



SCD Board Meeting & Citizens Advisory Review Committee
Minutes
August 25, 2021

Kraci Meadows, LLC Agenda

- ✓ Call the meeting to order. – Welcome
- ✓ Motion to approve payment \$334.19 in Personal Property tax and \$2,186.52 in Real Estate Tax to the Colfax County Treasurer motion by Chris, seconded by Kevin, Motion carried.
- ✓ Adjourn

SCD Agenda

- ✓ The meeting was called to order by Lonnie Kitt at 7:00 a.m.
- ✓ Approval of Meeting Minutes August 3, 2021
- ✓ Guest Speaker - Hope Freshour – Columbus Area United Way
 - High School youth Suicide is 50% higher than state average in region.
 - U.W. helps 17 different non-profits in Colfax County.
 - During covid, Schuyler received over \$260,000 from U.W.
 - This year U.W. goal is \$918,000. This is the 80th year. We need business in Colfax to participate.
- ✓ Discussion land (Mares – 7 plus acres) for housing.

Brain originally reached out to the Mares about selling of the property. There are 3 owners. They were then brought together with Cliff Mesner. Cliff and the Mares reached an agreed upon price of \$175,000 for the 7 plus acres. The Mares put a for sale sign on the property and have received at this time two other cash offers. We discussed this with Cliff and he advised that he was not in a position to buy the property at this time. We believe that this property which has part of the infrastructure already in place is the next location for housing after the Watertower 2nd addition is complete. In our discussion with Joyce we asked that they hold off on selling until after we had talked to them this morning. We have various sources of funding avenues, from LB840, Rural Workforce Housing, CDA funds

- **Motion to approve purchase of Mares property by SCD up to \$200,000 made by Denise, second by Larry. Motion carried.**
- **Motion to approve changes to Rural Workforce Housing Fund to allow SCD to participate in the program, made by Jon, second by Charlie, Motion carried.**

Economic Development Update - Cheryl

- ✓ America's Pathway, progress has been slow. Rose and Jerry Mundil advised that the veterans do not want the veteran wall to be part of the Pathway. We are currently at \$45,895.00
- ✓ Schuyler Leadership, the class will start on September 14. They will run once a month on Tuesday's. We have 12 students registered and hope to have 2 more (CHI and Homestead).
- ✓ Broadband – We have started discussion with Allo and will also talk to Great Plains about broadband to the home for Schuyler. This came about because of the Governor's conference that I attended earlier this month.
- ✓ Other (Fraud, CHI Health, Building Façade, Lower Platte, NEDA, Grant Meeting)
 - Elderly residents have been getting medical packages via UPS that they did not order. I have worked with one Schuyler person, UPS, Medicare fraud, and Schuyler PD on this issue. We do know that more than one resident received packages. According to SHIIP (State health insurance assistance program, NE has moved from 48th place to #2 currently. Not a good statistic.
 - Building Façade – Unfortunately nothing new to report.
 - CHI Health – We have received a full-service lease rate of \$17.25 per sq. but now are awaiting the sq. ft of the building.
 - Lower Platte NRD held a meeting on Legislative Bill **406**. This calls for The Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability (STAR WARS) Special

Committee of the Legislature to conduct a comprehensive study of certain identified geographic areas around the state of Nebraska to identify potential projects and opportunities to enhance the value of those areas to the citizens of Nebraska including, but not limited to, opportunities for economic development, tourism and recreation, flood control, and water sustainability.

- The NE Department of Economic Development, Northeast Nebraska Development District, JEO Associates, the City of Schuyler, Schuyler Utilities and SCD met to discuss grant opportunities for a potential pool and downtown improvements.

Housing Update – Brian

- ✓ Developer Discussion, Brian advised that Cliff like to focus on apartment and town homes. Looking for Al Underwood to meet with Jim to build single family homes in Watertower addition.
- ✓ Sale of the Schuyler Home Builders' Lot, the last lot has been sold to Shelby Lumber. They are pouring the footings for the High School build.
- ✓ Application to the Contractors and Developers Business Loan Program, has a preliminary LB840 application, there is additional information needed and then will go to loan review committee.
- ✓ Directors Round Table
 - Chris advised that he has been contacted by Schwans for proposal and it should be on the market the week of 8/30/2021.
- ✓ City of Schuyler – Will advised that the city is working on a bond proposal for Street and sidewalk repair to downtown, a pool (no decision new or refurbished) and police station. They will also be replacing the intakes for storm sewers in the downtown which are crumbling.
- ✓ Schuyler Department of Utilities – Jim – No report
- ✓ Schuyler Chamber of Commerce – Audra – No report
- ✓ Schuyler Public Schools –Dan in the interest of time deferred until the next meeting.
- ✓ Meeting Adjourned

Present: Lonnie, Claudia, Dan, Will, Jon, Larry, Charlie, Jim, Kevin Chris, Brian V., Daryl, Denise, Kevin, Brian b., Jerry

Absent: Sammy, Jeff, Javier, Audra

Guests: Hope Freshour

Next SCD Meeting: September 15, 2021

Annual Meeting – October 6, 2021, 7:00 a.m. Save the Date!

SCD GOALS 2018 - 2022: Leadership Development/Community Engagement – Continue to Improve Community Appearance – Downtown Revitalization/Redevelopment Plan – Supplemental Funding for Economic Development – Northwest Development – Recruit New Businesses/Employers – Flood Prevention – Marketing for New Housing – Develop Industrial Site Plan – Better Communication between Community Organizations and Boards

Mission: 'To provide leadership in facilitating community development and sustained economic growth.'

SCD Supports Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

