

SDC Board Meeting & Citizens Advisory Review Committee

July 21st, 2010 (approved on 08-11-10)

LOCATION: Alegent Hospital

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

DIRECTORS ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)*
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)*
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
David Johnson*
Steve Thompson
Brian Vavricek

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)*
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)*
Jon Knutson
Chris Langemeier

CARC Members*

Guests:

Whitney Bumgarner, DED

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Statement of Compliance with Open Meets Act posted and acknowledged.
- Minutes (06-30-10) approved.
- Today's meeting was the first concurrent meeting (SDC & CARC).
- Housing Development Committee (HDC) recommended the approval of **2010-2011 Schuyler Housing Production Program**; after brief discussion, Directors voted in agreement. Also, the HDC recommended reserving \$60,000 of LB 840 funds for the Schuyler Housing Production Program thru 2014-2015 SCS school year; all Directors voted in favor of the HDC recommendation. Both recommendations will be placed on the City Council's August 3rd Agenda for consideration.
- As of May 2010, LB 840 revenues are down -\$9,858 (-7.0%) from the previous year. Compared to 2007-2008, revenues are up +\$7,996 (+6.5%).
- The budget for the **Central Business District (CBD) Program** was discussed. \$85,000 originally reserved (2008) for the CBD Program with a maximum of \$45,000 per building. Both the 316 E. 11th Street building (Herbrick Jewelry/Gless) and the 1211 B Street building were funded from the CBD Program. Completion of building at 1211 B Street pending.
- Directors discussed the recent downtown fire in Variedades Fredy's (formerly the Top Notch Café). Uncertain at this time the property owner's intent whether or not to rebuild. Even though there may be sufficient insurance coverage if the owner elects to rebuild, the general consensus among Directors was to consider extending the opportunity for financial assistance via the FIFund as was provided to property owners in the rebuilding of Kracl Garage.
- Whitney Bumgarner (DED) provided a detailed explanation of the **Nebraska Advantage** and its economic development incentives. Also, Whitney presented to Directors the **Customized Job Training** program.
- Miscellaneous:
 - Colfax County unemployment for June 2010 inched up to 4.3% (248 workers)
 - 181 FT & 61 PT employment opportunities within 15 mile radius of Schuyler (07-20-10)
 - completion of DEQ certification process for the Casey's property delayed three months
 - SDC's 501(c)(6) non-profit tax exempt status reviewed

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** August 11th, 2010 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: First National Bank