

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: January 7, 2015 (approved 01/28/15)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Javier Arizmendi
Jeff Gall
Jarrod Gillig
Jon Knutson
Denise Kracl
Chris Langemeier*
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Richard Folda

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Brian Bywater, CHS
Dan Hoelsing

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.
- 12-10-14 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Jim reported utilities personnel service pumping stations quarterly. Schuyler's average daily water consumption 800,000 to 900,000 gallons. 300,000 to 500,000 gallons drain daily into lagoon cells located on 52 acre site.
- Schuyler Community Schools: Dan stated grant funding for inner school busing has helped reduce student tardiness; 19,000 students transported in the first quarter of the current school year. Student enrollment up again this year – over 1,900 SCS students. School's strategic planning process continues into its second year – 85 priorities have been implemented as a result of the process. Preschool building's Phase 2 renovation to begin this summer with the construction of a fire escape and remodeling second floor classrooms. Administrators, teachers and coaches focused on achieving both excellence in the classroom (8 - 4pm) and excellence in extracurricular activities (4 - 8pm). After School Learning Program has grown to 190 students – goal is 250 students.
- LB 840 revenue in the first month (October) of current fiscal year was \$18,051.
- As of December 31st, YTD SCD Expenses Paid in the first quarter were \$25,512.29.
- On 12/11/14, HDC proposed revisions to the Small Contractors Business Loan Program (renamed, Contractors & Developers Business Loan Program). Loan Program provides 0% interest loans for speculative residential construction. Following a brief discussion, Directors endorsed recommended revisions for consideration by the City Council.
- Brian Bywater (CHS) updated Directors on past activities and his upcoming scheduled appointments.
- Schuyler's Cargill Meat Solutions recently featured in a National Industry Publication. Cargill employs 2,200 people with an annual payroll of 77.9 million dollars. Employee benefits valued at 23 million dollars annually. 5,100 cattle processed daily generating 900,000 tons of beef products per year. Approximately 140 semi-trucks deliver daily to the 577,000 sq. ft. complex (more than 7 acres under one roof). Currently 20% of Cargill's beef products exported to the Asian market.
- A series of events in 2015 to be planned for celebrating the SCD's 30th anniversary.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 2.1% November unemployment in Colfax County (123 individuals)
 - 477 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 01/05/15
 - February 19th (Thursday) – Community Builders (5pm - 8pm)

8:00 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** January 28th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

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Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC