



LOCAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

April 18, 2008

Infrastructure Review Advisory Board

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 7 at 8:30 am

Location: Water Purification Plant (2100 N. Minnesota Ave)

Members: Paul Fick (voting member); Steve Van Buskirk (alternate), Joel Ingle, Chuck Point, Cindy Monnin

The Infrastructure Review Advisory Board met this week to review proposed DSCR reimbursement rates for 2008 and discuss proposed revisions to the subdivision ordinance. The Board reviewed a DSCR rate handout and approved a reimbursement rate increase consisting of 3-4 percent for 2008. Additional information was requested to be presented at the next IRAB meeting on the drainage and cost recovery funds as so far as the funds balance and timeframe payout. The Board also discussed proposed changes to the subdivision ordinance including reducing the timeframe needed to review engineering plans from 30 days to 15 days and recommending additional clarification to the city's access management policy for arterial streets. Questions were also raised to language used for arterial street system development outside the city (15A.08.040 Street systems. part C) and assessment of construction costs to property owners. Staff will refine this section for review at the next IRAB meeting. Agenda items for the May 7th IRAB meeting will include: fact sheets on access standards, examples of development agreements, subdivision ordinance, and recap of drainage and cost recovery funds.

SD Electrical Commission Schedules Rules Hearing

The South Dakota Electrical Commission has scheduled a rules hearing on adoption of the 2008 edition of the National Electrical Code (NEC). The hearing will take place on April 25 in Chamberlain as part of the Commission's regular meeting. The 2008 NEC contains provisions for broader use of arc fault circuit interrupters which could increase the cost of a new house by \$1,000-\$600. The HBASE, South Dakota Home Builders Association and other HBA's across the state are opposed to the NEC as currently written and are encouraging builders to submit comments to the Commission prior to the hearing. If you are interested in submitting comments to the Commission, please contact Todd Anawski at the HBASE at 361-8322. Sample letters are available upon request.

Shape Sioux Falls Review Committee

As part of the Shape Sioux Falls Community Visioning Initiative, a Review Committee will be formed to provide recommendations to draft land use and development standards. The Review Committee will meet two or three times to review draft technical reports with the City's

consultant RDG. The land use and development standards will become an important part of the updated Sioux Falls comprehensive plan. In addition, these land use design standards will then be incorporated into the City's planned update on the Zoning Ordinance. Sioux Falls Tomorrow and the City of Sioux Falls will choose 12 to 15 persons to serve on this Review Committee. If interested in serving on the Review Committee, please contact Sam Trebilcock in the Planning Office by April 21.

In the Week Ahead...

Sioux Falls City Informational Meeting, Monday, April 21

Sioux Falls City Council Meeting, Monday, April 21

Minnehaha County Commission Meeting, Tuesday, April 22

HBASE Membership Meeting – City Government Night, Thursday, April 24

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