

## Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

**DATE:** January 28, 2015 (approved 02/18/15)

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

### DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Larry Karel (Vice President)\*  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)\*  
Javier Arizmendi  
Jeff Gall  
Jarrod Gillig  
Jon Knutson  
Brian Vavricek

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lonnie Kitt (President)\*  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)\*  
Denise Kracl  
Chris Langemeier\*  
Richard Folda

### Invited Guests

Jim McGowen  
Brian Bywater, CHS  
Byron Fischer  
Renee Bauer

### 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.**

### 7:00 a.m.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (Vice President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- 01-07-15 Meeting Minutes approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Schuyler Department of Utilities: Utilities personnel jetting storm sewers and setting poles in rural areas. Subsequent to warding contract by Board of Public Works, construction of sanitary lift station (Water Tower Subdivision - W. 22<sup>nd</sup> & N. Chicago) scheduled to begin this spring and lift station to be operational by Oct. 1, 2015. Also, anticipate completing the W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street subdivision platting process within the next 90 days - 17 new residential lots (R1 & R2) becoming available for purchase.
- Reviewed and discussed HDC's definition of 'speculative residential construction' being a for-profit commercial activity and eligible for LB 840 business loans. HDC's definition commensurate with local banks.
- Schuyler Community Schools: SCS Strategic Planning process (second year) continued at the Cargill Plant on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> with parents / employees. Strategic Planning session scheduled with community leaders for Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and will include SCS Administrators and the Board of Education.
- Potential Options for Top Notch Building presented to DRDC on Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Copies of Options to be distributed to Directors during the Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> SCD Meeting.
- Miscellaneous:
  - 2.5% December unemployment in Colfax County (148 individuals)
  - 474 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 01/26/15
  - February 19<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) – Community Builders (5pm - 8pm)
  - SCD's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Sep. 15, 2015) – series of celebratory events
- **7:30am:** Prairie Gold Homes Training Program presented by Renee Bauer (Executive Director) and Byron Fischer (Board President, Prairie Gold Homes). Vocational training program (approved HBI Course) has completed four on-site affordable housing projects in the past three years. Students are low risk offenders who are within six to twelve months of completing their incarceration and are provided job skills for successful reintegration back into society. 0% recidivism of program graduates in past three years and there have been no (none) walk-offs from site builds. To be considered for the training program, must be a high school or GED graduate. Violent offenders and/or sexual offenders are ineligible for the program. In the most recent class, five students were selected from an applicant pool of 178 inmates. On-site Construction Manager is a Prairie Gold Homes employee and has been a corrections officer – he is not an inmate. Students bused daily to and from work site and returned to incarceration for overnight lodging.

**8:04 a.m. - adjourned** Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** February 18th, (Wednesday)

**TIME:** 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

*Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC*