

SDC Board Meeting

January 21st, 2009 (approved on 02-11-09)

LOCATION: Alegent Hospital

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)
Marv Capoun
Kem Cavanah (EDC)
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
David Johnson
Chris Miller
Brian Vavricek

ABSENT:

Larry Karel (President)

Guests:

Jim McGowen

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Lonnie Kitt (Vice President).
- Minutes (01-07-09) approved.
- Reference the 01-18-09 document (**2012 / Community Development**), Directors gave unanimous approval to the concept of ‘achieving *Economic Development* thru *Community Development*’. **Schuyler’s Opportunity**, “Become a stand-alone *premiere bedroom community* for area employers”, was adopted by Directors. **Marketing Schuyler** successfully in the future was reaffirmed by Directors emphasizing two guiding priorities:
 - > **In order to support future economic growth, the housing supply must be expanded.**
 - > **The importance of Schuyler’s appearance and the image it projects cannot be overemphasized.**Directors were in agreement on the SDC’s future direction, focusing on different ideas and/or specific recommendations while avoiding redundant discussions on previously approved decisions.
- **Arterial Gateway Windows (Part I)** without objection was again confirmed by Directors. Directors endorsed the importance of Schuyler’s appearance and its ‘*critical valued locations*’.
- The future ownership of the Casey’s property at the corner of 16th & B Streets was discussed. Directors authorized the EDC to initiate a fact-finding discussion with the Casey’s General Store Corporation. Prior to approval, Larry’s email in opposition was distributed. Without dissent, Directors voted in favor to move forward with discussions between the SDC and Casey’s.
- A proposed ‘**Facade Improvement Loan Program**’ was recommended for consideration. Directors endorsed the concept and authorized Kem to apply for a grant with the Federal Home Loan Bank in Topeka. Kem stated if the grant is not approved, he would recommend the zero interest loan program be implemented and funded with LB 840 funds.
- A copy of the District Residency Policy for SCS Administrators was distributed. Currently, all administrators except one are domiciled in the SCS District. The 2006 Policy has been proven successful. However, there have been efforts by a few SCS personnel to influence the Board of Education to rescind the policy and return to a ‘no policy’ of the past. Directors are encouraged to personally contact individual Board of Education Members on this critical issue. Also, as noted in a previous SDC Meeting, 45% (56 Certified Staff) are domiciled outside the SCS School District.
- Miscellaneous:
 - A letter to the NE Highway Commission has been mailed in support of the 6,000 vehicles per day limit.
 - 204 FT/PT employment opportunities within a 20 mile radius of Schuyler
 - NeighborWorks is hosting a luncheon for lenders, builders, realtors on Jan. 22nd.

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** February 11th, 2009 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: First National Bank