

## Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

**DATE:** December 11, 2013 (approved 01/08/14)

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

### DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)\*  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)\*  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)\*  
Richard Folda  
Jeff Gall  
Jarrod Gillig  
Chris Langemeier\*  
Steve Thompson  
Brian Vavricek

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Larry Karel (Vice President)\*  
Jon Knutson  
Gil Wigington

### Invited Guests

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### CARC Members\*

Lonnie Kitt\*  
Larry Karel\*  
Jerry Karnatz\*  
Charlie Heavican\*  
Chris Langemeier\*

**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.
- 11-20-13 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler [DEVELOPMENT.net](http://DEVELOPMENT.net).
- LB 840 Revenue (October 2012 – September 2013) was \$210,144. Revenue down \$7,679 (-3.5%) from previous year. Fiscal year 2012-2013 second best in total LB 840 revenue.
- YTD SCD Expenses Paid (Oct. 1 - Nov. 30) were \$9,837.38 (16.4% of budget). After two months, projected annual expenditures at 98.1% of budget.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Will begin in January approval process for final plat of the Schuyler Utilities Subdivision (W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street) - residential lots may be available for purchase in the spring 2014. Also, LED roadway lighting has been installed on 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Colfax to 'D' Street, and, on 10<sup>th</sup> Street from Colfax to 'B' Street. Utilities Department to compare lumens and cost of operation (cost benefit ratio for possible future City wide installation).
- Received IRS letter (11/26/13) approving SCD for 501 (c) (3) status (tax exempt from federal income tax) effective 10/15/12. Contributions to SCD deductible under Section 170 of Code; also, qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. SCD classified as a Public Charity, therefore, compliance guided accordingly. Form 990 required for annual federal filing.
- 'Community Initiated Development' concept introduced and discussed. SCD's efforts the past 8 years (grow tax base, expand commercial and residential development, and enhance convenience and quality of living) are a reflection of the proactive development concept.
- Directors approved transferring control and responsibility of [SchuylerAlumni.net](http://SchuylerAlumni.net) to the Schuyler Community Schools (SCS) Foundation effective 02/01/14.
- Hwy 30 expansion (4-lanes) from Schuyler to Fremont remains a five-year project of NDOR.
- One in five (20%) in Colfax County without health insurance. NE uninsured rate is 13.3%.
- Previously tabled agenda item, 'Recruiting / Retaining Employees and Families in Schuyler', discussed. Home School and Faith Based Schools are alternatives to public education. Topic to remain on agenda for further discussion. Currently under way, Northeast NE 'labor shed study' may be relevant - pending results to be shared with Directors when published.
- Miscellaneous:
  - 465 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (12/09/13)
  - Colfax County October unemployment 3.1%
  - Council authorized proceeding with listing Top Notch Building on NRHP
  - copy of letter to Council (Suggested Guidelines for Consideration - Top Notch Building)
  - \$1,200 estimated value of ReTree grant – twelve trees planted on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> at RSG

**8:02 a.m. – adjourned** Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** January 8th, (Wednesday)

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building