

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: August 20, 2014 (approved 09/10/14)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Jon Knutson
Denise Kracl
Chris Langemeier*
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jeff Gall
Jarrod Gillig
Richard Folda
Steve Thompson

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Dan Hoelsing
David Bell

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.
- 07-30-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Jim reported the Utilities Department is planning to expand its west shop and looking at the possibility of constructing a communications tower. Also, completion of minor projects continues on schedule.
- Schuyler Community Schools: Dan stated 162 students currently enrolled in kindergarten; however, enrollment numbers for all grades remain fluid. District's valuation increased 18% and will likely result in the School Board lowering next year's tax rate. A new communication system to first responders to be installed by November. Former Alternative Education residential house has been renovated and rented to a first year SCS teacher.
- Community Housing Specialist (CHS) position: EDC fielded eight inquiries and four resumes' were received by August 15th. Hope to complete the interview process by end of next week.
- DRCDC has recommended one revision to the Grow Schuyler Incentive: "*Property Taxes Incentive unavailable for property utilizing TIF (Tax Increment Financing)*". Directors to consider taking action during the September 10th SCD Meeting.
- Directors provided another progress update on the feasibility study of the Top Notch Building. Study to be completed by September 30th.
- 'On-site Business Coaching' primary point of emphasis for the new Schuyler Entrepreneurial Enterprise (S.E.E.) Initiative. Doris Lux and Juan Sandoval are the business coaches. First few months may be somewhat of an inauspicious debut – participation likely to build slowly.
- In the past four years, 'proactive volunteerism' has generated over \$200,000 in community betterment projects.
- EDC met with FEMA representatives on August 19th about utilizing 'market value' in The Formula calculation (Unit 8: Substantial Improvement and Substantial Damage).
- David Bell, Columbus Economic Developer, discussed community / competitive preparedness by first investing in land, developing industrial sites and constructing commercial buildings prior to manufacturing and industrial opportunities being presented. David stated, "a community needs inventory to sell".
- Miscellaneous:
 - SBA Seminar scheduled for October 7th in Schuyler (2pm)
 - July unemployment for Colfax County 3.6% (218 unemployed)
 - 480 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 08/18/14
 - BankFirst Loan Production Office to open @ 1105 C Street
 - QC Supply constructing additional office space
 - SCD Annual Meeting with breakfast (Oct. 1st) @ Cobblestone Hotel

8:00 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** September 10th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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