

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SDC Board Meeting

DATE: May 9th, 2012 (approved 05/30/12)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Langemeier
Brian Vavricek

Guests

Jim McGowen

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 (04-18-12) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- LB 840 revenue YTD (October – January) was \$83,047. Revenue slightly down (-\$ 919) from the previous fiscal year (-1.1%).
- YTD (October – April) SDC expenses paid were \$32,454.38 (54.2% of budget).
- Schuyler Department of Utilities update: Jim McGowen stated the 22nd Street project nearly completed and hoping to be back on schedule next week constructing the new west electrical substation.
- Top Notch Building (302 E. 11th Street): Prior to discussion, Directors were provided a somewhat detailed six month outline of previous relevant actions followed by Steve Thompson's announcement of Cargill's \$10,000 financial support (\$5,000 per year for two years) to purchase the Top Notch Building. Pending, is a signed Purchase Agreement to buy the building for \$30,000 plus fees and title insurance (approx. \$550). Directors were again provided copies of the Five-Step Restoration Plan. After lengthy deliberation, Directors unanimously recommended to the City Council for their approval the execution of the signed agreement to purchase the Top Notch Building (302 E. 11th Street) via the Commercial Building Program.
- At the May 30th SDC Board Meeting, a draft of the proposed 2012-2013 SDC Budget will be presented to Directors for consideration. EDC requesting an \$820 (+2.0%) annual wage increase. If approved, EDC's annual compensation would be \$41,000.

Note: Remainder of meeting chaired by Larry Karel (Vice President) after Lonnie's early departure due to a prior business commitment.

- Miscellaneous:
 - 450 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 05/08/12
 - March unemployment for Colfax County was 3.5%
 - uncertain when Stoltenberg Farm will be for sale; late fall / early winter is a possibility
 - Dowd property (7.8 acres) continues to garner interest as potential commercial site

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** May 30th, 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