

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: January 25, 2017 (approved 02/15/17)

LOCATION: Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jeff Gall
Larry Karel (Vice President*)
Brian Vavricek

Invited Guests

Brett Walters
Jim McGowen
Brian Bywater
Daryl Holmberg
Claudia Lanuza
Kevin Hoffart
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 (01-04-17) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- LB 840 revenue (Oct. - Nov. '16) was \$35,027, up 3.9% (+\$1,327) from a year ago.
- March 14th SEDPlan Election information reviewed. Handout information available online @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net (see **2017 - 2028 SEDPlan**). A 'Letter Of Support' (LOS) for passage of the SEDPlan was suggested. EDC will solicit and secure names for publicizing LOS. Brian Bywater reviewed handout (Q & A ~ Proposed 2017 - 2028 SEDPlan).
- Infrastructure Update - Schuyler Utilities Department: Jim McGowen, Utilities Superintendent, stated there were no power outages during the recent ice storm in Schuyler. One factor contributing to the lack of power outages is the trimming of tree branches within 10 feet of overhead power lines. LED conversion of viaduct lighting has been completed. Effective with the January 2017 billing, utility rates have increased: electric (2.4%), water (1.0%), sanitary sewer (1.4%). Last time rates increased was in 2013.
- SCD Directorship Vacancies: Two vacancies exist as a result of Jarrod Gillig's resignation and the death of Richard Folda. Following discussion, Directors were unanimous in electing Brett Walters and Claudia Lanuza to fill the two vacancies.
- SCS Update: Dr. Hoelsing provided a 'floor plan & perspective' rendering of the proposed classrooms addition to the high school building. Since additional indebtedness will not be incurred to fund the proposed building expansion, approval of a bond issue is not required of district patrons.
- Housing Update: Brian Bywater (CHS) stated on January 19th, a housing luncheon will be held at the Homestead Center (11:30am – 1:00pm) for contractors, realtors and lenders. Also, construction on the new *NeighborWorks* house (19th & Denver) to begin in March.
- Open Discussion: Cargill Meat Solutions to celebrate 30 years in Schuyler on March 23rd. Commercial property on corner of W. 16th & Fort Street continues to be an eyesore and a growing accumulation of automobiles in various stages of disrepair and condition.
- Due to time constraint, 'Connecting with Schuyler's Agricultural Community' tabled.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 482 employment opportunities within a twenty-five mile radius (01/02/17)
 - Colfax County December unemployment 2.7% (131 unemployed)
 - March 14th SEDPlan Vote-By-Mail Election

7:59 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** Feb. 15th & March 8th (Wednesdays)

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

LOCATION: Homestead Center

