

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SDC Board Meeting

DATE: November 14, 2012 (approved 12/05/12)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jeff Schmidt*

Guests

Cheryl Brandenburg

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 (10-24-12) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Following a review of the proposed Bylaws for the Schuyler Community Development, Inc., Bylaws adopted by Directors.
- The proposed Conflict Of Interest Policy for the Schuyler Community Development, Inc. modeled after the online example provided by the IRS; Directors adopted new Policy.
- HDC recommended the following revisions to the existing Small Contractors Business Loan Program:
 - increase loan amount to \$25,000
 - raise budget to \$50,000
 - broaden definition of residential lot
 - developers eligible for loans
 - remove 'in business for at least 24 consecutive months'
 - definition of site preparation costs broaden

Directors endorsed the HDC recommendation to the City Council for consideration and approval during their 11/20/12 Council Meeting.

- Cheryl Brandenburg, BHE, presented information on the Location One Information System (LOIS). LOIS is the online platform by which available industrial properties and commercial buildings are presented and promoted. LOIS is provided to communities at no cost.
- Community Assessment recommended by DRC. After discussion, Directors approved the recommendation with results being provided in hard-copy only; results not to be posted online.
- On November 8th, an Informational Meeting pertaining to a possible \$2.8 million Cobblestone Hotel project was held at the Homestead Bank. Attendees were in agreement to meet in January and to consider a legal structure to form a local Investors' Group. Approximately \$1.4 million needed from local investors for project to proceed.
- Reference the future expansion of the U.S. 30 Expressway between Schuyler and Fremont, Directors provided a copy of the NDOR letter dated 10/20/12. Public meeting in early 2013 yet-to-be scheduled.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 494 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (11/13/12)
 - Blight and Substandard Study approved by City Council
 - no update on the pending new Dollar General Store

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** December 5, 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