

CENTERVILLE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION REPORT

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Housing: Construction of the CDC housing project at 1050 State Street continues. Weather has delayed the project some but we believe things will be back on track soon. With the Peterson family already identified as the buyers of the home we are in a good situation. We are excited to keep this young growing family in the community. The timeline for the home to be completed and move in ready is still approximately mid-May.

The CDC has been able to acquire several lots over the past couple months to make way for future opportunities for infill housing. The CDC now owns the abandoned property at 121 Iowa that will come down this fall. We have now also officially closed on the empty lot directly to north at 111 Iowa as well. The area will be divided into 2 equal lots. The 121 Iowa lot is already spoken for with a new home to be completed on it by August 1st, 2019.

The dilapidated property at 140 Iowa Street that we have acquired is also scheduled to be removed this fall. The removal of this trailer will go a long way in continuing with our efforts to clean up dilapidated residential areas of town. After cleared this space will also give us another option for future housing development.

The Development Corporation has now also officially closed on the home at 111 Broadway St. With this home being in a very important area of town we felt it important to secure this property and take it on as a remodel project. We want to be able to save this craftsman style home and attract a home buyer with it. There are already potential buyers interested in the home.

Housing continues to be a main area of focus for the CDC. We continue to have conversations about other potential lots and housing projects. In September Jared attended the annual Dakota Resources Housing Sessions which was held in Chamberlain. At the event there was an opportunity to meet with many resource providers and housing development professionals.

The CDC has started initial conversations with engineers for preliminary costs estimates for a potential new housing development. We hope to get some preliminary drawings and cost estimates to see what type of infrastructure costs we would be looking at to develop a new area for housing in Centerville.

Commercial Business: The CDC continues to request bids for the removal of the two abandoned "Roundies" buildings on Broadway in downtown Centerville. Initial cost estimates are coming in higher than we had hoped. But we remain hopeful that the properties can be cleared in the next 6 months or so.

The CDC held its final Empower follow up coaching session with Dakota Resources on September 24th. The Innovation Teams that have formed out of this process have shown real progress as they continue to work on their projects and ideas to better Centerville. We hope the momentum can continue.

We continue to work with Mr. G's Tires from Freeman South Dakota in efforts to have them set up a second location in Centerville. We believe we are close to having the details and location in place to bring them to town. The timeline has been delayed slightly but we believe they will be set up for business by November.

The CDC has been working with another potential entrepreneur with interest in starting a business in Centerville. We believe this new business idea will come together in the next couple months and be taking advantage of one of the empty buildings in our downtown. Another business owner remains hopeful to open a similar business in the downtown later in 2019. It is very positive to see Centerville's business climate continuing to come around.

The Dev. Corp recently received a request for a proposal through the GOED from a large-scale aquaculture operation looking for a potential location in our region. The operation is looking for 40 to 60 acres, 150 employees and would be a substantial water user. The CDC put together a detailed response and threw Centerville's name into the mix as a potential suiter. This is opportunity however is somewhat of a longshot for a community of our size. But we remain hopeful to be considered for another look.

Strategies to Recruit Young Families and Alumni: The two new Centerville billboards along Interstate 29 went up in September. These are another great opportunity to promote Centerville and let people know where we are as they travel interstate 29. The signs are easily change out throughout the year so we will be able to promote various annual community events.

The CDC hopes to wrap up the mural project downtown this fall. The project is being done through funds from the SD Change Network opportunity. The final phase of the SD Change Network Grant opportunity will be the development of new resident welcome baskets. We hope to also have these established by this fall.

Planning for the annual Country Christmas events have already begun. We continue to add and improve upon the weekend of events. The events are again scheduled for the first weekend in December.

Parks & Rec: The pool renovation project is underway. There were some additional repairs required to the deck and main drain but those are being addressed. We are excited to see the transformation with the new pool lining and slip resistant deck. The installation crew is here now and will be working in Centerville for about 4 or 5 weeks. This will be a major improvement to the pool and we are excited to see the finished product.

The park renovations team is wrapping up for the season again. They will be looking for volunteers to help take down the batting cage net for the winter. Next spring the group will go to work on the installation of the new industrial strength sand diggers in the sandbox area. These are impressive and will be another great addition to the park. The west park shelter renovation will also be on the list for next year as we have already secured the funds for that as well. The group will then turn its focus to ways to address unlevel ground and drainage issues. The group is also hopeful to come up with a way to fund a new camping loop within the park.

The Game, Fish & Parks LWCF Grant is again open to apply for funding. The Dev Corp has been working with SECOG for plans to reapply for funding to help with the cost of the proposed camping loop. This would add 8 dedicated camping pads with water hook ups.

The CDC is assisting with the Zombie Fun Run fundraiser event for the track and football complex. The event will take place Saturday, October 27th. This should be a fun event that hopefully brings the community together as well as running enthusiasts to town.

Grant Opportunities: The CDC was excited to officially be able to announce that they have been accepted to the Bush Foundations Community Creativity Cohort 2, a participant-led, capacity building program to support organizations that are willing to make art and culture central to problem solving. The Bush Foundation will provide the Centerville Development Corporation with an operating grant of \$100,000 towards their efforts. These grant dollars will be spread out over the next three years and are designed to allow the organization to be participant-leaders in this learning cohort and to support their on-going efforts to integrate art and culture into problem solving in their community. Excited to see what this opportunity holds for Centerville!

In September the Development Corporation learned that the grant they applied for through Southeast South Dakota Tourism was accepted and they will be awarded \$4,650 to go towards the interstate billboard marketing we have done for Centerville. We are excited for this partnership. Jared will accept the check at SE Tourism's annual meeting in Madison on October 2nd.

The Development Corporation was awarded another Sanford Legends grant this September. The grant in the amount of \$2,000 will go towards another basketball hoop at Peder Larsen Park.

Conferences & Training: Jared will attend the annual Dakota Resources Empower Sessions and Gala September 28th and 29th in Aberdeen. As an RCDI grant recipient Jared will again have conference fees and lodging paid for through the program. At the Gala Centerville will be up for the Innovative Community Award. If selected for this award Centerville will receive \$5,000 towards Dakota Resources coaching.

Through the Community Creativity Cohort Jared has been given the opportunity to attend the BushConnect 2018 event with all expenses paid. The event takes place in Minneapolis September 30th through October 1st. The event is a great way to stay connected with opportunities through this funding source.

The annual South Dakota Housing Conference is scheduled for October 30th and 31st in Pierre. This year's main topic is "The path to affordable housing".