

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: September 10, 2014 (approved 10/01/14) **LOCATION:** Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Jarrod Gillig
Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier*

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Denise Kracl
Steve Thompson
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Dan Hoelsing
Brian Bywater

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.
- 08-20-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- LB 840 total revenue (Oct. - June) was \$173,638. Revenue up \$20,254 (+13.2%) from previous year. Seven consecutive months (December thru June) have experienced record receipts. Fiscal year 2013-2014 projected to achieve a new high in LB 840 revenue.
- Second FBIFund loan fully repaid; remaining five loans current with an aggregate balance outstanding of \$13,720 as of 09/03/14. Also, housing partnership with NWNEN concluded; six speculative houses constructed with an average LB 840 investment of \$11,983 per house. Partnership grew property valuation by \$769,000 with an economic impact of \$1,307,300
- As of 09/04/14, YTD SCD Expenses were \$51,025.44 (84.8% of authorized budget).
- A foundation cornerstone for economic development is to 'grow tax base'. Schuyler's real estate valuation grew \$3,072,694 (+2.0%) from 2013 to 2014 – best growth year since 2007. Schuyler's valuation has grown +29.7% (\$35,375,956) since 2003.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Jim reported the Utilities Department moving forward with plans and specifications for constructing a new sanitary lift station in the upcoming fiscal year. Lift station to be located on north side of intersection @ W. 22nd Street & Chicago.
- Schuyler Community Schools: Dan shared budget information and student test results. Tax levy to be reduced due to increased agriculture valuations. District underspent last year's budget by \$700,000; hope to increase cash reserves to one million dollars by end of current school year to cover expenses for monthly operations. 2012-2013 per pupil cost was \$11,037.85. Also, student results on state testing have earned Schuyler's elementary school being designated as high performance. In response to a question, Dan stated there are five different languages spoken in 'newcomers' class. PK-12 school enrollment 1,948 students.
- Current SEDPlan ends September 30th. Approximately 1.4 million dollars in economic / community development funds will have been generated (2007-2014). Individuals listed on '300 Say YES' campaign flyer lauded and remembered for their leadership in successfully earning voters' approval in the 2007 March SEDPlan election.
- Brian Bywater introduced as the new Community Housing Specialist effective October 1st.
- Following a brief discussion, Directors approved the DRCDC's recommendation to the Grow Schuyler Incentive: "Property Taxes Incentive unavailable for property utilizing TIF (Tax Increment Financing)". Revision is not retroactive. City Council to consider recommendation.
- Annual Meeting October 1st at Cobblestone Hotel. 6:30a.m. self-served breakfast (\$7.00 per Director) - Annual Meeting 7:00a.m. Select guests have been extended invitations.
- Directors requested to review SCD Conflict Of Interest Policy and to sign Annual Statement.
- Miscellaneous:
 - SBA Seminar scheduled for October 7th in Schuyler (2pm) @ Cobblestone Hotel
 - 481 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 09/08/14

8:00 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** October 1st, (Wednesday)

TIME: 6:30a.m. – 8:00a.m.

LOCATION: Cobblestone Hotel

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC