

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SDC Board Meeting

DATE: March 7th, 2012 (approved 03/28/12)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jon Knutson
Jeff Schmidt*
Steve Thompson
Gil Wigington

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Langemeier
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jeff Gall
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Brian Vavricek

Guests

Jim McGowen
Sue Jacobus

CARC Members*

Lonnie Kitt
Larry Karel
Jerry Karnatz
Charlie Heavican
Jeff Schmidt

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 Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Minutes (02-15-12) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- LB 840 Revenue for October - December was \$51,920 (+\$577 compared to the previous year.
- YTD SDC Expenses Paid (October 2011 – February 2012) were \$23,086. Annualized SDC expenses tracking at approximately 95% of budget for the fiscal year.
- Jim McGowen stated the construction of the west electrical substation is behind a couple of weeks. Bids for the new water line in northeast Schuyler to be opened tomorrow, Thursday.
- C & G Realty has joined the Columbus Area Multiple Listing Service (MLS). Gil described the advantages to both residential sellers and buyers because of the increased visibility of properties resulting from a much higher volume of monthly online viewings. Strengthening the selling / buying process in Schuyler may likely help in favorably impacting the challenge of comparables needed for residential appraisals.
- Planning Commission has unanimously recommended approval of the proposed Trampoline Ordinance. City Council will consider at their March 20th Meeting.
- The recommended Railside Green (RSG) Enhancement Project was approved by the City Council on February 21st. Renaming of the RSG on April 27th (Arbor Day) will kick-off of the five year project.
- Directors discussed the importance of supporting the recommendations and / or actions approved by the SDC. EDC stated he needed and expected the total support of all SDC Directors in executing the majority's decisions. Directors were in complete agreement and without dissent.
- Following discussion, Directors endorsed the DRC's recommendation to join the NE Main Street program as an Associate Member (\$450 annual membership fee). City Council will consider at their March 20th Meeting.
- During the study session on February 21st, the City Council agreed to attempt to gain ownership and control of 302 E. 12th building before deciding on whether to proceed with demolition or restoration.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 429 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler
 - Colfax County unemployment in December was 3.5%
 - EDC will again attempt to negotiate a purchase agreement for the Top Notch Building
 - reviewed 2012 Annual Income Guidelines for purchasing the new NeighborWorks house
 - no new information on the status of the Dowd property (7.8 acres)

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** March 28th, 2012 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Building

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC