



SCD Board Meeting & Citizens Advisory Review Committee
Agenda
July 14, 2021

Kracl Meadows, LLC Agenda

- ✓ Call the meeting to order. – Welcome at 7:00 a.m. by Lonnie Kitt.
- ✓ No report, more information on Kracl Meadows will be available August 3rd.
- ✓ Adjourn

SCD Agenda

- ❖ Call The meeting to Order at 7:02
 - ❖ Approval of Meeting Minutes June 23, 2021, the minutes were approved as written.
 - ❖ Guest Luis Lucar Heartland Workers Center

Luis came to the U.S. in 1992 from Lima, Peru. He has lived in Schuyler for 27 years. One of his current projects is a potential new soccer complex. They are looking for an area that would be able to hold tournaments with amenities such as a locker room, shower, bleachers, parking, shade covers, sprinkler system. The number of tournaments Schuyler has hosted has been in a downward trend for 7 years. Other cities have been able to accommodate these tournaments. The unevenness of the current complex is a concern. Will advised that this is being investigated. An additional project is providing Spanish writing and reading classes for the Latino community.

Economic Development Update - Cheryl

- Top Notch - JEO will be in to evaluate building on July 21 at 1:00 p.m. for use as a restaurant, café, microbrewery.
- America's Pathway we are at \$31,920. The live remote helped, also one on one discussions on Why we need to welcome visitors to downtown. Discussion with Veterans on adding a Veterans memorial. Jerry Mundil is reviewing options, pricing and how they would fund raise.
- Schuyler Leadership – no one has signed up yet, I have visited with 5 groups and have started discussions with several individuals.
- Town Hall Meeting, this was held last night. I will send a link with the results. In general, the comments were positive, and I think that one of the strongest messages is that we want a deep pool.
 - Working on Budget, our preliminary budget goes to city council next week
 - Working on a Union Pacific grant application – Due July 23.
 - Working with Sky Welding – looking for a 4000 sq. ft. building
 - Meeting set up with Carlos on FBIF – Today with Javier
 - Hosting a CFRA Meeting on Micro Enterprise Tax Credits for businesses under 5 people that have or will be making an investment.
 - Discussion with Ultimate Image – She is getting another quote, still in line for work in September on building.
 - Roberta Miksch – is the new representative for Community and Family Partnership – An affiliate of the Columbus area United Way.

Housing Update – Brian

- Review and approve 2020 SCD Audit Corey from GBE presented the Audit information to the Executive Board. This audit is a requirement for the funds from NIFA and DED. There were no issues or findings. Chris L. motion, Kevin second to approve the 2020 SCD Audit.
- Informal Mesner Development Housing Proposal has been discussed with Brian. Basically, the communication with Cliff and what may be proposed is as follows:

1. 4 town homes will be built like the ones on W. 22nd - Market rate.
2. He is looking at single family homes on the square block across from the Elementary School to the west.
3. Proposed apartment building – 16 units, 4 one bedroom, 12 two bedroom. Potential for a 3rd building which would also be a 16-unit building.
4. Discussion with Bieber and Mares prices. Cliff felt it was reasonable and a good potential for low-income senior homes like Kracl Meadows.
5. Discussion on Crown Homes which is a rent to own home ownership program. The houses are 1300 sq. ft, 3 bedroom. Jim M. and Brian have toured these in Grand Island, this is a NIFA project.
 - International Property Maintenance Code Update – these code changes will be at the city Council meeting on August 3rd. These changes will be able to put more teeth into code enforcement as it relates to housing upkeep, junk vehicles, etc.
 - Lumber Cost Update, at the HDC meeting Art provided lumber information. We recognize that costs are starting to decrease, but from January to June a typical house cost of construction increased \$35,000 to \$45,000.

❖ Rural Fellows Update – Megan

Megan reported on development of Homestead brochure. In addition, she will begin work on Business Retention Expansion surveys.

As Megan finishes the surveys this will complete a task for Schuyler to began work on submission for a certified community from the NE Department of Economic Development.

❖ Directors Round Table

- ❖ City of Schuyler – Will advised that they will be clearing some trees to open up Carp Lake and make it more appealing to the eye. Discussed Town Hall survey and the need for continued focus on housing.
- ❖ Schuyler Department of Utilities – Jim said ongoing regime of trimming trees helped with the high winds and we had no outages during recent storm. The Department of Utilities buries all the secondary wire to a customers home the first time. 75% of the community has this complete. Utilities asked to conserve water during peak hours (Stage 1) information went out with the bills.
- ❖ Schuyler Chamber of Commerce – Audra discussed Commerce off the Clock hosted by Nor-AM and Schuyler Baseball Association July 22 at North Park. She is working with the Nebraska Department of Tourism to list Schuyler events and attractions. Stay tuned for information about the Bank of the Valley Ground breaking. Schuyler Chamber will host the wine tasting at the county fair. Working with KLIR on podcasts for YouTube site and on air presentations.
- ❖ Schuyler Public Schools –Dan reported that the school will not be moving forward on the Critical Race Theory proposal. The current commissioner guidelines don't fit the core SPS guidelines.
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned at 8:02

Next SCD Meeting:

August 3, 2021, NOTE THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY DUE TO GOVERNORS SUMMIT. WE WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2021-2022.

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.'

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