

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: August 26, 2015 (approved 09/16/15)

LOCATION: Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Javier Arizmendi
Richard Folda
Jarrod Gillig
Denise Kracl

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier*
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Brian Bywater
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 Jerry Karnatz (Secretary).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Meeting Minutes (08-05-15) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- State statute grants municipalities authority to form Community Development Agency (CDA). Schuyler's City Council is also Schuyler's CDA. Administrative requirements less cumbersome for Community Development Agency (CDA) to own and sell public property.
- Infrastructure Update: Utilities Department Superintendent, Jim McGowen, stated concrete is being poured for the interior floors and containment area for the new W. 22nd St. sanitary lift station. Scheduled to bore under Denver Street next week and will help to alleviate draining ground water on surface in two to three weeks.
- Directors reminded of the Homestead Center Ribbon Cutting and the SCD 30th Anniversary Reception on September 17th (5:00pm – 6:30pm) - both events combined.
- Brian Bywater (CHS) presented the Cargill Meat Solutions Housing Survey Results. With the support of Management, 101 Cargill employees (administration and front office personnel) returned completed surveys (57.06% response rate). Information to be utilized when planning future development and construction of new housing (both rental and home ownership).
- Consulting Affiliates semiannual S.E.E. Meeting was held on August 20th. Affiliates function as an advisory group providing perspective and technical assistance to the Schuyler Entrepreneurial Enterprise (S.E.E.) Initiative. During meeting, S.E.E. Coaches presented and discussed business opportunities in Schuyler.
- Directors reviewed newspaper article on the need for government and private industry to partner in order to achieve economic growth – especially with the high cost for expanding / building new infrastructure. Development of Water Tower Subdivision sighted as an example.
- Grow Tax Base: Schuyler's real estate valuation last year (2014-2015) grew +\$9,610,757 (6.2%), highest one-year growth in the past twelve years and the second highest annual percentage growth. LB 840 sale tax projected to achieve second highest revenue year since its inception in 2007. Grow tax base critical underpinning for sustaining economic wellness.
- SCS Update: Dr. Hoelsing reported 'NE Loves Public Schools' will be filming a documentary about SCS. Also, seven bids were received on the proposed new rec building.
- Miscellaneous:
 - EDC presented 2015-2016 SCD Budget for City Council's review (08/25/15)
 - attendance expectations (meetings & committees) - Oct. 7th SCD Annual Meeting
 - Colfax County July unemployment 2.7% (150 individuals)
 - 481 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler (08/26/15)
 - 2016 Income Survey (LMI) completed in spring - Community Housing Specialist
 - November 2017 Special Election to Renew SEDPlan (2021- 2028)

8:00 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** September 16th, (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00a.m. – 8:00a.m.

LOCATION: Homestead Center

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC