

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: July 17, 2013 (approved 08/07/13)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier
Jeff Schmidt*
Steve Thompson
Brian Vavricek
Gil Wigington

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Sue Jacobus

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 (06-26-13) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Dealing with heat related maintenance issues while providing electrical service to 110 irrigation wells. Discussed how irrigation control helps minimize peak demand charges to customers.
- Reviewed and discussed the proposed 2013-2014 Schuyler Housing Production Program. Directors recommended approval by the City Council at the August 6th Council Meeting.
- LB 84 (Build Nebraska Act) became effective on July 1, 2013. ¼ of 1% state sales tax designated for highway maintenance and new construction. U.S. Hwy 30 Expressway four-lane expansion (Schuyler to Fremont) scheduled for fiscal years 2016-2019. Projected cost for the highway expansion is \$123,275,000.
- The Jim Kluck Railside Green (RSG) Enhancement Project is progressing ahead of schedule. Both original RSG signs have been refreshed / restored and 'Jim Kluck Memorial' added. Two additional watering hydrants and service lines installed in July. Two wooden light poles with pedestrian LED lighting installed back in December and two additional light poles to be installed in the next few weeks. Phase 3 (Dublin Trail Walkway) is a 635 linear feet ADA compliant concrete sidewalk. \$24,000 additional private donations needed before construction of the Walkway can begin in the fall. RSG Project donations are made to the Colfax Foundation. Total cost estimate of the Enhancement Project (Phases 1 - 5) is \$72,784. As of 07/11/13, \$44,700 has been received for the community betterment project.
- Approximately 80% of the local funding needed (\$1,118,300) for the proposed Schuyler Cobblestone Hotel Project has been committed; total cost of the 29 Unit Hotel is \$2,236,600. LLC formation (Schuyler Hotel Group) has been filed and executed with Secretary of State. TIF, Grow Schuyler Incentive and the ICC Loan Program are financing components needed for the Hotel Project. Disclosure: Kem and Merry Cavanah are committed investors.
- Keep Schuyler Beautiful (KSB) proposed a beautification concept on the City's corner lot (11th & Colfax). City Council approved concept. Lot was purchase for \$16,664 with LB 840 funds.
- Copies of an Omaha World Herald article (July 17th) distributed; article described the fiscal impact to municipal budgets and the negative outcomes resulting from a stagnant tax base. Directors discussed the importance for the City to remain focused and committed on aligning its policies and practices in support of growing Schuyler's tax base.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 488 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (07/16/13)
 - 16th Street (Business Hwy 30) maintained by the City – access controlled by the NDOR
 - tentatively, Family Dollar scheduled to close on McDonalds' building by end of July

8:00 a.m. – adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** August 7, 2013 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Building