

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: July 15, 2015 (approved 08/05/15)

LOCATION: Municipal Building

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Javier Arizmendi
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Chris Langemeier*

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jarrod Gillig
Jon Knutson
Denise Kracl
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
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.
- Meeting Minutes (06-24-15) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Community projects recently completed or in progress represent over 17 million dollars reinvested in Schuyler's future ('What's Happening in Schuyler').
- During Directors Open Input, professional business signage and grounds maintenance of commercial properties visited. EDC to invite Colfax County Planning & Zoning Administrator (Becky Lerch) to the next SCD Meeting to discuss minimum acreage for residential use.
- Infrastructure Update: Jim McGowen, Utilities Department Superintendent, reported construction of north lift station is behind schedule due to high water table (8') - depth of new lift station is 25'. Another 30 to 60 days before W. 22nd Street Water Tower Subdivision residential lots are priced and available for purchase.
- Schuyler Community Schools Update: Dr. Hoelsing stated 300 to 400 students capitalized on summer learning opportunities. STEM curriculum (Science, Technical, Engineering, Math) is emphasized. Daily food service at the Middle School is averaging 400 meals per day - 'feed the children' is privately funded. Bids for Middle School rec building due August 4th - SCS is employing a side-by-side two bid process to possibly help facilitate lower cost estimates from smaller contractors. Enrollment projected to increase +50 students this upcoming school year.
- Housing partnership (Schuyler Lumber & SCS construction class) renewed. Construction of a 'contract home' to begin within the next few weeks (Kehrli 2nd Subdivision).
- Directors encouraged to attend July 28th Fair Housing Presentation at the Municipal Building.
- LB 840 revenue (Oct. - Apr.) was \$129,846. End of year revenue projection is \$222,000.
- As of July 14th, YTD SCD Expenses Paid were \$63,619.68 (82.9% of budget). End of fiscal year (Sep. 30th) projected expenditures to be 98%.
- Top Notch Building: Anticipate hearing very soon the Department of Interior's NRHP decision. As discussed by Chris Lenz (Gardner Capital) during previous meeting, local funding and building ownership will be required. Additional/Excess LB 840 Revenue is a possible source for the needed local funding – current balance is approximately \$188,991.
- Distributed Omaha World-Gerald editorial on annexation. Annexation is a local economic development booster. Anticipate this being a topic in future months.
- In the past five years (May 2011 - May 2015), net labor force for Colfax and Platte counties has declined by 9.3% (-2,315 workers).
- Miscellaneous:
 - 2.4% May unemployment in Colfax County (134 individuals)
 - 478 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler (07/14/15)
 - August 26th SCD Meeting at the Preschool Building
 - September 17th SCD 30th Anniversary Celebration
 - October 7th (SCD Annual Meeting)

7:59 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** August 5th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

LOCATION: Homestead Center