

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: June 18, 2014 (approved 07/09/14)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Denise Kracl
Steve Thompson
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen

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.

7:02 a.m.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (Vice President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 05-28-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Jim reported wind damage to utility poles in rural service area – some poles will have to be replaced. Average age of utility poles in Schuyler 20 years and older. Will be extending sanitary sewer service west to Idaho Street.
- Community Reinvestment (LB 840 Loans): total amount \$310,976 (FBIFund, ICC, and Direct Loans) with an outstanding balance of \$237,551 as of 06/17/14. All loan repayments current.
- NIFA's funding for the new Community Housing Specialist will necessitate a written agreement between NIFA and the SCD. Also, achieved 50% local match: \$10,000 LB 840, \$7,200 Pinnacle Bank, \$7,500 Cargill Meat Solutions, \$1,800 QC Supply, \$1,000 Anonymous Individual, \$2,500 Schuyler Department of Utilities.
- Scope Of Services for a long-term plan (feasibility study) for the Top Notch Building to be presented during the SCD Meeting on July 9th. Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture Incorporated to prepare document. EDC proposes SCD self-fund feasibility study.
- Governor Heineman announced the U.S. Highway 30 Expressway Expansion Project (Schuyler to Fremont) is planned for fiscal years 2016-2019. Funding 2011 Build NE Act.
- EDC described the 22 month process for piecing together the Cobblestone Hotel project (Aug. 14, 2012 – June 5, 2014). Several individuals and groups lifted up in their role to help this nearly 2 million dollar project come to fruition. Special recognition deservingly credited to Jerry Karnatz, Charlie Heavican, Jim McGowen and the Board of Public Works.
- S.E.E. Affiliates (Schuyler Entrepreneurial Enterprise) met with EDC on June 12th. S.E.E. Initiative begins July 1st, 2014.
- Guidelines for Commercial Construction Loans (Combined Loan To Value - CLTV) discussed and its impact on securing (second position) LB 840 loan for renovating Denver Street Apartments.
- Directors updated on the Railside Green Enhancement Project. As of June 11th, \$58,350 total donations received. Dublin Trail Walkway completed last week. Five-year Enhancement Project to be completed in 30 months. Approximately \$5,000 in additional donations needed for Project. RSG's Silver Anniversary to be celebrated on October 23rd, 2014.
- Jarrod reported international demand for certain cuts of meat remain high and will result in Cargill adding thirty positions. Distance for employees to travel to work each day continues to impact workforce retention. Average cost for training a new Cargill employee is \$5,000.
- Miscellaneous:
 - April unemployment for Colfax County 2.9% (169 unemployed)
 - 483 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 06/14/14

7:47 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** July 9th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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