

**SDC Board Meeting**  
**December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008** (approved on 01-07-09)

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

**ATTENDING:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Jeff Gall

**Guests:**

Jim McGowen

**TOPICS:**

**7:00 a.m.**

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (11-19-08) approved.
- The discussion pertaining to ‘residential housing’ and ‘code effectiveness’ was lengthy. Public health and safety concerns for multiple residents in single-family housing were the primary focus. Also, the safety of firefighters’ was a voiced concern. The need to implement minimum safety standards for both owner-occupied housing and rental housing was a point of emphasis by some Directors. One suggestion was mandatory inspection of housing prior to the transfer of property ownership. Another was the re-inspection of rental units each time a change in occupancy occurs. There seemed to be urgency for a comprehensive process to begin immediately the review of ordinances, code education / communication methods and code compliance. The need for a full-time effort in ‘code effectiveness’ was also discussed.
- As of the end of November, three month averages for Unique Visitors to both the community and alumni websites have continued to decline. It is anticipated this trend will begin to reverse after the first of the year.
- Kem provided an overview of the process in applying for DED housing grants (e.g., New Neighborhoods II). Schuyler’s organizational capacity (personnel and expertise) are significantly enhanced by partnering with *NeighborWorks Northeast Nebraska* and NENEDD. Guidance and participation from our partners is instrumental in helping Schuyler to compete successfully for housing grant dollars. Directors were reminded DED grants are directed toward low to moderate incomes.
- Miscellaneous:
  - 240 FT/PT employment opportunities within a 20 mile radius of Schuyler
  - October unemployment: Colfax (2.5), Platte (2.7), Butler (2.8), Dodge (3.3) NE (3.6)
  - SCS District Residency information will be presented to the Board of Education at their Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> (Monday) Meeting – Directors were invited to attend
  - Directors were reminded of the **511 Traveler Info** and **Weather Forecast** links on the community website ([SchuylerNebraska.net](http://SchuylerNebraska.net))

**7:58 a.m.** - adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:** **DATE:** January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (Wednesday)  
**TIME:** 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** First National Bank