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From the President: Spring is here! At least it will “officially” be spring by the time you receive this newsletter. I am not sure when winter came or went since I don’t remember much snow or cold weather. That is most likely a good thing because it kept my heating bills much lower than they would have otherwise been.

NRCA Officers: Well, there were no takers for election, so the election is postponed until the March meeting. If you would like to run for office, please call me or one of the other current officers.

By-Law Change: To avoid problems in the future, a change has been suggested for the current by-laws. You will find the information under a separate topic, “By-Law Change”.

New Ads: We have new ads from “Home Remedies” and “Best Value Inn”. There is room for a few more ads, so don’t hesitate to sign someone up.

Legislative Session: The Legislative Session is over. Some new laws will be going into effect, and some new controversies will become popular issues for debate. Check out the State web sites for more detailed information.

Candidate’s Forums: We need to schedule forums prior to the June and the November elections. We will need some help to do this. If you are interested, please call me. We will try to set up dates and locations at the March meeting. I expect the first forum to be in May.

Other: We need to plan ahead whenever possible. We need some input on suggested guest speakers and events you feel we should be involved in. Please think about these things and bring your ideas to the March meeting.

NRCA OFFICERS

- President**
Richard Dlugosz.....718-9173
- Vice-President**
Lee Dennison.....721-7585
- Secretary**
Mary Parker.....718-9292
- Treasurer**
Florence Chisolm.....343-4215

REPRESENTATIVES

- Ward 2 Alderman**
Sam Kooiker.....721-6282
Deb Hadcock.....343-1247
- Ward 4 Alderman**
Ray Hadley.....342-8899
Ron Kroeger.....348-6195
- Ward 5 Alderman**
Malcolm Chapman.....716-6210
Bob Hurlbut.....484-5856
- County Commissioner**
Mark Kirkeby.....391-6282
- School Board**
Leah Lutheran.....342-0719
Sheryl Kirkeby.....343-4003
- State House Representatives**
Jeff Haverly.....390-5839
Alice McCoy.....716-6814
- State Senate**
Bill Napoli.....341-2370

North Rapid Civic Association

NRCA Elections (again)

March 23, 2006 7:00 p.m.

**** DAV Hall ****

Please plan to attend and bring a friend!

North Rapid Civic Association

North Rapid Civic Association February 23, 2006 Minutes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by our president, Richard Dlugosz. Board members present were President Richard Dlugosz, Vice-President Lee Dennison, Secretary Mary Parker, and Treasurer Florence Chisolm.

Pledge Of Allegiance: Pack 31 presented the American flag and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's Report: The Secretary's Report was approved. A thank you was received from the Memorial Park tenants for the baskets they received at Christmas time.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was presented and approved. Balances were as follows...Jan. 2006

Checking: \$702.83

Savings: \$4295.95

Old Business

Neighborhood Beautification Ideas: Doug expanded on a "neighborhood" beautification project. He spoke of neighborhoods going together on a project that would tie the neighborhood together by "design". This would greatly improve the 'curb appeal' of whole neighborhoods. We could ask someone from SDSU Ag. Dept. to talk about trees and shrubs that are good growers for our area.

New Business

Donations: Richard Cooper reported the Milwaukee Neighborhood Watch along with Weed and Seed are proposing a "banner" program for the North Rapid area. These banners would be designed by area school students and placed on poles on the main entry streets to North Rapid. Meetings with the city are ongoing to make sure all laws are followed. Richard is looking for sponsors for these banners. It was moved and seconded to give \$500.00 to this project. The motion carried.

It was also brought up that the Spring Creek Drifters 4-H Club that gathered the goodies and made-up the baskets that were given to the Memorial Park tenants at Christmas had spent an additional \$59.90 beyond what we had given them. It was moved and seconded to give them an additional \$60.00 to help cover their expenses. The motion passed.

Elections: No one stepped forward for any of the offices (all of which are being vacated due to term limits). The NRCA By-Laws state in Art. V, Section 4 that "Officers shall be elected for a term of one year (1) with a maximum number of two (2) consecutive terms for any one office." Since there were no new officers elected a motion was made and seconded to defer to Robert's Rules of Order to maintain the officers we have now for the "good of the order". The motion passed.

A motion was made to change our By-Laws Article VI Term of Office Section 1 that currently reads: The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve one year. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting in February.

The proposed change is to read: **The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve one year or until their successors are elected.** The motion passed.

Reports

Weed and Seed: Patricia suggested that NRCA and Weed and Seed 'mesh' for strength in numbers for all future projects.

We received notice that the City Wide Clean-Up will be April 29.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of NRCA will be on Mar. 23 2006. Again...seriously consider serving ***YOUR*** civic association as an officer to help keep our organization viable.

Meeting Adjourned – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Parker

Vice-President Report

by Lee Dennison

From the Vice-President: Greetings to all! I hope everyone is doing fine. It is time for another meeting and some important things will be brought up. There are some members who have some ideas about inviting the Neighborhood watch groups to our meetings and combining forces. What I mean is 1 meeting a month rather than 2 or 3. Inserting a place in the agenda for a Neighborhood watch President to update us is no difference then having a City Alderman report. Unfortunately we have seen neither hide nor hair of any of them for a while. Please try to attend this months meeting.

Please take time to read the newsletter, as we will be voting on a by-law change. We will need your vote. There have also been strong suggestions to move our meetings to a new location, again please plan to attend. This organization is seeking some new officers, we need a change and I agree. There are some great changes in Rapid City coming. Are we going to be left behind?? It is up to **YOU!**

Our next meeting will be 7:00 PM at the DAV at 101 E. Madison St. on March 23rd.

See you there.

By-Laws Suggested Change

ARTICLE VI: TERMS OF OFFICE

Now reads: Section 1: The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve one year. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting.

Proposed: Section 1: The officers shall be elected by ballot to serve one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting or at the close of the next regular meeting when their successors are elected.

NOTE: The *exact* wording may be modified slightly if membership so desires. The INTENT is to allow for a "grace" period when a problem occurs and new officers are not or cannot be elected at the February meeting.

If anyone has a better way to word this, please let us know at the March meeting before we vote.

Upcoming Events

May 2006 - Candidates Forum

June 2006 - Primary and City Elections

September 2006 - NRCA Picnic

October 2006 - State Candidates Forum

November 2006 - National/State Elections

Rapid City Council

Want more detail on city government? Check out the Rapid City Web Site.

<http://www.rcgov.org>

If you select "city council" under the heading GENERAL, you can download the minutes of all city council meetings in a PDF format dating back to the year 2000.

NRCA Elections

We still need to officially elect officers. If you are interested in serving, please call me. Hopefully, we can complete this at the March meeting.

Committees

There are many ways for the NRCA to become more productive. One is to set up some working committees.

We have had several committees in the past but many have been dropped for various reasons.

Committees, if properly used, can divide up the workload of an organization and also provide new insights and ideas.

I recommend the following committees be put into place:

Beautification Committee

Historical Committee

Newsletter Committee

If you are interested in any of these, please let one of the NRCA officers know. These would be "appointments".

Guidelines would then be drawn up for each committee listing duties and responsibilities.

If you know of another committee that may be of use please let us know.

City-Wide Clean Up Day Saturday, April 29, 2006

April 24 through April 29th – Free disposal. Area residents using private vehicles, (cars, pickups, and small trailers) may haul items to the landfill on S. Hwy 79 --Hours are 7 am to 4:45 pm Monday/Saturday - **SECURE ALL LOADS**

No household hazardous waste will be allowed at the landfill. – THERE IS NO CURB SIDE PICKUP.

Visit the City of Rapid City Solid Waste Department Web page for information on disposal of items such as oil and paint – go to: http://www.rcgov.org/pubworks/solidwaste/special_waste_handlers.pdf

Tire Disposal: PRICE: 16" or smaller \$2.39 per tire ---- Tire on rim or larger than 16" - \$7.62 per tire. Tractor or other large tires are \$185.00 per ton – ALL TIRE DISPOSALS MUST STOP AT SCALE.

