

Citizens Advisory Review Committee (CARC) / SCD Board Meeting

DATE: August 23, 2017 (approved 09/20/17)

LOCATION: Homestead Center (1119 B Street)

DIRECTORS ATTENDING

Lonnie Kitt (President*)
Larry Karel (Vice President*)
Kevin Hoffart (Secretary)
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer*)
Jon Knutson
Denise Kracl
Claudia Lanuza
Brian Vavricek
Brett Walters

DIRECTORS ABSENT

Javier Arizmendi
Jeff Gall
Chris Langemeier*

Invited Guests

Jim McGowen
Dan Hoelsing
JoLynn Ratzlaff
Brian Bywater
Jackie Farrell

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.

7:00a.m.

- SCD Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act posted and acknowledged.
- Introduced SCD's new Economic Development Coordinator, Jackie Farrell. Jackie begins Oct. 1st.
- Meeting Minutes (08-02-17) approved. Minutes posted @ Schuyler DEVELOPMENT.net.
- As of October - June, total LB 840 revenue \$169,458. Revenue up \$1,679 (+0.1%).
- Infrastructure Update - Schuyler Utilities Department: Jim McGowen, Utilities Superintendent, reported the 7th Street project (C Street to F Street) will be completed by end of October (repairs / replacement of storm sewer, sanitary sewer, curbs, guttering). Also, Chicago Street project to be completed by end of October. Continuing to set poles both in town and in rural servicing area.
- Brian Bywater (CHS) reported the August 4th Kracl Meadows ribbon cutting and luncheon was a success - very good media coverage. Luncheon sponsors 'thanked' (Cargill, CHI Health, SCS).
- SCS Update: Dr. Hoelsing reported school has a new website with new technology capabilities – able to push out information to parents and students via their mobile devices. Approximately 600 students enrolled at the high school – enrollment continues to fluctuate. Expenditure of 2.6 million dollar education grant completed at middle school (SMS) – State Education Department has highly praised student results. Project based education at the high school in its second year. First year to begin busing to the Richland school. Have initiated study of bilingual curriculum - research supports higher academic performance when students reach 8th grade; 4R school building possible site. Current school year budget cut \$500,000. Annual spending growth less than 1% past five years. October 10th is the date for moving into the new classrooms at high school.
- City Council 'study session' on August 24th (5:15pm) to review and discuss the JEO Engineering Cost Assessment of both subterranean and above ground downtown infrastructure.
- Chamber Update: JoLynn, Chamber President, stated two new activities for this year's Labor Day weekend; a 'foam party' in the downtown, and, commercial buildings window decoration contest celebrating Nebraska's 150 years of statehood (sesquicentennial). Chamber and SCS Foundation again cosponsoring the Labor Day Dance. Sunday evening fireworks provided by the Chamber.
- Housing Update: Brian Bywater (CHS) reported all eight WHP houses occupied. WHP accounts as of 08/22/17: Operating (\$23,623) Damage Deposit (\$8,200) Operating Reserve (\$40,005)
- Strategic Planning scheduled during the Sep. 20th & Oct. 4th SCD Meetings – Invited Guests welcomed to participate.
- DRCDC to begin reviewing the Certified Local Government (CLG) program.
- Miscellaneous: 462 employment opportunities within 25 mile radius of Schuyler (08/21/17). Colfax County July unemployment 2.5% (138 unemployed).

7:59a.m. - Adjourned Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** September 20th (Wednesday, 7am - 8am)

LOCATION: Homestead Center

7:59a.m. Kracl Meadows, LLC – Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (President).

- Accounts balances as of 08/22/17: Operating Acct. (\$6,829) Security Deposit Acct. (\$4,400)
- Status: 11 units occupied, 1 application for occupancy approved, 3 units vacant.

8:02a.m. Kracl Meadows, LLC – Meeting adjourned.

