

## Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) & SDC Board Meeting

**DATE:** September 14th, 2011 (*approved 10/05/11*)      **LOCATION:** Municipal Building

<u>DIRECTORS ATTENDING:</u>	<u>DIRECTORS ABSENT:</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>CARC Members*</u>
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)*	Larry Karel (President)*	Jim McGowen	Larry Karel
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*	Chris Langemeier		Lonnie Kitt
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*	Jeff Gall		Jerry Karnatz
Richard Folda			Charlie Heavican
Jon Knutson			
Jeff Schmidt			
Steve Thompson			
Brian Vavricek			
Gil Wigington			

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

### 7:00 a.m.

- Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (Vice President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meets Act posted and acknowledged.
- Minutes (08-24-11) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- In conjunction with the SDC's Annual Meeting (7 a.m.) on October 5th, a buffet breakfast will be served (6:45 a.m.) at Gene's Restaurant. Directors will be advised of the cost.
- Jim McGowen provided a brief status report on current projects for the Department of Utilities.
- Directors were updated by Gil W. on Monday evening's vote by the Natural Resources District (NRD) Board. NRD Board did not approve sharing of costs with the City of Schuyler for the Shell Creek-Platte River levee systems project; 65% of the project to be financed by the Corps of Engineers. An emergency meeting (1 p.m.) with the NRD and Corps of Engineers is scheduled for Friday, September 16th, at the Colfax County Courthouse. Directors were encouraged to contact NRD Board Members and to attend Friday's meeting. Mayor, David Reinecke, stated at last night's Council Meeting, the levee project will move forward regardless of the NRD's decision.
- Four copies of **Talking FACTS** were provided to each Director. Directors were asked to distribute **Talking FACTS** to four registered voters who reside in Schuyler. Informing the public will require the support and efforts of all Directors.
- Directors were reminded there will be two separate ballot questions on November 15th. Both ballot questions must be approved by voters for passage of the SEDPlan. Also, in response to a question repeatedly asked by the public, the current housing partnership between *NeighborWorks* and the SCS construction class would be unsustainable without passage of the SEDPlan.
- The Downtown Revitalization Committee (DRC) had its inaugural meeting on September 1st. DRC meeting schedule posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net. Consultants to the DRC are NENEDD, NPPD, REAP, JEO Consulting and Dick Seckman (City Attorney).
- Miscellaneous:
  - 454 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius (09/13/11)
  - the need for skilled labor (electricians, plumbers, welders, etc.) was discussed; an invitation to attend a future SDC Meeting will be extended to Central Community College for the purpose of updating Directors on efforts to grow our skilled workforce in the area

7:50 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** October 5th, 2011 (Wednesday)

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Gene's Restaurant