
- Neighborhood Crime: strong Neighborhood Watch programs have helped control neighborhood break ins. Cory urged Ward 6 residents to contact City Government re: neighborhood property violations.

(Guest Speaker: Cancelled due to illness.)

### **Committee Reports:**

- Membership: Two new business members were announced: The Real Estate Firm and Studio on State.
- Logo: The initial MBA street sign location is still under discussion. The City will not permit a land based sign near South Grand/MacArthur. Street signs must be placed on private property.

### **Announcements:**

- Park and Hike: Michael Higgins reported:
  - Springfield Park Board approved summer/fall evening hours in Washington Park restricting vehicle traffic except for picnic area access. It is hoped this schedule will be made permanent.

- Bike Lanes and Bike Share road signs on City Streets connecting the Sangamon Valley trail to the IDOT trail are under discussion.
- Book Drive:
  - MBA's Book Drive has been quite successful! Daniel Shelton and Doug Dougherty met with MacArthur Park Apartments Manager re: library location.
  - Saturday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. the Library Dedication will be held. MBA members are encouraged to attend.
- Business Incentive Program:
  - Jen announced a new opportunity for MBA Business members is under discussion. More details will follow.
- **Save the Date:** Annual Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Dirksen, Secretary