

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: July 30, 2014 (approved 08/20/14)

LOCATION: SCS Preschool (Hwy 15 & 16th Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Denise Kracl
Chris Langemeier*

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Larry Karel*
Jeff Gall
Jarrod Gillig
Jon Knutson
Steve Thompson
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Dan Hoelsing
Ron Mundil

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.*

7:01 a.m.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 07-09-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Defining community development: "Community development is crucial to the economic growth and sustainability of any town. Housing, infrastructure, education, medical facilities, retail, a vibrant downtown, recreation and tourism, a positive community image, and strong leadership are the mainstays of good community development." Tom Higginbotham (NENEDD)
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Jim reported the Utilities Department is revenue based – no taxes to support its operations. A lift station will be necessary for the new Water Tower Subdivision (W. 22nd Street) – lift station to be included in the 2014-2015 budget. Plans and specifications for various projects are prepared in advance to be 'shovel ready' for when funding opportunities are presented.
- Schuyler Community Schools: Dan stated the preschool building is scheduled to be completed by the end of August - preschoolers to report after Labor Day. 3rd graders scored 92% on Nebraska's standardized test. Public's perception of a school's quality is often based on students competing successfully both in the classroom and outside the classroom (e.g., band, athletics, etc.). This year's summer school had the highest number of students participating. Beginning next month with the new school, busing between school buildings will be provided before and after school. This year's 'after school program' will be directed toward the talented and gifted student.
- Total LB 840 Revenue (Oct. - May) \$153,442 (+13.5% from previous year). Past six months have each set a new record, respectfully.
- NIFA check (\$30,000) for the Community Housing Specialist (CHS) position has been received and deposited. Larry and Charlie to conduct the interview / selection process. CHS position effective October 1st and to coincide with the new fiscal year.
- Directors in agreement to hold the Annual Meeting at the Cobblestone Hotel. Breakfast is \$7.00 per person and is self-served beginning at 6:30am. Invitations to be extended to the Mayor, City Administrator, City Attorney and Board of Public Works.
- Directors provided a progress update on the feasibility study of the Top Notch Building. Study to be completed by September 30th.
- Miscellaneous:
 - June unemployment for Colfax County 3.4% (206 unemployed)
 - 490 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 07/28/14
 - Denver Street Apartments (west building – 5 units) available for rent August 1st
 - foundation poured for partnership house (SCS & Schuyler Lumber)
 - creativity often means new twists on old ideas (newspaper article)
- Tour of Preschool building conducted by Ron Mundil.

8:00 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** August 20th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Building