

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: March 12, 2014 (approved 04/02/14)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Steve Thompson

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Juan Sandoval
Doris Lux
Lynette Dreifurst

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 Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 02-19-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- LB 840 Report: revenue (Oct. – Dec.) up \$2,665 (+4.9%) from a year ago. Also, \$100,000 loan to Schuyler Hotel Group executed.
- Voters initially approved SEDPlan on 03/13/07 and renewed its extension on 11/15/11. Total revenue earned (2007 – 2021) for economic and community development projected to be nearly \$3,000,000. SCD Directors, both past and present, commended for their vision and leadership on identifying and initiating passage of this critical public funding source.
- YTD SCD Expenses Paid (Oct. 1st – Feb. 28th) were \$19,636.02. SCD budget expended 39.1%. Annualized expenditures projected at 97.9% by end of fiscal year (Sept. 30th).
- Directors reviewed the SCD's contractual agreement mandated by voters with the passage of the SEDPlan (see Page 15). In matters pertaining to both community and economic development, SCD functions in an advisory and recommending role to the City Council. Page 3, Section I (General Intent And Goals) and Section II (Community And Economic Development Strategy) articulates intent and priorities of the SEDPlan.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: warming temperatures has the Department preparing for annual spring maintenance / cleanout activities. Also, platting process for W. 22nd Street continues to progress with the Planning Commission.
- Recommended by the DRCDC, Schuyler Entrepreneurial Enterprise (S.E.E.) Initiative presented and discussed. Two-year S.E.E. Initiative to be funded annually (\$4,200) with Economic Development Investment Funds (LB 840). Recommendation endorsed by Directors for City Council approval on 03/18/14.
- Planning Commission has recommended Automotive Sales / Motor Vehicle Dealer's Permit ordinance. City Council to consider proposed ordinance on 03/18/14. EDC emphasized the importance of its adoption – especially on future redevelopment of 16th Street.
- EDC again briefly discussed the need for new investment to grow Schuyler's tax base; protecting the value of current investment motivates new investment.
- Mayor Dave Reinecke provided update on vacant position for Code Enforcement. Mayor believes it's necessary for position to be filled by uniformed police officer. Beginning January 22nd, nuisance property concerns shifted from complaint driven by public to officer initiated - 245 citations issued over a 30 day period. Public Safety Meeting schedule for March 18th.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Colfax County January unemployment 3.3% (195 people)
 - nominations requested to fill Directorship vacancy created by Gil Wigington's resignation

8:10 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** April 2nd, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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