

Kasson Alliance Email News, Vol. 3, No. 5, 1918 School Reuse Study and other Kasson Alliance Activities

KARE Supporters,

1. Historic 1918 Kasson School Reuse Study Workshop: The School Reuse Action Committee (SCHRAC) and the John Lauber Historic Preservation Reuse Study Team conducted a very insightful Community Participation Workshop on Thursday June 11, 2009. Approximately 50 people were in attendance. Guests were divided into groups of six people with SCHRAC members facilitating each table. Each individual was given five note cards and was asked to write down their answers to five questions (which are listed below). After finishing all questions, the note cards were collected from each table and passed anonymously to another table. Each table then paraphrased the answers into lists on large sheets of paper. These summary sheets were then posted on the wall next to the sheets from other tables. Participants were then asked to place colored stickers on their favorite answers to each question, to help the reuse team get a sense of general patterns. The answers will be used by the Lauber Reuse Team together with the notes from the dozens of citizen interviews conducted June 10-12 to help inform their final report.

Question 1: What memories can you share about the school/site or Kasson that would be interesting or relevant to the reuse study?

Question 2a: If it were up to you, what is your best idea for what should happen to the old school building and site? If it were up to you, what is your best idea for what should happen to the old school building and site?

Question 2b: If your idea was selected, when and how do you think it could be implemented? How should your idea be paid for?

Question 3: If your preferred idea couldn't work, what other uses do you think would succeed?

Question 4: If the building is demolished, then what?

The answers to these questions along with details on the workshop can be found at the Reuse Study Website at:

<http://kassonschoolreuse.net/#/june-11-community-workshop/4533897150>

If you are unable to link to this website and would like to receive the answers by Email....simply reply to this email.

2. Historic 1918 Kasson School Reuse Study Citizen Interviews: The Lauber Reuse Study Team interviewed citizens on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (June 10-12). A list of who was interviewed and other information can be found at: <http://kassonschoolreuse.net/#/track-progress/4533250736>

If you have an idea for a good adaptive reuse for the historic school, now is the time for you to speak up. You can reply to this email with your ideas or call SCHRAC members Diane O'Brien-Berge (507-696-6769) or Paul Larsen (507-273-8499).

3. 1918 Kasson School Reuse Study DRAFT Report: The draft reuse study report will be available for review and comment within the next 30 days. You will be notified when it is posted to the reuse study website. If you would like to be on a special contact list to be sure you receive a copy of the report.....please reply to the this email.

4. KARE's 3rd Annual Fair Booth, July 15-19. KARE's Dodge County Fair Booth this year will be hosted by the School Reuse Action Committee (SCHRAC). Volunteers are needed to man the booth. Please consider signing up for a shift or two. Please call Diane O'Brien-Berge (507-696-6769) or Paul Larsen (507-273-8499) to discuss available slots.

5. KARE's 3rd Annual Festival in the Park Booth, August 7-9. KARE/SCHRAC will also host a booth at the Kasson Festival in the Park on August 7-9, 2009. Volunteers are needed to man the booth. Please consider signing up for a shift or two. Please call Diane O'Brien-Berge (507-696-6769) or Paul Larsen (507-273-8499).

Thank you for your continuing support. Our membership and support from citizens and the business community continues to grow.

KARE is a non-profit membership organization bringing people together to protect, enhance and enjoy the places in Kasson that matter to them. By saving the places where great moments from the cities' history – and the important moments of everyday life – took place, **KARE** helps revitalize the community, spark economic development and promote environmental sustainability. The **Kasson Alliance** provides leadership, education, advocacy and resources to citizens and organizations committed to saving historic places, connecting them to Kasson's history and collectively shaping the future of the communities' stories.

Mission: KARE is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization formed in January 2007. KARE's mission is to preserve historic buildings, structures and properties to serve as landmarks of Kasson's' heritage, along with being a source of education in the importance of historic preservation.

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