

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: April 2, 2014 (approved 04/23/14)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Jarrod Gillig
Jon Knutson
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Chris Langemeier*
Steve Thompson

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 Jerry Karnatz (Secretary).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 03-12-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- LB 840 Report: Total revenue received (Oct. – Jan.) \$74,901. Revenue up \$6,197 (+9.0%) from a year ago.
- YTD SCD Expenses Paid (Oct. 1st – Mar. 31st) were \$27,696.21 (46.0% budget expended). To date, annualized expenditures projected at 93.1% by end of fiscal year (September 30th).
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Flushing hydrants to begin shortly – both spring and fall activity. Flushing expels stagnate waters thereby reducing bacteria buildup in service line.
- Schuyler Community Schools: SCS finalizing community input received during the strategic planning process - preparing corresponding action plans for implementation. Recently, SCS awarded two grants totaling 3.4 million dollars. SCS students are scoring academically in top half of peer groups when compared to school districts with similar enrollment characteristics.
- City Council on March 18th approved S.E.E. Initiative and authorized \$4,200 annual funding effective July 1, 2014.
- Automotive Sales / Motor Vehicle Dealer's Permit Ordinance: City Council approved 'first reading' on March 18th. On April 2nd, City Council tabled 'second reading' to add and revise some language in a few sections. Ordinance to again be considered by Council on April 15th. If adopted by the City Council, DRCD to begin assembling a plan for consideration of possible future redevelopment of the 16th Street business corridor.
- The importance of 'housing' to Schuyler's future growth once again reemphasized. NIFA (Nebraska Investment Finance Authority) has made a commitment of up to \$30,000 a year for three years (\$90,000) for the SCD to hire a full-time Community Housing Specialist (CHS). 50/50 local match (up to \$30,000 per year) required. HDC to consider proposed CHS position on April 17th. Match funding has yet to be determined - likely to be a combination of monies provided by local employers and LB 840 revenue.
- Planning for the 2014-2015 SCD Budget has begun. An annual incremental increase of EDC salary to continue. To become more competitive in attracting / retaining future EDCs, will be proposing health insurance stipend as an added employee benefit. Next year's SCD Budget due to City Administrator by June 1st.
- Nominations requested to fill Directorship vacancy. EDC will also seek candidates for possible consideration at the next SCD meeting.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Colfax County February unemployment 3.4% (203 people)
 - DRCD meets April 3rd and HDC meets April 17th
 - Lonnie to address City Council on April 15th (semiannual presentation by SCD President)

8:00 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** April 23rd, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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