

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: February 19, 2014 (approved 03/12/14)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jarrod Gillig
Chris Langemeier*
Jon Knutson
Steve Thompson

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Jeff Gall
Gil Wigington
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Dan Hoelsing

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.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (Vice President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 01-29-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Jarrod reported Schuyler's Cargill Plant is fully operational as of February 17th. Operations had been temporarily suspended / limited since the fire on February 6th. Emergency response efforts lauded – especially the Schuyler Fire Department.
- YTD SCD Expenses Paid (Oct. 1 – Jan. 31) were \$19,118. 31.8% of annual budget has been expended. Currently, expenditures projected at 95.4% by end of fiscal year (Sep. 30th).
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Reset remaining electrical poles north of town; during this timeframe one-way electrical feed utilized to provide uninterrupted and continuous service to Schuyler customers.
- Schuyler Community Schools Update: Dan stated evaluation of staff has commenced. Continuing to finalize community input from the Strategic Planning process and moving forward with planning and implementation. Pedestrian safety and transportation issues at the elementary school a primary concern and are being reviewed closely; auxiliary busing and after school educational programs being considered as possible solutions. Expansion of early childhood education another area of focus by SCS Administration.
- Recommended by the DRDCD, Directors endorsed the proposed revisions to the Facade & Building Improvement Fund (FBIFund): raise maximum loan amount to \$12,000, increase repayment period to 60 months (5 years), simply definition for Eligible Applicants ('Owner of commercial building in Schuyler'). City Council to consider during their March 4th meeting.
- Cheryl Brandenburgh, BHE Economic Development Manager, presented to Directors an economic overview of Colfax County. The 2013 data sources and calculations collected by EMSI (Economic Modeling Specialists International).
- **SEDPlan** (I. Statement Of Purpose, General Intent and Goals, II. General Community And Economic Strategy), and, **ECAP** (Entrepreneurial Community Activation Process) reviewed with Directors. One of Schuyler's abundant natural resources is 'entrepreneurial energy'.
- Discussion continued from previous meetings pertaining to the ongoing vacant position for the Code Enforcement Officer. Directors were in agreement for EDC to extend an invitation to Mayor Reinecke to attend the March 12th SCD Meeting and discuss possible alternatives to filling this very important position.
- Housing Development Committee (HDC) reconstituted as of 02/13/14.
- Miscellaneous:
 - December unemployment 2.9% in Colfax County
 - 478 employment opportunities within a 25 mile radius of Schuyler (02/18/14)
 - new businesses to open: Family Dollar (March), restaurant (April), Hotel (May)

8:01 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** March 12th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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