

SDC Board Meeting

August 6th, 2008 (approved on 08-27-08)

LOCATION: First National Bank

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)
Marv Capoun
Kem Cavanah (EDC)
Richard Folda
Jeff Gall
David Johnson

ABSENT:

Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)
Jon Knutson
Chris Miller
Brian Vavricek

Guests:

none

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (07-16-08) approved.
- As of May, 2008 Sales Tax Revenue is up +1% (+\$1,348). Total YTD LB 840 revenue (Oct. '07 - May '08) collected is \$122,242 (\$15,280 monthly average).
- Motion made by Lonnie and seconded by Richard to send a 'letter of support', including a \$4,000 pledge, to the City for the proposed renovation project of South Park Lakes. SDC pledge is contingent upon the City receiving grant funding.
- The **Schuyler Housing Production Program** (partnership between the City, SCS and *NeighborWorks*) was featured last week at the NE Housing Developers Association State Convention in Lincoln.
- The importance of maintaining/securing road access directly from Hwy 15 into the northwest area of Schuyler for future commercial development was discussed. Limiting access to this new growth area solely via West 22nd Street is a concern. EDC was directed to send a letter to the City, Utilities Department and NE Department of Roads encouraging their support in this matter.
- Monthly usage (Unique Visitors & Visitor Sessions) of the community website (***SchuylerNebraska.net***) continues to increase. July '08 was the most significant one-month increase since the website was retooled in August 2006. On July 25th, 2008 **SCHSpace.net** was launched as Schuyler's new alumni social network. The positive response from SCHS Alumni across the U.S. has been gratifying. The new website is intended to help former students to remain connected to the Schuyler community and to fellow SCHS classmates. In the future, anticipate increased opportunities for personnel recruitment and increased gifting to community foundations as alumni membership expands. The number of corporate sponsorships for **SCHSpace.net** will be reviewed at the September SDC Board Meeting. Three corporate sponsors (Alegent, Cargill & QC Supply) have tentatively agreed to provide financial assistance for the first year's operating costs.
- Miscellaneous:
 - ***AnyTime Fitness*** has yet to enter into a lease agreement with Dr. Groene. However, owner is highly optimistic this will occur within the next 10 days. Anticipated grand opening to be mid September.
 - Marlene Moore has retired as the Chamber's Executive Director. Her retirement reception will be held at the City Building at 5:50 p.m. on August 22nd. Chamber position may remain open for a couple of months until the Chamber reorganizes.
 - EDC will be attending the Board Of Public Works Meeting this Friday (August 8th).

8:05 a.m. - adjourned

Next SDC Board Meeting: **DATE:** August 27th, 2008 (Wednesday)
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