

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: March 11, 2015 (approved 04/01/15)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Brian Bywater, CHS
Dan Hoelsing
Kevin Hoffart

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 Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Meeting Minutes (02-18-15) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- 'Community Resource Services' concept (Homestead Center) presented by EDC. Purpose is to facilitate 'public-private-nonprofit' collaborative leadership for ensuring Schuyler's future 'competitive preparedness' and 'quality of living' opportunities for all residents. Center's focus is to maximize human resources by connecting community-based assets to effectively synergize and sustain partnerships between *business ~ education ~ economic development ~ government ~ nonprofit organizations* for germinating innovative solutions to develop, grow and compete for new opportunities. Resources Center would include eight office spaces, receptionist desk with two work stations, waiting area, business technology / automation training room, conference room and ADA restroom. Floor plan and supporting documentation distributed. During the April 1st SCD Meeting, Directors will be asked whether or not they wish to move forward with the project. Directors invited to tour proposed Resources Center.
- Business Opportunities & Support: Open input by Directors highlighted the possible need for welding and supplies, metal fabrication (Cargill), electrical, and farm implements.
- Recommended by the HDC, Brian Bywater (CHS) presented proposed changes to the existing Contractors & Developers Business Loan Program for speculative R1 and R2 construction. Changes include: increasing maximum loan amount to \$112,500 (construction costs eligible), 75% CLTV, 9 months to complete construction, 30 month maximum term for repayment, priority funding for the housing partnership with the SCS Construction Class, and the creation of a \$225,000 Loan Pool (\$75,000 LB 840 and \$150,000 private funding). Directors approved and endorsed HDC recommendations for City Council to consider during their 03/17/15 Council Meeting.
- Brian (CHS) provided a Survey Response Summary Report – housing survey completed by SCS employees in February. Analysis of employee responses to continue by CHS and will help guide future recommended actions on housing.
- Mesner Development Co. to conduct a 'housing development presentation' on March 12th at the Department of Utilities (5:30pm) – all Directors encouraged to attend.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 2.5% December unemployment in Colfax County (148 individuals)
 - 477 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 03/10/15
 - SCD's 30th Anniversary (Sep. 15, 2015) - series of celebratory events yet to be planned

8:03 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** April 1st (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

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Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC