

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SDC Board Meeting

DATE: September 12, 2012 (approved 10/03/12)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Chris Langemeier
Jeff Schmidt*
Jeff Gall

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 (08-22-12) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ SchuylerDEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities update: Jim stated the Utilities Department is in the process of completing a water main extension to Fuel Mart and adding a new fire hydrant to service the northeast area.
- Directors were reminded of the SDC's annual meeting at Gene's Restaurant (basement) on October 3rd. Buffet breakfast to be served at 6:45 a.m. Directors to share in the meal expense for invited guests. Meeting begins at 7 a.m. Election of officers to be an agenda item.
- City Council on September 4th approved and amended the Commercial Building Program's budget. As recommended by the SDC, Program's budget increased to \$120,000.
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Attorney, Mike Bacon, will conduct a one-hour joint study session for the City Council and SDC Directors on October 9th (Tuesday) at the Municipal Building (5:15 p.m.). Directors requested to be in attendance.
- Top Notch Building: Friday, September 14th, both purchase bids and contractors' repair bids due at the Municipal Building by 3 p.m. Uncertain if any offers to purchase and / or repair estimates will be received.
- NDOR's Priorities – 10 Year Plan (LB 84) was reviewed and discussed. Hwy 30 Expressway from Schuyler to Fremont tentatively scheduled for Fiscal Years 2016 - 2019.
- Roger Protzman, JEO Consulting Group, presented Schuyler's Northwest Sewer Study dated August 22, 2012. Directors provided hard copies during the presentation. Northwest Sewer Study available online @ SchuylerDEVELOPMENT.net.
- A second meeting with representatives from Cobblestone Hotels & Inns was held at Schuyler's Homestead Bank on September 6th. Cost estimate of possible hotel project to be approximately \$2.8 million. Cobblestone's business model requires 85% - 90% local investment with the need for banks to possibly provide at least 50% in loans. Scheduling of subsequent meetings pending.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 487 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (09/10/12)
 - 3.6% July unemployment for Colfax County
 - recognized volunteers who helped with the clean-up / painting of Top Notch Building
 - Cheryl Brandenburgh (BHE) to update Directors on LOIS at the Nov. 14th SDC Meeting
 - 'Contractors, Lenders & Realtors Annual Luncheon' scheduled for January 24th

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** October 3, 2012 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Gene's Restaurant (basement)

7:50 a.m. – adjourned

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC