

simpco Update

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Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council

April 2008



Meetings and Events:

Tuesday, April 29, 2008

1:30 p.m.
Safe Routes to School Meeting
SIMPCO, Meisner Conference Room,
1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

Wednesday, April 30, 2008

1:30 p.m.
MPO TTC Meeting
SIMPCO, Meisner Conference Room,
1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

Thursday, May 1, 2008

1:30 p.m.
MPO Policy Board Meeting
SIMPCO, Meisner Conference Room,
1122 Pierce Street, Sioux City, Iowa

Thursday, May 15, 2008

7:30 a.m.
SIMPCO Executive/Finance Committee
Kahill's / Marina Inn
4 & B
South Sioux City, Nebraska

Thursday, May 15, 2008

5:30 p.m.
SIMPCO Council of Officials and
Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Ponca State Park
Ponca, Nebraska
(Details on back page)

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NEW OFFICE and STAFF APPOINTMENTS

SIMPCO has relocated to new offices at 1122 Pierce Street in Sioux City. The new offices house SIMPCO's community and economic development division, transportation planning for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA), Siouxland Regional Transit System (SRTS) and Northeast Nebraska Joint Housing Agency (NNJHA). SIMPCO's various division boards and committee meetings will be held in the Don 'Skip' Meisner Conference Room.

Kristi Quinn has been promoted to Community Development Director.



Kristi has served as a senior planner in community, economic, and transportation planning since 2005. Her new duties will include coordinating community development activities within the organization as well as continuing with grant writing, hazard mitigation, nuisance abatement, Keep Northeast Nebraska Beautiful and other planning projects.

Lacey Kirchmeier is a Planner I providing assistance in Community and Economic Development and Transportation. Her duties include research, writing grant applications, assisting with the Coordinated Transportation Issues Committee, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) administration, hazard mitigation and nuisance abatement. Lacey graduated from Morningside College, served a term as an Americorps*VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America), managed the Service-Learning Program and coordinated volunteer activities at Morningside College.



Kellee Boone is a graduate of Iowa State University's community and regional planning program. She is a transportation planner assisting with MPO and SRTPA activities and Geographic Information System (GIS) map coordination. Kellee interned at the Center for Transportation Research and Education in Ames prior to joining SIMPCO.



\$\$\$ GRANT FUNDING \$\$\$

SIMPCO was awarded a \$150,000 Rural Business Opportunity Grant through USDA Rural Development.

Rural cities and counties can use these funds to help pay for SIMPCO's services under our **Community Beautification and Economic Development Program**.

Grant funds will cover forty-seven (47%) of the costs of services.

Several communities have already contracted with us to complete:

- **nuisance abatement projects**
City of Marcus, Iowa
City of Onawa, Iowa
- **nuisance code updates**
City of Whiting, Iowa
- **urban revitalization plans**
City of Oyens, Iowa
City of Remsen, Iowa
- **marketing plans**

We can help you develop a project to fit your budget while addressing your needs.

**Don't miss this opportunity -
Call us at (712) 279.6286
to discuss possible projects.**

Next issue:
MPO and SRTPA
STP and TE grant awards!

Taking the Lead

from Co-Executive Directors Jane Gilbert and Dwight Lang



Small Communities Workshop: The Iowa League of Cities in partnership with the Iowa Association of Regional Councils will be hosting several small city workshops across the state for small city elected officials. The closest workshop for the SIMPCO region is scheduled for May 6, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the Marcus Community Center, 319 N. Main Street. Workshop topics include open meetings and small city budgeting. To register go to the League of Cities website at www.iowaleague.org or call us at (712) 279.6286.

Mark Your Calendar: SIMPCO's Annual Council of Officials and Board of Directors meeting will be held Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Missouri National Recreational River Resource and Education Center at Ponca State Park, Ponca, Nebraska.



Nine Hole Golf at the Highland Oaks Golf Course **2:30 p.m.**
(880522 Highland Road - Located by Ponca State Park)

Council of Officials / Board of Directors Meeting **5:30 p.m.**
(Missouri National Recreational River Resource and Education Center)

Buffet catered by Oscar's River Town Restaurant **6:30 p.m.**
(Roast Sirloin and Broasted Chicken, Vegetable, Potato, Dessert, Salad, and Roll)

Call (712) 279-6286 for details and to make reservations!

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