

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: May 10, 2017 (approved 05/31/17)

LOCATION: Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President*)
Larry Karel (Vice President*)
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary*)
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer*)
Javier Arizmendi
Denise Kracl
Chris Langemeier*
Claudia Lanuza

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
Brian Vavricek
Brett Walters

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
JoLynn Ratzlaff
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.

7:01 a.m.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Meeting Minutes (04-19-17) approved. Minutes posted @ SchuylerDEVELOPMENT.net.
- Directors reviewed proposed 2017-2018 Budget for the Community Housing Specialist (CHS). NIFA has committed two additional years of funding (\$30,000 per year). Last year, Schuyler Corporate Employers (Pinnacle Bank, Cargill Meat Solutions, QC Supply and Schuyler Utilities Depart.), also agreed to extend their current local match for two years ending on 09/30/19. Anonymous donor has declined to extend financial support – LB 840 increased to \$14,000 annually. EDC highlighted Brian's achievements and the necessity to provide a competitive compensation package for this professional position. Request Budget approval at next meeting.
- Infrastructure Update - Schuyler Utilities Department: Jim McGowen, Utilities Superintendent, reported his personnel are involved in annual routine maintenance and upgrading. Also, Utilities Department is in the process of camera scoping the downtown's antiquated subterranean infrastructure (sanitary sewer system and water mains) to assist JEO Consulting in compiling an Engineering Cost Assessment. In anticipation of significant costs to upgrade / replace critical infrastructure, multiple funding sources likely required for this 10 year improvement project.
- SCD Officers have authorized the EDC to enter into discussions with Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors on the possibility of a closer collaboration and the pooling of resources. Due to the SCD's budgeting cycle, discussions need to be concluded by June 20th.
- EDC advised Directors the proposed 2017-2018 SCD Budget will be presented during the May 31st meeting – approval of finalized Budget requested on June 21st.
- Officers have initiated an Interview / Section process to replace retiring EDC. Once the process has been completed, Officers will tender recommendation to Board of Directors for consideration.
- Open Discussion: Inquiries received by EDC from Optometrists about a satellite office in Schuyler – waiting on CHI Health and the availability of vacant optometrist building. Also, because of its high visibility in Schuyler's downtown (corner of 11th & B Street), considerable interest voiced in Ron's Oil Building that's currently 'for sale' (\$95,000). Directors' discussion centered around the possibility of gaining control / ownership by forming a Downtown Redevelopment Partnership. Ron's Oil is a 'contributing building' to Schuyler's Historic District.
- City Council approved \$28,000 for an Engineering Cost Assessment of downtown infrastructure.
- Miscellaneous: Colfax County March unemployment 2.3% (129 individuals).
482 employment opportunities within 25 radius of Schuyler (05/09/17).

7:53 a.m. - Adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** May 31st (Wednesday, 7a.m. - 8a.m.)
LOCATION: Homestead Center

7:54 a.m. Kracl Meadows, LLC – Meeting called to order.

- Both units in first duplex occupied. Anticipate second duplex to be fully occupied by end of May.

7:59 a.m. Kracl Meadows, LLC – Meeting adjourned.

