

## SDC Board Meeting

June 4th, 2008 (approved on 6-25-08)

**LOCATION:** Alegent Hospital

**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

### ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)  
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)  
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)  
Marv Capoun  
Kem Cavanah (EDC)  
Richard Folda  
Jeff Gall  
David Johnson  
Jon Knutson  
Chris Miller  
Brian Vavricek

### ABSENT:

Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)

### Guests:

none

### TOPICS:

#### *7:00 a.m.*

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (05-14-08) approved.
- The Shell Creek Flood Plain and its impact on Schuyler's future economic development in the north eastern part of the community was discussed. All businesses owners/mgrs affected by the recent flood indicated they would resume operation soon as possible. There was agreement by SDC Directors to encourage and support both short-term and long-term efforts in minimizing and/or alleviating future flooding in Schuyler.
- Monthly Visitors to SchuylerNebraska.net continue to trend favorably. There were **6,526** Visitor Sessions and **3,010** Unique Visitors in May '08. This represents a +25% increase over the past three months.
- Sales Tax Revenue in March '08 was a new record high – best month of March in the past twelve years. YTD revenues are +1.6% (\$1,503). Also, LB 840 Revenues reached a new monthly high (\$17,533). Directors were reminded of the \$140,000 annual ceiling. Sales Tax Revenues exceeding \$140,000 during a fiscal year will be deposited into the City's General Fund for use as prescribed by the SEDPlan.
- Currently, there are 320 job opportunities within a twenty mile radius of Schuyler posted on the Nebraska JobLink (Nebraska Workforce Development) web site. EDC once again reinforced the importance of capitalizing on the opportunity and need for additional housing in recruitment.
- The Nebraska Housing Developers Association "**Groundbreaker Award**" received by the SDC and the City was displayed to Directors. Kem has been invited to address the Association's state convention in Lincoln on July 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Prior to the meeting, Directors had received from the EDC an email attachment entitled Arterial Gateway Windows. A lengthy discussion pertaining to the importance of Schuyler's appearance and image ensued. The Mayor has requested the SDC provide leadership on this effort. Marv Capoun was encouraged by Directors to attempt to negotiate the purchase of the house located on east 11<sup>th</sup> Street which sits between the Qwest building and the vacant lot (11<sup>th</sup> & Colfax) that was recently purchased by the City.
- Miscellaneous:
  - South Park Lakes and the City's need for local funding to help restore these scenic lakes was explained by Jon Knutson.

*8:10 a.m.* - adjourned

Next SDC Board Meeting: **DATE:** June 25th, 2008 (Wednesday)  
**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** TBA