

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: June 26, 2013 (approved 07/17/13)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson

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 (06-05-13) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: General maintenance and storm damage repairs continue; jetting storm drains ongoing.
- LB 840 revenue (October - April) \$121,078 (+ \$1,694). April revenue reversed a three month (January - March) downward trend and overall revenue is up +1.4% from previous year.
- DRCDC (Downtown Revitalization & Commercial Development Committee) will begin addressing Business Retention and developing a comprehensive program for implementation. Anticipate process to be somewhat protracted.
- JOBS (Joint Opportunities for Building Success) Grant was not awarded by the FHLB Topeka. Homestead Bank's sponsorship of Schuyler's grant application very much appreciated. DRCDC will move ahead and consider the possibility of adding a historic component to the FBIFund loan program; input from NE Main Street has been requested.
- Roof replacement (\$22,000) of the Top Notch Building is pending - anticipate completion in the next few weeks. Approximately \$17,500 remaining balance for repairs / restoration (CBP authorizes \$60,000 per building). Mayor Reinecke determines what types of repairs are to be made and when those repairs are to be completed. Based on feedback from prospective buyers, EDC has recommended: roof replacement, brick façade repairs, new electrical boxes, debris removal from building and odor abatement. Encourage tuck-pointing brick façade be completed by the upcoming 2013 Alumni Weekend ~ Labor Day Celebration. Existing damages was caused by a fire to the building on July 11, 2010.
- Directors were in support of the Mayor's announced initiative for a full-time Code Effectiveness position. EDC authorized to draft a Letter Of Support to the City Council.
- Copies of RDG Planning & Design's presentation of the Schuyler Housing Study distributed and discussed with Directors - referenced information documented in Schuyler's 2012 Housing Assessment Study. RDG's presentation made during the June 14th NIFA Luncheon.
- Process continues to move ahead for the possible construction of a 29 unit Cobblestone Hotel (\$2,236,600). Next meeting of committed investors is later this morning at Homestead Bank.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 478 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (06/25/13)
 - May unemployment (3.4%) for Colfax County
 - Family Dollar has requested another 30 day extension (July 2013) for McDonalds' building

7:57 a.m. – adjourned

Next SDC Board Meeting: **DATE:** July 17, 2013 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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