

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SDC Board Meeting

DATE: October 24, 2012 (approved 11/14/12)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jeff Gall
Chris Langemeier

Guests

Jim McGowen
Sue Jacobus
Jeff Ray

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 (10-03-12) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Total LB 840 revenue received (Oct. - Aug.) was \$199,040 (+9.4% increase over the previous fiscal year).
- Schuyler Department of Utilities update: Jim reported bids will be opened on November 1st for extending sanitary sewer to 15th & Gold Street. Sewer extension will stop on 16th Street in front of Recycling Center.
- Reviewed fee schedule for Mike Bacon, TIF Attorney. Directors recommended to the City Council maintaining regular communication with Mr. Bacon.
- Scope Of Services for completing a Blight and Substandard Study was presented by Jeff Ray, JEO Planning Department Manager. Following questions and answers Directors recommended approving the proposed contract. Council will consider at their November 6th meeting. LB 840 revenue to fund cost of study.

7:40 a.m. Due to Lonnie's early departure, Jerry Karnatz (Secretary) chaired the remainder of the SDC Meeting.

- An Informational Meeting pertaining to a possible \$2.8 million Cobblestone Hotel project will be held on November 8th at the Homestead Bank (9:30am). Eventually, approximately \$1.4 million needed from local investors if project is to proceed.
- 2012-2013 SCS District Residency annual progress report reviewed. SCS personnel domiciled within the school district: Administrators (82%), Certified Staff (51%), Support Staff & Coordinators (85%). Total expenses for all non-domiciled SCS personnel for the 2012-2013 school year are \$5,220,425.
- Distributed an Omaha World Herald article (Appraisals - Money Section). Briefly discussed property appraisals, comparables and market values of homes in Schuyler and article's relevancy. Lower appraisals / valuations continue to negatively impact Schuyler's speculative housing construction.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 487 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (10/22/12)
 - 3.1% September unemployment for Colfax County
 - information provided on the USDA Rural Economic Development Loan Program (REDLG)
 - Dollar General closing still pending (1.68 acres); plan to construct 9,100 sq. ft. building

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** November 14th, 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