

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

**DATE:** March 8, 2017 (approved 03/29/17)

**LOCATION:** Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

### DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Larry Karel (Vice President\*)  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer\*)  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary\*)  
Javier Arizmendi  
Jon Knutson  
Chris Langemeier\*  
Claudia Lanuza  
Brett Walters

### DIRECTORS ABSENT

Lonnie Kitt (President\*)  
Jeff Gall  
Denise Kracl  
Brian Vavricek

### Invited Guests

Dan Hoelsing  
Jim McGowen  
Brian Bywater  
Daryl Holmberg  
Tom Healy  
Kevin Hoffart

### 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 Larry Karel (Vice President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Meeting Minutes (02-15-17) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Oct. - Dec.) LB 840 Revenue was \$54,722. Revenue slightly higher (+\$476) than previous year (+0.9%). YTD SCD Expenses Paid (Oct. - Feb.) were \$27,378.01.
- On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cargill Meat Solutions celebrates 30 years in Schuyler with an employee steak fry.
- Infrastructure Update - Schuyler Utilities Department: Jim McGowen, Utilities Superintendent, stated sanitary sewer projects in 2017 will include extending service to Bomgaars and an upgrade to the 5<sup>th</sup> & A Street lift station (grinder to be added). Also, crediting the Department's annual proactive tree trimming, the recent high winds did not result in any power outages.
- Originally drafted by the DR CDC, EDC again reviewed seven Funding Strategies for Downtown Redevelopment. Funding Strategy specifically discussed, 'Incentivize Private Investment'.
- Recommended by the DR CDC, a Historic Preservation Rebate (HPR) has been proposed as an added feature or component to the FBIFund Loan Program. Briefly reviewed by the EDC, HPR to be discussed in much greater detail during the SCD's March 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting.
- SCS Update: Dr. Hoelsing reported the Board of Education has adopted a third-year Strategic Plan. Exterior work to the SMS Filed House is very close to completion. Contractor bids for the high school addition due Thursday afternoon, March 9<sup>th</sup>. English is the language for education and commerce; currently, 130 non-English speaking newcomers enrolled at high school. A new sidewalk is scheduled for construction this summer north of W. 22<sup>nd</sup> Street to the elementary school. Drainage around the Pre-School may negate construction of a paved parking lot on west side of building. As of yesterday, there are 10 certified staff openings for the next school year.
- Housing Update: Brian Bywater (CHS) reported five of seven Kracl Meadows duplexes under construction; the first senior rental unit to be completed before the end of March and the last two units to be completed by July. Goal is to have all 7 duplexes (14 units) rented by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Anticipate completion of Workforce Housing Project (8 houses) within the next 30 days; ownership of properties to be transferred from Mesner Development to the SCD upon issuance of Certificate Of Occupancy for all 8 houses. LB 518 (Rural Housing Development Investment Act) continues to move ahead in the unicameral – CHS will monitor.
- Estimating 580 ballots will be cast in the March 14<sup>th</sup> SEDPlan election.
- Miscellaneous:
  - 479 employment opportunities within a twenty-five mile radius (03/07/17)
  - Colfax County December unemployment 2.7% (151 individuals)
  - NIFA to recognize Schuyler for its housing efforts and successes on March 22<sup>nd</sup>

**7:57 a.m. - adjourned** Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** March 29<sup>th</sup> (Wednesdays)

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

**LOCATION:** Homestead Center

