

## Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

**DATE:** September 14, 2016 (approved 10/05/16) **LOCATION:** Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

### DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President\*)  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary\*)  
Jeff Gall  
Jon Knutson  
Denise Kracl  
Chris Langemeier\*  
Brian Vavricek

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Richard Folda  
Larry Karel (Vice President\*)  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer\*)  
Javier Arizmendi  
Jarrod Gillig

### Invited Guests

Jim McGowen  
Dan Hoelsing  
Daryl Holmberg  
Brian Bywater  
Kevin Hoffart  
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 (08-24-16) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Infrastructure Update - Schuyler Utilities Department: Jim McGowen reported new budget year begins on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. Soon to complete jetting of sanitary sewer and storm drains in the WaterTower Subdivision. Change-out of alley utility poles remains ongoing.
- SCS Update: Dr. Dan Hoelsing reported next year's tax rate lowered by the Board of Education. SCS is the 26<sup>th</sup> largest school district in the state; 9<sup>th</sup> lowest in education cost per pupil (\$8,000). Dan reminded everyone a bond issue is a request by the Board Of Education to district patrons asking patrons' permission for the school district to assume additional debt.
- EDC requested Directors' support to proceed with initiating the process for Schuyler to apply for DED's Leadership Certified Community (LCC) Program. Following a brief discussion, Directors recommended to the City Council a Letter Of Intent be submitted to DED. Council to consider SCD's recommendation during their September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- Directors asked to complete a 2020 'Competitive Preparedness ~ Critical Priorities form and return to the EDC by next week. Both hard copies as well as email attachment distributed.
- City Council has approved a Scope Of Services to draft a Downtown Vision Implementation Plan. \$5,900 expense funded from the Historic Downtown Redevelopment / Revitalization Account. Document to be completed prior to submitting a grant application next spring to DED for Downtown Revitalization (DTR) funds. DED grants awarded via a competitive scoring process; a Downtown Vision Implementation Plan will credit additional points to Schuyler's application.
- Directors again requested to continue evaluating the needs of the Schuyler community and to bring their ideas to SCD Meetings. Tom Healy reminded everyone the Senior Center is a community center for all ages.
- Housing Update: Brian Bywater, CHS, reported the City Council has approved the SCD's recommended revisions to the Contractors & Developers Business Loan Program. A Purchase Agreement has been executed for the spec house @ 211 E. 22nd Street (three car garage). Last week, CHS attended the NE Housing Developers Association Annual Meeting in Lincoln. Estimate 50 people attended the September 6<sup>th</sup> groundbreaking. As part of the permanent financing for the Workforce Housing Project, a \$125,000 LB 840 loan has been requested.
- During the Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, Directors to consider a yet-to-be proposed **2017-2028 SEDPlan**.
- Miscellaneous:
  - 491 employment opportunities within a twenty-five mile radius (09/13/16)
  - Colfax County July unemployment 3.4%
  - SCD serving community of Schuyler for 31 years (09/15/85) – Happy Birthday SCD!

**8:00 a.m.** - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> & Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> (Wednesdays)

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

**LOCATION:** Homestead Center

