

SDC Board Meeting

May 19th, 2010 (approved on 06-30-10)

LOCATION: City Building

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:

Larry Karel (President)
Lonnie Kitt (Vice President)
Jerry Karnatz (Secretary)
Charlie Heavican (Treasurer)
Kem Cavanah (EDC)
Richard Folda
David Johnson
Jon Knutson
Steve Thompson

ABSENT:

Jeff Gall
Chris Langemeier
Brian Vavricek

Guests:

Kathy Horn
Jim McGowen

TOPICS:

7:00 a.m.

- SDC Board Meeting called to order by Larry Karel (President).
- Minutes (04-28-10) approved.
- Housing: Utilizing **1.7 (Economic Multiplier)** as the quantified measurement for estimating **Economic Impact** of new housing construction in the Schuyler area, from 2006 -2010 (*April 29th*), the economic impact has been approximately \$ 6,290,000. *NeighborWorks'* economic impact has been calculated at approximately \$ 571,000.
- Reference the **Progress Assessment Results** (March 11, 2010), the Housing Leadership Team (HLT) recommendation was reviewed and discussed by Directors. Recommendation was endorsed by the SDC and will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration to accept at their June 1st meeting. Richard Folda, Charlie Heavican, and Jerry Karnatz (two year commitment) agreed to serve on the new Housing Development Committee (HDC). Tentatively, HDC will meet every three weeks on Thursdays (11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.).
- The Preliminary (10%) Rail Design has been received from Via Rail Logistics and posted on **SchuylerDEVELOPMENT.net (Sites-Buildings)**. A Service Feasibility Questionnaire (**SFQ**) has been submitted to UPRR requesting a Letter Of Agreement to provide future rail service to the 95.5 acre site. The Environmental Site Assessment (Phase 1) has been completed – no issues. However, a Phase 2 Assessment will be needed. Also, property owner of the proposed Schuyler Industrial Park has made applications for annexation of 33.73 acres by the City of Schuyler and rezoning 9.69 acres from Limited Industrial to General Industrial.
- **'Competitive Preparedness'** necessitates pre-packaging local incentives and authorizing the Economic Development Coordinator to commit these pre-packaged incentives whenever opportunities are presented. Discussion and action on local incentives and **'competitive preparedness'** will be addressed at the June 9th SDC Board Meeting.
- Miscellaneous:
 - plans finalized for May 20th plant tour and luncheon at Cargill
 - 181 FT & 69 PT employment opportunities within 15 mile radius of Schuyler (05-19-10)
 - new record for Unique Visitors in April to **SchuylerNebraska.net**
 - Larry Karel presented \$3,445 Fire Fund check (private donations) to Kracl Garage, LLC
 - Directors reminded SDC Meetings are open to the public

7:55 a.m. – adjourned

Next **SDC Board Meeting:**

DATE: June 9th, 2010 (Wednesday)

TIME: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

LOCATION: City Building