

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: April 20, 2016 (approved 05/11/16)

LOCATION: Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President)*
Larry Karel (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Javier Arizmendi
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier*
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Richard Folda
Denise Kracl
Jarrod Gillig

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Daryl Holmberg
Brian Bywater
Tom Healy
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 (03-30-16) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Infrastructure Update - Schuyler Utilities: Jim stated water main extension completed from Cobblestone property to E. 22nd Street – need to flush, chlorinate and test. Excavation will continue southward along A Street one block at a time. Installation of dewatering wells delayed for the WaterTower 2nd Subdivision – hope to complete next week. Sanitary sewer to be first municipal infrastructure installed in new Subdivision. Cargill electrical project scheduled this summer. Electrical rebuilds scheduled this summer for both rural and in-town customers.
- Commercial Update (DRCDC): Reviewed list (FYI - Fast Food Franchises). Lonnie, Chris and Jon volunteered to form a fast-food restaurant search committee. Directors suggested confirming with NDOR the current access from Hwy 15 onto SCS Elementary property for the possibility of future commercial use. Downtown Schuyler Historic District Nomination to be considered by State Preservation Board on May 13, 2016. DRCDC's Downtown Propositions (1 - 10) presented and discussed.
- SCS Update: Dr. Hoelsing stated certified staff turnover this spring is the lowest in the past three years. Top candidates are accepting job offers to fill SCS vacancies. 65 applications received to fill one part-time SCS Administration position. Tuck-pointing preschool building scheduled this summer along with replacing perimeter fence, new sod and ground sprinklers.
- Schuyler Housing: Brian Bywater (CHS) attended Tax Credit training in Lincoln last week – file documentation strictly regulated. Brian also attended a training session in Norfolk on Fair Housing, 'reasonable accommodation' was point of emphasis. Lastly, within the next 6 to 9 months there's the potential for 34 new housing starts in Schuyler – the most in several decades. EDC commentary: Request Directors active support confronting bigoted misinformation critical of Schuyler's recent success in growing its housing inventory.
- Completed second review of preliminary SCD Budget (2016-2017). Within the proposed Budget, EDC requesting a one year extension of the partnership with CCC and REAP (S.E.E. Initiative). Directors' approval of the finalized 2016-2017 Budget requested during the May 11th Meeting.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 478 employment opportunities within a twenty-five mile radius (04/18/16)
 - Colfax County 2.9% March unemployment rate (160 individuals)
 - Door-to-Door Income Survey (LMI) to be completed late summer (2016) by CHS
 - November 2017 Special Election to renew SEDPlan (20121-2028)

8:01a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** May 11th (Wednesday)

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

LOCATION: Homestead Center

