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IDOT October Public Input Meeting

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CRDC's Steve Ames and Highway 30 Coalition representatives will be attending the Iowa Department of Transportation (IDOT) Commission Public Input Meeting in Muscatine on October 14th to discuss transportation topics with representatives of local government, interest groups and individuals. Our local representatives will be discussing transportation issues regarding Highway 30, Liberty Square Redevelopment, and the Lincolnway Railport. You are welcome to join us, as this meeting is open to the public.

DOT Commission Public Input Meeting

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Holiday Inn Muscatine

2915 North Highway 61

Muscatine, Iowa 52761

8:00 AM - Business Meeting

8:30 AM - Public Input

PDI November Legislative Round-Table

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Professional Developers of Iowa (PDI) is a voluntary group of professional economic development personnel affiliated for the purpose of furthering the development of the economic base of the State of Iowa. Each fall, PDI hosts a series of round-tables around the State allowing members and legislators to have an open and honest discussion of legislative topics related to economic development.

Mark your calendars and please join us for the following PDI Legislative Round-Table sponsored by Clinton Regional Development Corporation.

PDI 2008 Legislative Round-Table

Thursday, November 13, 2008

9:00 to 11:00 AM - Doors Open @ 8:30 AM

Best Western Frontier Inn

2300 Lincolnway, Clinton, Iowa 52732

DOT Visit Focus on SUPERINTERSECTIONS for Clinton

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On September 11, Tom Determann, Pete Clausen, Steve Ames and Ed O'Neill met with five members of the Iowa State Department of Transportation (DOT), including Mitch Dillavou, Director of Engineering Bureau, and Jim Schnobelen, District Engineer Cedar Rapids.

With the approval of the railport facility from Union Pacific, the anticipated formation of a regional port authority and the interest of wind industry prospects for the Lincolnway Railport, the DOT and the Iowa Department of Economic Development felt it was a preliminary step in development to visit Clinton. Mitch Dillavou, "Doctor Wind" from the DOT, has been designated as the lead person for the department, to assist in wind energy projects. Leading a group of engineers from the state, they have been instrumental in designing, constructing and permitting "superintersections" to accommodate the wind industry across the state. Because of the huge geometric size of some of the shipped products and/or the weights involved, special design changes to existing roadways have become necessary throughout the state. Several specific sights were visited, concept plans were discussed and a preliminary report will be forwarded in the near future.

The visit was very positive and encouraging to the CRDC participants, and once again reiterates the state's interest in the development of Clinton, as an industrial development center.

Future Vision for FULTON, ILLINOIS

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The following is a great project starting in Fulton. The Competitive Communities Initiative is a tool used in Illinois to assist communities in long-range planning by involving its citizens. Iowa has a similar tool facilitated by the Iowa Extension Service. The article was written by Bill Stoermer, President of the Fulton Chamber of Commerce Board, for the local newspaper, *The Fulton Journal*. This process can only make Fulton an even greater community with a brighter future.

The following article was written by Bill Stoermer, President of the Board of Directors for the Fulton Chamber of Commerce:

What would you like to see in Fulton for the future?

That is the question the new Fulton Planning and Steering Committee is working to answer. The committee has finalized a survey that will be mailed citywide to get community input into what the residents want the future of the City to be.

The survey is a vital part of the Competitive Communities Initiative (CCI) that the Steering Committee and the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development (DCEO) are working on to develop a long-term plan for the City of Fulton. The City started reviewing the CCI process with DCEO over nine months ago to see if the program could bring value, structure, and develop a strategic workable plan for our community.

Earlier this year, during the Chamber's legislative trip to Springfield, representatives of Fulton met with DCEO to further discuss assistance with developing a comprehensive development plan. The City was subsequently approved to be included in the State program. Tom Becker, DCEO Competitive Communities Specialist, has been assigned to facilitate the process and assist the Steering Committee in the development of the plan and organizational structure. The Fulton City Council appointed the Steering Committee in April. The DCEO assistance and CCI program are provided by the State of Illinois at no cost to the City.

The community survey was mailed to residents during the first week of September 2008. The survey is also available in *The Fulton Journal* and at several businesses around the community. Once the surveys have been returned and the data analyzed, a public meeting will be scheduled to discuss the results and gain additional insights from residents. "Our goal is to begin an on-going dialog with the community so that they share in our progress," said Larry Russell, Steering Committee Co-Chairman. "This is a 12- to 18-month process; however, we believe it will provide us with years of direction for the continued positive development of Fulton."

What is YOUR future vision for Fulton?

Railport MASTER PLAN Moves Forward

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On Tuesday, September 16, CRDC Staff and several CRDC Board Members reviewed the preliminary findings of the master plan that Shive-Hattery is completing for the Lincolnway Railport. The master plan will provide details of costs associated with securing water, sewer and other infrastructure to the park, and it evaluates the total potential acreage that can be assembled for industrial development. The intent of creating a master plan is to assemble a comprehensive marketing package for site selection consultants and corporate decision makers seeking rail-served sites for industrial development. Shive-Hattery will be presenting the master plan at our October Board Meeting.

What Happened to the August Newsletter?

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The CRDC staff members have been so busy during the summer, that we were unable to put together the newsletter for August. Sorry for the inconvenience and we hope you enjoy this month's publication. If you have any comments or ideas about our newsletter, please call Mary Paul at 563-242-4536.

Activity Score Card



Since 1953, the Clinton Regional Development Corp. has offered professional, client-driven site selection services. Our goals are to enhance the regional business climate, attract new investment, expand existing industry, and encourage quality new jobs.

A "scorecard" tracking our sales and marketing activities is available to our investor on our website: www.clintondevelopment.com

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Investors who would like more details about our current project mix, please contact Steve Ames at 563-242-4536 or sames@clintondevelopment.com

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