

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

**DATE:** April 23, 2014 (approved 05/28/14)

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

### DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)\*  
Larry Karel (Vice President)\*  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)\*  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)\*  
Richard Folda  
Jeff Gall  
Jon Knutson  
Chris Langemeier\*

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jarrold Gillig  
Steve Thompson  
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 Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 04-02-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- FEMA has suspended implementing the revised Platte River Flood Plain map to have been effective April 16, 2014. More information to follow in upcoming months.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: setting poles and making preparations for providing electrical service to irrigation wells. Plans are in place for 2014 to extend water / sewer service lines to W. 9<sup>th</sup> & Idaho Street.
- Schuyler Community Schools: Anticipate increase in state aid next year of \$680,000. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, community invited to attend a meeting at the pre-school facility to discuss possible plans for expanding early childhood learning and the renovation / reuse of North Ward building.
- Directors approved Denise Kracl to fill the vacant directorship.
- Schuyler Housing Production Program to sunset next month. Housing partners were NeighborWorks, SCS Construction Class and the City of Schuyler. Six partnership houses constructed from 2008-2014 with aggregate valuation of \$769,000 generating \$16,528 annual property taxes. Total LB 840 funds expended were \$74,760 (\$12,460 per house). Economic Impact of the six houses calculated to be \$1,307,300.
- HDC recommended creating a new position, Community Housing Specialist (CHS). CHS to focus full-time on building capacity to grow Schuyler's housing stock. NIFA has committed up to \$30,000 per year for three years to help fund the position with a 50/50 (dollar-for-dollar) local match required per year for three years. CHS to be an employee of the Schuyler Community Development, Inc. Pinnacle Bank has committed office space, utilities and office furniture (\$7,200 annually) as payment-in-kind. Will be requesting \$10,000 per year in economic development investment funds (LB 840) from the City Council and \$12,800 per year from Schuyler employers. Following a lengthy discussion, Directors favorably endorsed HDC recommendation for a full-time Community Housing Specialist and will be considered by the City Council on May 6<sup>th</sup>. If approved by City Council, and, if additional \$12,800 annual funding is secured from Schuyler employers, CHS to begin October 1, 2014.

7:59 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** May 14th, (Wednesday)

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

*Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC*