

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: July 9, 2014 (approved 07/30/14)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Denise Kracl
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier*
Steve Thompson
Jarrod Gillig

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Jay Palu
Abby Hegemann

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 Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 06-18-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Completed extension of sanitary sewer service on W. 8th and W. 9th Street. Finished repairs to damage in rural areas from last month's storms. Ten manholes scheduled for repairs / replacement in the upcoming fiscal year.
- Total LB 840 Revenue (Oct. - Apr.) \$134,353 (+11.2% from previous year).
- As of June 30th, YTD SCD Expenses Paid were \$41,627.31 (69.2% of budget). SCD expenditures projected to be approximately 95% of budget at end of current fiscal year (09/30/14).
- Reference new Community Housing Specialist (CHS) position, anticipate being in receipt of NIFA Agreement within the next couple of weeks. Larry Karel and Charlie Heavican agreed to conduct the interview / selection process for the CHS.
- A plethora of community infrastructure projects this summer reflect a significant financial reinvestment into Schuyler's long-term future.
- Directors afforded the opportunity to view JEO's design of the South Park Trail Phase III. Phase III includes the extension of a walkway along the west side of Highway 15 northward to the Oak Ballroom, and, the construction of a pedestrian bridge traversing Lost Creek.
- In advance of celebrating the RSG's silver anniversary on October 23rd, several priority projects are planned for completion this summer. Private donations needed and requested.
- Top Notch Building: Planning grant application submitted to DED in April was not approved. Rather than continuing to wait indefinitely for uncertain out-of-town funding, Directors were asked by EDC to move forward by considering a Proposal for Services (feasibility study). Architectural firm, Alley Poyner Macchietto Architecture Incorporated, was represented by Jay Palu and Abby Hegeman. Firm specializes in older / historic buildings and was recommended by Elizabeth Chase (NE Main Street). Following a lengthy Q & A discussion, Directors approved proposal at a cost of \$14,800. LB 840 funding will not be requested; instead, feasibility study to be financed with funds that have accumulated with the SCD since its formation in 1985. Study to be completed by 09/30/14. Contractual agreement between SCD and architectural firm pending.
- Miscellaneous:
 - May unemployment for Colfax County 3.0% (187 unemployed)
 - 490 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 07/07/14
 - Annual Meeting October 1st

8:09 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** July 30th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC