

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

**DATE:** April 22, 2015 (approved 05/13/15)

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building

### DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)\*  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)\*  
Javier Arizmendi  
Richard Folda  
Jon Knutson

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jeff Gall  
Jarrod Gillig  
Chris Langemeier\*  
Denise Kracl  
Brian Vavricek  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)\*  
Larry Karel (Vice President)\*

### 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.**

### 7:00 a.m.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Due to the lack of a quorum, 04-01-15 Meeting Minutes could not be amended / approved.
- Department of Utilities Update: Jim reported the City Council has re-established a wellhead protection area ordinance (Ordinance No. 20015-08, Section 52.65). Utility crew continuing electrical work in rural servicing area. In late May / early June, work to begin on a new sanitary lift station (W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street & Chicago) and the installation of additional water / sewer lines - contractor has a 270 day completion period.
- Schuyler Community Schools Update: Dan reported the preschool building's second floor will be renovated this summer along with an enclosed fire escape being constructed on the west side of building. Also, all of the remaining portable modular buildings at the preschool have been sold for \$100,000. With the district's increased valuation, state aid will be reduced by 1.7 million dollars for the upcoming school year – SCS will implement a flat budget to counter the loss of state aid. 2015 Proposals (SCS's Strategic Planning), a multipurpose community recreation center (Item #5) is being considered at the Middle School. Community information meetings will be conducted over the next few weeks to gather input and answer questions. On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Discovery Education will be filming / spotlighting Schuyler's Middle School.
- Brian (CHS) reported Mesner Development has committed to financing one spec house in Schuyler; future funding must be generated locally for additional speculative residential construction by Mesner Development. Prairie Gold Homes has estimated the cost to build a spec home in Schuyler at approximately \$175,000 - no negotiations pending at this time.
- As a follow-up to the Homestead Center discussion and subsequent action during the SCD's April 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting, Directors reviewed the SCD Bylaws (Article IX – Conflict of Interest) and the SCD's Conflict of Interest Policy. Policy defines 'Financial Interest' and outlines the Procedures for addressing a Director's possible conflict of interest. Both documents are available online @ [SchuylerDevelopment.net](http://SchuylerDevelopment.net).
- EDC discussed the possibility of celebrating the SCD's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in conjunction with the Homestead Center's ribbon cutting ceremony tentatively scheduled on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Directors to receive via email a preliminary 2015-2016 SCD Budget. Budget to be discussed during the May 13<sup>th</sup> SCD Meeting. Focus continues on developing a more competitive compensation package for the EDC position. Finalized budget due to City in early June.
- LB 840 revenue collected (October - February) was \$89,832. Revenue down (- 4.1%) from previous year (-\$3,871). Estimate \$215,500 total revenue at end of fiscal year.
- Miscellaneous:
  - 2.3% February unemployment in Colfax County (128 individuals)
  - 493 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler as of 04/21/15

**8:00 a.m. - adjourned** Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** May 13<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

**TIME:** 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

**LOCATION:** Municipal Building