White Goods: All non-freon appliances can be disposed of at Pacific Steel & Recycling (Monday-Friday 8 am to 5 pm) for \$5.00 per item. All freon appliances, like refrigerators, freezers and dehumidifiers can be taken to Karl's TV & Appliance for a cost of \$47.70 or K&D Appliance Service for freon removal at a cost of \$42.40 per certification. Pacific Steel & Recycling will accept and certify freon bearing appliances for \$42.40 each. Certificates **MUST accompany appliance to Pacific Steele for disposal. April 24th through May 5th. As usual all other appliances will be \$5 each. Pacific Steele will be open from 7 am to 2 pm on April 29th for white goods only -- No appliances at the landfill.**

Trash to Treasure Exchange at Landfill: Saturday, April 29 –The public is invited to bring usable items to a special area at the landfill on Saturday only – these items will be available for free on Saturday, April 29th only.

Yard Waste Compost Sale: April 24th to April 29th at the Regional Recovery and Landfill Facility (RALF) on S. Hwy 79 from 7 AM to 3 PM each day. Prices are \$20 for large pickup and \$10 for small pickup load.

Junk Vehicle Disposal: For information contact Pennington County Enforcement Officer at 394-5321.

2006 Roll-off Sites

April 22 & 23

8 am to 4 pm

**Mall Drive
Midway & McArthur
Silver Street
East North & North Maple**

&

April 29 & April 30

8 am to 4 pm

**409 E. Watertown
621 East North St. Parking Lot
625 Crazy Horse
625 Sitting Bull**

***NO TIRES, NO APPLIANCES, NO
AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS, NO
PAINT & NO YARD WASTE AT
THESE SITES***

**Sponsored by: City of Rapid City -- Rapid City
Community Police Officers – Rapid City Solid
Waste Operations**

SCAMS

There are many “scams” out there with the sole purpose of separating you from you money or your identity. Not all are Hi-Tech and use a computer. This is just one.

Fake Jury Duty

Simple: **you** receive a phone call you think is from your local court saying a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you did not report for jury duty.

You say you were never notified and this is a mistake.

They say “no problem”. It must be a computer or administrative error. They can clear it all up. Just give them your Social Security Number and date of birth so they can check your records.

You do. Now they have all they need to create a new identity. You are now in for big trouble, financial and otherwise. Basically, you are screwed. It may take years to sort it all out.

NEVER give your SSN, account numbers or other confidential information over the telephone to ANYONE for ANY reason UNLESS you initiated the call to someone you know you can trust.

North Rapid Civic Association

Membership is open to all residents and/or property owners who are 18 years or older in the North Rapid neighborhood. This area is North of Omaha Street, between Campbell St. and M. Hill Ridge, and South of the Pennington County line on Haines Ave.

Members of the North Rapid Civic Association (NRCA) :

- Meet the 4th Thursday of each month for regular meetings at DAV Hall
- Sponsor Candidate Forums before each election and invite the public
- Are active in all areas of the community
- Meet regularly with elected officials from city, county and state government
- Receive a monthly newsletter

Become part of the “solution” and help improve our neighborhoods

Meet your neighbors and community leaders

If you are interested in joining one of the most influential civic associations in western South Dakota, please contact one of our board members listed on the front page.

Annual Membership Fee: **\$10 per Immediate Family Membership**

Questions: contact Richard “Doug” Dlugosz 718-9173
 Lee Dennison 721-7585

PLEASE GIVE THIS APPLICATION TO A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR

Cut along dotted lines and send to address shown

Application for Membership in the North Rapid Civic Association

Date: _____

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Home Phone: _____

State: _____

Work Phone: _____

Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Make Checks Payable To: **North Rapid Civic Association**

Mailing Address: **PO Box 8104
Rapid City, SD 57709**