

SDC Board Meeting

June 17th, 2009 (approved on July 15, 2009)

LOCATION: City Building

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)
Kem Cavanah (EDC)
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
David Johnson
Brian Vavricek

ABSENT:

Marv Capoun
Jon Knutson
Chris Miller

Guests:

Jim McGowen

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (05-27-09) approved.
- Was agreed to extend a Directorship invitation to Steve Thompson. Larry Karel will contact Steve.
- Leadership Succession was discussed. Within the next ten years, nearly all of Schuyler's current leadership will change. Growing and developing future community leaders warrant deliberation. Most likely, future costs for replacing existing personnel will increase. Example: estimated cost to replace the Economic Development Coordinator would be approximately a 59% increase (+\$22,900) in salary and benefits. Kem will research other communities to see how they are addressing the Leadership Succession issue.
- *NeighborWorks* has sold the house at 14th @ A Street. July 13th is the scheduled closing date for the new house at 208 W. 13th Street.
- Guidelines for the **2009-2010 Schuyler Housing Production Program** were briefly reviewed.
- As of June 15th, YTD SDC Expenses Paid are \$39,503.96. Annualized expenditures projected to be 96% to 98% of 2008-2009 Budget. Fiscal year ends September 30th.
- Mayor has appointed and the City Council has confirmed the following individuals to the five-member LB 840 Loan Review Board: David Johnson, David Hild, Brian Bywater, Lori Kracl, Guadalupe Marino. Mary Peschel, Plan Administrator, serves as an ex-officio (non-voting) Board member. The Loan Review Board will review/approve **FIFund** applications.
- Granville Homes, Inc. has nearly completed all of the municipal prerequisites to begin construction of market rate single family attached housing on Elk Street. Uncertain when new construction will commence.
- Miscellaneous:
 - 163 FT / PT employment opportunities within a 20 mile radius of Schuyler
 - disappointingly, the number of May visits to both websites declined
 - one additional street connecting from Hwy 15 accessing the new northwest area remains a high priority of concern; limited access (West 22nd Street only) is an impediment to the future development of this important growth area; Senator Langemeier will be invited to the next SDC Meeting to address the issue
 - the need to provide additional commercial lodging facilities for visitors to Schuyler was again emphasized

8:07 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** July 15th, 2009 (Wednesday)
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