

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: February 15, 2017 (approved 03/08/17)

LOCATION: Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Larry Karel (Vice President*)
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary*)
Javier Arizmendi
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Denise Kracl
Chris Langemeier*
Claudia Lanuza
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lonnie Kitt (President*)
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer*)
Brett Walters

Invited Guests

Dan Hoelsing
Jim McGowen
Brian Bywater

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 Larry Karel (Vice President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Meeting Minutes (01-25-17) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- Platte River Flood Plain Map: Chris L. discussed information disseminated recently by the Lower Platte NRD that suggests the possibility of an error with the FEMA map calculations. Olsen & Associates identified possible miscalculation in conjunction with proposed levee in Ashland, NE.
- Infrastructure Update - Schuyler Utilities Department: Jim McGowen, Utilities Superintendent, reported annual maintenance projects ongoing.
- EDC distributed emails from Aaron Nygren (NE Extension) and Brant Peters (SCS FFA Advisor) pertaining to their activities in 'Connecting With Schuyler's Ag Community'. During the discussion, Brian V. stated many rural families feel disconnected with Schuyler.
- SCS Update: Dr. Hoelsing reported student enrollment in college credit classes at the high school has achieved the highest participation percentage of any district in the area. Currently, 114 students enrolled with 110 students earning grades of at least B+. Better connecting with Schuyler's ag families has been a focus the past four years. To retain rural students, SCS's rural attendance centers need to be kept operational. Because of declining enrollment, may necessitate infusing town kids to bolster numbers in rural attendance centers; one consideration is a bilingual school. There are 500 kids in youth basketball at the field house. Board Of Education moving forward with process to construct additional high school classrooms to replace the two remaining modular buildings. Strategic Plan posted online for 30 day public viewing.
- Housing Update: Brian Bywater (CHS) reported the Municipal Code allows one residential occupant per 200 sq. feet. Nine completed applications received for the Kracl Meadows Apartments. Will continue to monitor LB 518 (Rural Housing Development Investment Act).
- Open Discussion: Directors expressed their support for Chief K.C. Bang and his Officers. Lauded were K.C.'s outreach efforts in public relations; specifically, the Friday night fund raising event held at the Fire Station where most of Schuyler's Police Officers were present and interacted with the public. Also, Directors voted (one abstention) to reaffirm their continued support for municipal department heads and supervisors to reside either within the corporate limits of Schuyler or its two-mile zoning jurisdiction. EDC to draft letter to City Council.
- Brief review of pending actions by DRCDC.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 487 employment opportunities within a twenty-five mile radius (02/15/17)
 - Bomgaars building to be remodeled in 2017 along with 6,200 sq. ft. expansion

8:05 a.m. - adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** March 8th (Wednesdays)

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

LOCATION: Homestead Center

