

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SDC Board Meeting

DATE: November 16th, 2011 (approved 12/07/11) **LOCATION:** Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Langemeier
Steve Thompson
Jeff Gall
Larry Karel

Guests

Jim McGowen
Sue Jacobus

CARC Members*

Lonnie Kitt
Larry Karel
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 Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meets Act posted and acknowledged.
- Minutes (10-26-11) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- LB 840 Expenditures / Committed Reserves (11/15/11) report reviewed.
- Jim McGowen reported the Utilities Department may likely address the need for tree trimming in areas of the community. Also, progress continues with the construction of the Frontier (west) electrical substation.
- Results of the November 15th Special Election were discussed. Schuyler voters approved renewing the SEDPlan and extending its current funding (½% sales tax) to 2021. Even though only 16% of eligible voters participated, voter approval was 72% 'yes'. All three precincts and early / absentee voting passed both ballot questions.
- Future budgeting of programs was discussed. EDC emphasized new growth will require extending municipal infrastructure into new areas. Costs for extending infrastructure will be significant.
- The HDC recommended revisions to the Infrastructure Construction Capital (ICC) Loan Program: 1) increase loan amount up to \$200,000 with a 5 year repayment schedule 2) budget increase from \$125,000 to \$400,000 3) side-by-side residential and commercial developments considered separately. Directors endorsed the recommended revisions to the City Council for their action at the December 6th City Council Meeting.
- Gil advised Directors the restoration of the Hughes-Payzant Drainage Ditch is on schedule for completion by December 20th, 2011.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 394 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 11/14/11
 - SCS District Residency Progress Report reviewed: for the current school year all 9 administrators (100%) are domiciled in the SCS District, and, 76 (55%) of certified staff (teachers) are domiciled in the SCS District
 - SDC will again be tri-hosting the Parade of Tress on Friday evening (Dec. 2nd) at the Municipal Building

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** December 7th, 2011 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Building

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC