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**F**rom the President: I would like to thank you for the vote of confidence and will do my best to serve you well. A big thanks goes out to the dedication of Lee Dennison and Richard Dlugosz for their many years of service.

To give you a little history of myself.; I grew up in the Canyon Lake area until the 1950's. I attended school at Cleg-horn Canyon, Washington Junior High, the Old Coolege building, and graduated from Rapid City Central in 1955. My wife, Jeannine and I were Married in August 1963. We moved to North Rapid area in 1968 and will never leave. We have 2 sons, 1 daughter, 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

The upcoming months are going to be busy with our annual spring cleaning coming up on April 29<sup>th</sup>. The election forum, looking for new meeting location and getting positions filled on committees, and all the help will be greatly appreciated. Team effort is the key word in keeping the NRCA alive and well. Please volunteer for a committee.

It was a welcome sight to see some of the neighborhood watch groups show up to join Forces with our group. Between the two we can do wonders for the community, and I look forward to the new ideas and information that they can bring to the meetings.

Remember: "Learn From The Past And Look Forward To The Future."

Jim Albers  
President North Rapid Civic Association

**NRCA OFFICERS**

- President**  
Jim Albers.....342-6714
- Vice-President**  
Richard Cooper.....341-0051
- 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  
April 27, 2006 7:00 p.m.**

**\*\* Youth & Family Services \*\*  
120 East Adams**

Please attend and bring a friend.

North Rapid Civic Association

## North Rapid Civic Association March 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, Secretary Mary Parker, Treasurer Florence Chisolm... Vice-President Lee Dennison was excused.

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

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report for February was approved as printed in the newsletter.

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

Checking: \$528.03

Savings: \$4301.23

### Old Business

**By-Law change:** It was moved and seconded to accept the by-law change as printed in the last newsletter. The motion passed and now Article VI: Terms of Office, Section 1 will now read "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."

**Election of NRCA Officers:** Jim Albers was nominated to hold the office of President...he was elected by acclamation. Richard Cooper was nominated to hold the office of Vice-President...he was elected by acclamation. No one stood for the offices of Secretary or Treasurer so according to the new By-Law...Article VI Section 1...Mary and Florence will remain as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, until someone is elected into those offices.

**North Rapid signs:** It was noted that there was a new "Welcome to North Rapid" by the senior center.

Richard Cooper and Pat Pummel reported on the status of the program to establish North Rapid banners...brackets have arrived to be inspected and which poles can be used is being decided through

the city and power company. Students at North Middle School and Jefferson Academy are designing the banners.

**Thank-you:** Cheryl K. thanked NRCA once again for the extra \$\$ donated to the Spring Creek Drifters 4-H Club to help reimburse them for their expenses for putting together Christmas baskets for the elderly.

### New Business

**Neighborhood Watch:** It was suggested that ALL Neighborhood Watch groups in North Rapid be invited to NRCA meetings to share in what they are doing, thus all groups learning from each other. It was also agreed that if they wanted to submit news and reports, these reports could be printed in our NRCA newsletter.

**Committees:** Lawren Erickson volunteered to help with the NRCA newsletter. Doug D. said he would be happy to help get this project up and running with new committee members. Other committees looking for a chairperson are Membership, Hospitality, Beautification, and Historical. Anyone interested in any or all of these can contact any Board member.

### Reports

**City:** Ron K. reported the city is gathering info. For moving the work-release facility...there is a possibility for 2 new North Rapid strip malls...the civic center is working on its add-on with 2012 funds...the city will start to widen Anamosa St. beginning next year...discussion continues on Canyon Lake Park road closure.

**County:** Mark K. reported that the county is working on billboard restrictions....there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Public Safety building on 21 April.

**School:** Sheryl K. reported the school board is working on its budget...bids for the new General Beadle school will open soon and there is a power-point presentation available for any interested party...the board is working with SDSM&T and the city on resurfacing the track at SDSM&T...the Reading Recovery program is doing very well...the Math Recovery program is up and running now...School Board elections are coming in June of this year.

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**REMINDER:** City Wide Clean-Up will be April 29.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of NRCA will be on Apr. 27, 2006. Again...seriously consider serving YOUR civic association as an officer or committee member 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 Richard Cooper

I welcome this chance to serve as VP. for the North Rapid Civic Association. The president and I have already put our heads together and talked about our goals for the association. We want to have a mission statement for the association. Please think about that before the next meeting.

We want to work on our membership for old and new members and other goals that we will be discussing at our monthly meeting. If you haven't heard we have changed our meeting to the Girls Inc. in the main conference room. Same time, 7 PM. We have this room booked for all future meetings at no charge.

Monday April 10<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting with the other board members to discuss goals for the association. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

### Remarks from the Editor

by Richard Dlugosz

New NRCA officers have been elected for President and Vice President. The current Treasurer and Secretary positions will remain the same for the coming year. Please give your full support to these officers.

**Editor:** Yes, that seems to be me, at least for the time being. We need some volunteers to help with the newsletter. You do not have to know a lot about computers, but you DO have to be willing to donate an hour or two each month. If you are interested, please contact me at 718-9173.

The goal is to set up a committee to get the newsletter out on a regular basis. This is critical for continued operation. If one member becomes ill or has an emergency, the newsletter will still get out.

We need *your* help!

**Candidate Forum:** That is coming due. If you would like to help out with that project, again, please call me.

We need timekeepers and help with setup. These are very worthy events and benefit all in our community.

**Participation:** That is really not such a big word, but it is a vital one. Without it, little or nothing gets done. We need your help to help improve life in North Rapid.

There are many things going on, from road construction to new businesses springing up. How do these changes affect our daily life? Can we have an impact on the decisions? Are all changes for the better?

These are just some of the questions to consider and the answers may be more complex than you think. *Your* input is **important!**

### 2006 Roll-off Sites

April 22 & 23

8 am to 4 pm

Mall Drive

Midway & McArthur

Silver Street

East North & North Maple

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April 29 & April 30

8 am to 4 pm

409 E. Watertown

621 East North St. Parking Lot

625 Crazy Horse

625 Sitting Bull

Just a reminder of the locations for roll-offs and dates scheduled. Start early and get rid of trash the easy way. Save gasoline and time by using the roll-offs instead of running to the landfill.