

SDC Board Meeting
December 16th, 2009 (approved on 01-13-10)

LOCATION: Alegent Hospital
TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)
Marv Capoun
Kem Cavanah (EDC)
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
Jon Knutson
David Johnson
Brian Vavricek

ABSENT:

Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)
Chris Langemeier
Steve Thompson

Guests:

Sue Jacobus
Jim McGowen

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (11-18-09) approved.
- Updates provided to Directors on the progress with the **Schuyler Industrial Park concept** ~ developing '**Competitive Preparedness**'. Acreage has been revised from 87.5 to 95.5 acres. On-site inspection with DED representatives occurred on December 14th. Next step is submitting a Service Feasibility Questionnaire (SFQ) to Union Pacific RR. Securing rail service to the proposed Schuyler Industrial Park is a key factor to its potential future development.
- Directors were afforded an opportunity to review a Request For Information (RFI) – Project Tiger.
- Sales Tax and LB 840 Revenues were up in the 2008-2009 fiscal year: + 4.8% and + 5.1%. Guesstimating 2009-2010 revenues to slide back to somewhere around the 2006-2007 levels.
- A cost estimate (\$186,160) for the construction of N. Chicago Street, between W. 20th Street and W. 22nd Street, was disseminated. Historically, contractors' bids for capital improvement street projects tend to generate lower cost estimates during the cold weather months.
- Discussed was a draft outlining the guiding principles reviewing the possibility of a future affiliation between the SDC and Chamber. Targeted date for completing the review process is May 1, 2010.
- The commercial building at 1211 B Street was gifted recently to the City. Utilizing the Central Business District Program, the roof will be rebuilt with economic investment funds and made available for purchase. Remodeling of the building's interior will be completed by the new property owner.
- Miscellaneous:
 - January 21st luncheon to be held for contractors, realtors, lenders
 - invited Housing Consultants on March 11th will be providing a Progress Assessment of the Eight Strategies adopted for implementation at Schuyler's 2006-2007 Community Housing Conference
 - the current staff vacancy at the Chamber Office and its daily operation is a concern
 - continued low unemployment and the availability of both full-time and part-time employment opportunities in and around Schuyler spot lights the need for growing Schuyler's housing stock

8:00 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** January 13th, 2010 (Wednesday)
 TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
 LOCATION: First National Bank