

Official MABA Minutes – August 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Malvern Area Betterment Association was held at the Liberty Memorial Building. It was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Deb Breeding. Members in attendance were: Diane Clay, MinDee Sommerla, Bruce and Deb Breeding, Tom Mulholland, Ethan Richter, Steve Barrett, Chance Beres, Scott and Laura Shehan, Gary Jones, Greg and Bonnie Pierce, and Ruby Simms.

Minutes were read. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bruce Breeding and seconded by Ruby Simms.

Treasurer's report was as follows: Regular checking \$14,223.52, New recreation project \$33,014.77, Gateway to Chaos & 7,041.81. Malvern Bucks \$290. Independence Day 2,158.50

There are no new memberships to report at this time.

CDBG progress discussed. They will be starting to put a wall on Tuesday. Semi-trailer will be moved to building by Tuesday morning. There is a possibility that the school shop students can help put up walls. Chance or Ethan will let us know later on if they can help. They are doing construction every Tuesday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds Obrecht Commons. The serving area will be the entrance gate and costume area. It was asked if MABA would pay for ¼ of a trip for Spencer to come. It would be \$1150 to \$200 dollars. It would be the 2nd or 3rd week of October. He would be here a Thursday to Sunday morning. After discussion this was tabled till the next meeting.

En Plein Air flyers were passed around. There are 12 teams that have verbally committed. A chili contest has been added. The registration is \$20. It will be \$5.00 for a cup and score cards and \$2.00 per bone was suggested. It was discussed the possibility of charging \$100 to have banners from the Fair sponsors could be put up if O.K. with the Fair Board. MABA will be doing the Kids Arts. Vendors at Boehner were discussed. It will be Art vendors. Could have them at Heritage Park. The tram will be running Friday and Saturday. Maybe the vendors could be at Heritage Park on Friday night and everything on Saturday at Boehner Pond.

It was discussed that maybe Ruby could put up En Plein Air and Gateway posters at the same time. She put up flyers for Independence Day on 235 bulletin boards.

401-403 Building and CDBG progress was reported. The City Council will be approving the Bid Part. The Bid process was sent out to contractors. On August 25th which contractor will be decided on. They have 180 days to complete the project after Contractor is decided on. There will probably be a big pool of bids because Malvern is close to Omaha. City will accept the lowest Bid.

The rec Project was reported on. The basketball court has been poured. The fence installed. The opening is not wide enough to be handicap accessible. The Fencing Company was contacted that it is not wheel chair accessible. It was suggested maybe a gate could be put on the East side. The estimate to do this was \$1250. Maybe both parties, contractor and MABA could share the expense 50-50 at both sides were at fault not to realize this. The basketball hoops aren't up yet. They will go up when the

sidewalk is done. The lighting there was discussed. Bruce thought since it is in a residential area lights weren't needed. Only painting on the basketball court is the stenciling of the lines.

Two different playground equipment companies have been contacted. Where the old water tower was will be the shelter. Will have an architect engineer draw up a plan.

JEO pool study was discussed. City Hall had a company come in to locate the leak. The City will be fixing the leaks with their money.

The Independence Day Celebration was discussed. Maybe could have a carnival next year. Like the one that comes to Tabor. One we don't have to guarantee them any money. Also looking into bringing Motor cycle racing back. Will have to discuss these two items with the Fair Board. Will bring Meyers Pedal Pull back. Maybe pictures could be taken with the auto pushball cars. Half of the money to pushball cars and half to MABA. We could email the pictures to them so they could print them out. The Parade was amazing this year. Ruby sent out hand written thank you letters to everyone who participated. Next year's Independence Day will be on July 11th. It will always be on the 2nd Saturday in July. Maybe we need to raise the gate admission from \$5.00 to \$8.00 or from \$5.00 to \$10.00 if motorcycling racings returns. Also may have the animals from the Rescue group in Heritage Part in the A.M. and not at the Fair Grounds as it was too hot for the animals. There were 55 entries in the parade. Sent out 25 thank you cards and 76 cards asking people to come back next year. The Civil War reenactment was discussed. This year was up \$200 from last year. It was discussed an itinerary needs to be given out at the gate of when and where things were happening.

The SWI Art Tour will be September 27-28.

The Wabash Trace Marathon is on September 13th. It will start at 7:00 a.m. at the High School. There is a need for men to help set up in the morning then transfer back to the storage building afterwards. The Donkey Rescue volunteered to do a water station. There is one water station that needs a volunteer yet. The door to door letters handed out before was discussed and someone will need to pick up signs along the trace afterwards.

It was announced that Ruby Simms time with West Central is up on September 13th. Ruby plans to keep on helping with the Independence Day Celebration Parade and be at the welcome center as much as possible. Ruby was given a BIG thank you.

The Costello Foundation Grant was discussed. There will be \$63,000 available in the Malvern Area. \$100,000 available each year after. This year we will request for the playground area. Possible other years a Fitness and Rec Center at the Community Building or a wireless sound system for the downtown.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25.

