

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: January 27, 2016 (approved 02/17/16)

LOCATION: Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Javier Arizmendi
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier*
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Richard Folda
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Denise Kracl
Jarrod Gillig

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Dan Hoelsing
Brian Bywater
Tom Healy

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 (01-06-16) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- The available labor force in both Colfax County and Platte County have continued to decline over the past five years. December 2011 - December 2015: Colfax County -467 (-7.8%), Platte County -1,884 (-10.1%). Labor force information provided by the NDOL.
- Infrastructure Update: Jim McGowan reported a contract has been awarded for the water main extension project (E. 22nd & A Street). Current cycle for jetting storm drains has been completed. Department of Utilities has finalized its plans for this year's summer projects.
- News Channel Nebraska (aka, Flood Communications) has hired a full-time bilingual news associate for Schuyler. Also, News Channel Nebraska provided a preliminary mock-up of three flat screens that would be located in the Homestead Center's waiting /reception area.
- SCS Update: Dr. Dan Hoelsing reminded every one of the Feb. 1st strategic planning session (Phase Three) for Ag leaders, community leaders and district residents. SCS is the 28th largest NE school district; SCS ranks as the 8th lowest district in NE for cost per student.
- EDC has contacted Larry Johnson (NE Truckers Association) to provide guidance on the overall feasibility of a full-service truck stop in Schuyler and possible site locations. Anticipate Mr. Johnson to be in Schuyler in the next few days.
- Brian Bywater (CHS) reviewed the Community Development Agency (CDA) Procedures for selling lots in the new WaterTower Subdivision. In addition, Brian also discussed the upcoming Community Income Survey necessary to retain Schuyler's LMI status which is necessary for CDBG eligibility. An income survey has a four-year shelf life. Current survey expires at the end of December 2016. Income survey requires 100% response by randomly selected Schuyler residents. Process to be administered by NENEDD.
- LB 840 revenue for Oct. - Nov. 2015 was \$33,701. Revenue down compared to the three previous years.
- Directors made aware of a new employer possibly locating to Schuyler – decision to be announced in March.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 'competitive preparedness' concept introduced
 - effective 04/05/16, FEMA's new Platte River Flood Plain Map
 - Colfax County December unemployment 2.4% (134 individuals)
 - 433 employment opportunities within a twenty-five mile radius (01/05/16)
 - LMI door-to-door income survey to be completed by CHS this spring/early summer

8:00a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** February 17th (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00a.m. - 8:00a.m.

LOCATION: Homestead Center

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC

SCD Supports Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity