

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: November 12, 2014 (approved 12/10/14)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier*
Denise Kracl

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Richard Folda
Jarrod Gillig
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Dan Hoelsing
Brian Bywater, CHS

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.
- 10-22-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Contract has been awarded for constructing a 120' x 70' building addition to the west shop – completion date June 15th, 2015. Annual tree trimming around power lines begins after Thanksgiving.
- Schuyler Community Schools: Annual audit completed – no problems. School's strategic planning process has resulted in 51 new systems being implemented completing over 80 projects. Follow-up session to last year's strategic planning process continues on Nov. 26th. Elementary students are scoring above their peers across the state.
- As of this date, LB 840 loan capacity is approximately \$138,000. That amount will increase to \$148,800 by December 1st. Unless new loans are approved, estimate loan capacity of \$214,000 by 07/01/15. Available loan balance for FBIFund is \$37,580. All LB 840 loans are current with no past delinquencies.
- Housing Update: Brian travelled to Lincoln on November 3rd to meet with Renee Bauer, Executive Director of Prairie Gold Homes. Prairie Gold Homes is a non-profit organization that constructs modular homes at a factory site in Lincoln utilizing low-risk prison labor. Renee has been invited to Schuyler for a community tour and to attend the HDC meeting on November 20th. Also on November 3rd, CHS travelled to Kearney for a focus group meeting hosted by NeDED - meeting was intended to gain input from housing specialists on the DED grant processes. Brian has initiated individual meetings with each Director to gain his/her input regarding goals and expectations of the CHS position – Directors' input confidential. NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska celebrating 20th anniversary next week. On December 3rd, will be meeting with Jonathan Jenk, Development Coordinator with Seward County E.D.
- Following a brief discussion, Directors approved Javier Arizmendi to fill vacant Directorship.
- Directors discussed the potential merits / demerits for consolidating the SCD Offices of Treasurer and Secretary. Consensus was to leave the positions separate and unchanged.
- Phase 2 Campaign (RSG Upkeep & Improvements) announced.
- State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) has been extended an invitation to conduct a drive-by assessment of downtown buildings. There is no cost for the SHPO assessment and the results are nonobligatory to the community.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 2.7% September unemployment in Colfax County (161 individuals)
 - 493 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 11/11/14
 - \$7.00 per Director needed for breakfast meal served at Oct. 1st Annual Meeting

7:45 a.m. - adjourned Next SDC Board Meeting: **DATE:** December 10th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

LOCATION: Municipal Building

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC