

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SDC Board Meeting

DATE: December 5, 2012 (approved 01/09/13)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jeff Gall
Chris Langemeier
Jeff Schmidt*

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 (11-14-12) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities update: west extension of sanitary sewer to Recycling Center to begin - intersection @ 15th & Gold Streets will be under construction for about a week.
- LB 840 revenue for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was \$217, 823 representing an increase of +7.5% (\$15,174) over the previous year and the highest annual revenue collected since the inception of LB 840 in 2007.
- YTD SDC Expenses Paid (October - November) were \$9,700.52.
- City Council approved recommended revisions to Small Contractors Business Loan Program.
- Schuyler's real estate valuation (residential and commercial) the past 10 years (2003-2012) reviewed and discussed. Valuation growth has been \$30,953,157 (+26%). Average annual growth rate was a modest / sluggish 2.6% (+\$3,095,315). Growing Schuyler's tax base is a critical fundamental component for achieving sustained long-term economic development.
- Average household size in Schuyler (2010 U.S. Bureau of the Census) is 3.37. Schuyler's household size is higher than both the State and National averages. Because of continued population growth and less than adequate growth in total number of housing units, the average number of residents living together has increased since 2000. Alarming, the rate of change has exceeded our capacity to adapt. Schuyler's housing challenge presents a significant opportunity for long-term valuation growth.
- Another informational meeting (Cobblestone Hotel & Inns) will be held at Homestead Bank on January 17th.
- KOLN / KGIN Television has a special feature entitled, 'Our Town'. Schuyler residents are invited to attend a luncheon meeting on December 7th (noon) at the Golf Club. Our Town Schuyler is scheduled to be aired from February 18th through 24th.
- Directors scheduled the next SDC Meeting for January 9th, 2013.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 491 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (12/04/12)
 - unemployment for Colfax County (October) was 2.9%
 - option to purchase McDonald's building has been secured - agreement remains tentative
 - no update on pending sale of Dowd property and new Dollar General Store

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** January 9, 2013 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Building

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC