

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) & SDC Board Meeting

DATE: April 20th, 2011 (approved 05/11/11)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)*
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jon Knutson
Jeff Schmidt
Gil Wigington

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Langemeier
Jeff Gall
Steve Thompson
Brian Vavricek

Guests

Jim McGowen
Sue Jacobus

CARC Members*

Larry Karel
Lonnie Kitt
Jerry Karnatz
Charlie Heavican

Mission Statement: To provide leadership in facilitating community development and sustained economic growth.

7:00 a.m.

- Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meets Act posted and acknowledged.
- Minutes (03-30-11) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Six month (October – March) SDC Expenses Paid for current fiscal year were \$25,774.36. Annualized expenditures projected to be approximately \$54,000 (7.4% below Budget).
- Directors were advised of the decision by Schuyler Lumber Company and the City of Schuyler to begin the construction of N. Chicago Street (Kehrli 2nd Subdivision) in early June. Schuyler Lumber will be making application for an Infrastructure Construction Capital (ICC) Loan.
- Utilities Department Superintendent, Jim McGowen, updated Directors on pending projects. New south substation scheduled to become operational June 1st. Successful dewatering process has allowed the excavation for the new northeast lift station to commence. Construction of the west substation to begin in the next few months.
- City Council approved the **2011-2012 Schuyler Housing Production Program**. The next house to be constructed by NeighborWorks and SCS will begin in July at 1917 B Street.
- HDC recommended the approval of the **Small Contractors Business Loan Program**. Directors endorse the recommendation to the City Council for their consideration and action.
- Briefly discussed was an article written last month by David Simonsen, Executive Director for Economic Development in Norfolk. Mr. Simonsen addressed the importance of 'build ready industrial sites'. The relevancy of the article to Schuyler's proposed Industrial Park was noted.
- Treasurer's Report (04/19/11) read:

Pinnacle Bank Checking	\$ 21,368.58
Homestead Bank Checking	\$ 3,601.47
Homestead Bank CD	\$ 12,056.89
TOTAL	\$ 37,026.94
- Ken Lemke, Ph. D., NPPD Economist, will attend the May 11th SDC Meeting to discuss the recently distributed Economic Impact Assessments for the proposed Schuyler Industrial Park. Impact Assessments provided by NPPD at no expense to the community or SDC.
- NENEDD announced their recognition of the SDC with the **2010-2011 Economic Development Award**. Presentation to be at annual business meeting on July 12th in Norfolk.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Colfax County's unemployment remained unchanged at 3.7% (March 2011)
 - total workforce in Colfax County has grown +241 in the past twelve months
 - 471 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 04/18/11
 - after considerable discussion, Directors authorized EDC to draft a letter to the City Council opposing the extension / renewing of the expired Special Use Permit for the former Schuyler Electric building

8:02 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** May 11th, 2011 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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