

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: August 28, 2013 (approved 09/18/13)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jeff Gall
Steve Thompson

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Sue Jacobus

CARC Members*

Lonnie Kitt*
Larry Karel*
Jerry Karnatz*
Charlie Heavican*

Mission Statement: *To provide leadership in facilitating community development and sustained economic growth.*

7:01 a.m.

- Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Minutes (08-07-13) approved. 'Approved' Minutes posted @ SchuylerDEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Due to the spike in heat and lack of needed precipitation, irrigators have increased electrical demand; Department more closely regulating due to peak load related issues. Finalizing budget for the upcoming fiscal year (Oct. 1, 2013) - annual budget 12 to 13 million dollars. Continuing with minor projects for water and sewer.
- LB 840 revenue (October - June) down \$3,505 (-2.2%) from previous year. As of June, \$153,385 revenue earned and E.D. Investment Fund fully funded (\$140,000) for fiscal year.
- As of August 22nd, YTD SCD expenses paid were \$51,529.47 (84% of budget). Annualized, estimate \$57,000 (92% of budget) total expenditures by end of year (September 30th). Anticipate approximately \$4,300 being returned to the E.D. Investment Fund in October.
- Effective 08/27/13, Jeff Schmidt has resigned his SCD Directorship. Directors were in agreement to recommend Chris Langemeier for Mayoral appointment to the CARC.
- Cobblestone Hotel Update: Private funding needed for the Hotel Project has been committed – no additional investors are being accepted by the Schuyler Hotel Group, LLC. \$12,000 has been paid by the LLC to the City to begin TIF process for approving Hotel Project. Also, likely LLC will submit applications in September for the Grow Schuyler Incentive and ICC Loan Program. Planning Commission on 08/27/13 approved revised plat map for the commercial area where new hotel is to be located.
- In 2012, Congress passed the Flood Insurance Reform Act. Most Pre-FIRM subsidized rates and grandfathered rates will end for all NFIP policies over the next five years - premium increases of up to 20% per year authorized by the ACT. Also, participating communities will be required to adopt and enforce building requirements within the 1% annual chance floodplain. Within the next six months, new FEMA map will extend further north into Schuyler placing approximately 400 more residences in the Platte River Flood Plain.
- Schuyler's 2013 real estate valuation is \$151,541,402 (+\$1,350,105 increase from 2012).
- \$10,000 Pre-Development Grant (CIS) awarded to City with a \$3,000 local LB 840 match required; a process for public input is required with a completion date by February 6th, 2014.
- Family Dollar to raze MacDonald's building in mid September. New commercial building to be 8,320 square feet with construction cost estimated at \$675,000.
- Lincoln Journal Star article (Seward Rail Campus) reviewed and discussed.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 485 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (08/26/13)
 - 4.2% July unemployment for Colfax County
 - JEO let bids for Dublin Trail Walkway on August 26th – will open September 6th

7:49 a.m. – adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** September 18, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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