

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: May 15, 2013 (approved 06/05/13)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier
Jeff Schmidt*
Gil Wigington

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Steve Thompson
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Sue Jacobus
Aaron Nygren

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 (04-24-13) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Department personnel to continue the long-term process of voltage conversion by changing out equipment - will help reduce peak demand costs.
- Treasurer's Report as of 05/08/13:

Schuyler Development Company	\$13,069.35
Schuyler Community Development	\$18,534.90
TOTAL	\$31,604.25

Note: SDC account to be closed and funds transferred into SCD account.

- As of 05/08/13, YTD SCD expenses paid were \$33,218.08 (54.2% of budget).
- Directors reviewed the proposed 2013-2014 SCD Budget. Proposed annual budget (\$60,150) for the upcoming fiscal year -1.9% (\$1,180) less than current budget. EDC requesting +3.7% salary adjustment (\$1,500). Budget approval requested on 06/05/13.
- City Council on 05/07/13 adopted the proposed 2013 General Redevelopment Plan. Schuyler's 2013 Blight Study and Redevelopment Plan are now in effect.
- Cobblestone Hotel Project continues to move ahead; Hotel Project to be presented to the Community Development Agency (City Council) for consideration as an approved TIF Project. Also, Hotel Project (LLC) likely to apply for LB 840 programs.
- The direct linkage between code effectiveness (communication, education, enforcement), protecting values of property owner investment, and growing Schuyler's tax base were discussed. Directors authorized EDC to draft letter to City Council supporting Council's full-time priority for code effectiveness and community appearance. EDC will present SCD Letter Of Support to the City Council at their 05/21/13 meeting.
- Directors were in agreement in recommending to the City Council expanding the scope of the Downtown Revitalization Committee to include commercial development within the city limits of Schuyler; renamed, Downtown Revitalization & Commercial Development Committee.
- Conceptual Northwest Housing Development map was reviewed and discussed. Multiple revenue streams needed to launch this yet-to-be finalized / proposed new housing subdivision. New subdivision to be a topic of regular review and planning by the Housing Development Committee for the next couple of months.
- Economic Impact Assessment presented for the proposed 29 unit hotel project. Dr. Ken Lemke, NPPD Economist, drafted the document.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 471 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (05/15/13)
 - 12 month extension of informal 'LOA - Intent to Sell' (95.5 acre Industrial Park)

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** June 5, 2013 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Building