

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: February 17, 2016 (approved 03/09/16)

LOCATION: Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Javier Arizmendi
Jarrod Gillig
Jon Knutson
Denise Kracl
Chris Langemeier*

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Richard Folda
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jeff Gall
Brian Vavricek

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.

7:01 a.m.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Meeting Minutes (01-27-16) approved. Minutes posted @ SchuylerDEVELOPMENT.net.
- During Schuyler's marquee event (Schuyler Celebration Banquet) this past Saturday evening, the Chamber of Commerce awarded Richard Folda Life Time Honorary Membership and recognized Javier Arizmendi (Schuyler Inn) as the Business Of The Year.
- The proposed feed mill site next to NOR-AM has been eliminated from consideration. Project remains confidential.
- Infrastructure Update: Jim McGowan reported Schuyler's City Council has approved \$925,000 infrastructure expenditures (water, sewer, streets) for the development of the WaterTower Subdivision with completion in August / September 2016. Development costs funded by the Utilities Department. In September 2015, change-out of street lights to LED completed; from October – January, 85% reduction in energy consumption. FYI – Over 300 million gallons of water pumped in 2015.
- As of 02/11/16, end-of-year balance forecasted for the E.D. Investment Funds (LB 840 - unexpended / non-obligated) is projected to be \$217,282.
- SCS Update: Dr. Dan Hoelsing discussed the top 15 priorities identified by staff and parents during this year's Phase 3 strategic planning process; plans are being formulated for implementing actions necessary to achieve identified priorities. Also, Directors viewed a three minute video by Discovery Education featuring the Schuyler Middle School.
- Schuyler Housing: Brian Bywater (CHS) reported there are currently seven homes in Schuyler listed 'for sale' by realtors. FEMA's process for certifying the Shell Creek Levee will require 12 to 18 months. NIFA Board meets on Friday (Feb. 19th) – anticipate hearing the outcome of the Kracl Meadows application (14 senior rental apartments – seven duplexes).
- On March 31st (Thursday), Homestead Center tenants will hold an 'open house' (5pm – 7pm).
- DRCDC Questionnaire (Grow Schuyler Incentive) briefly reviewed with Directors. Proposed revisions to Incentive by the DRCDC to be present during the March 9th SCD Meeting.
- SEDPlan 'Purpose, Intent, Goal, Community And E.D. Strategy' revisited and how the SCD's priority for 'growing tax base' is in alignment with SEDPlan (see Schuyler Real Estate Valuation).
- Miscellaneous:
 - effective 04/05/16, FEMA's new Platte River Flood Plain Map
 - Colfax County December unemployment 2.4% (134 individuals)
 - 412 employment opportunities within a twenty-five mile radius (02/12/16)
 - LMI door-to-door income survey to be completed by CHS this spring/early summer 2016
 - process continues for downtown Historic District nomination (May 2016)

8:02a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** March 9th (Wednesday)

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

LOCATION: Homestead Center

Minutes prepared by Kem Cavanah, EDC