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**F**rom the President: How time is flying by. Two week-ends of cleanup done. The upcoming forum at General Beadle School to prepare for and another newsletter to get out. Thanks to Doug 's volunteering to help get the new guy's off the ground .I think we will make everything fall into place.

I spoke about team effort in my first letter last month and will probably bring this up quite often because it's the one thing that will make this organization successful.

At the last meeting many of you signed up for a committee and I encourage those that either missed the sign up sheet or were not at the meeting to do so at the next meeting.

Your participation will be greatly appreciated and needed. The member's of any organization are the success or failure of any organization not the president or board members. We are just here to conduct the meetings and help where can to keep things moving smoothly.

We have three new members to our group and look forward to more in the future. Welcome to Jay Davis, Mitch and Charlotte Hildebrant.

A very special thank you goes to the following local businesses for their very generous donations to the North Rapid Civic Association and North Rapid Neighborhood Watch cleanup crews:

**Jerry's Cakes & Donuts  
Runnings  
Lowe's**

Please support your neighborhood Businesses and they will support us.

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**North Rapid Civic Association**

**Candidate Forum**

**May 25, 2006 7:00 p.m.**

**\*\* General Beadle Gym \*\***

North Rapid Civic Association

# North Rapid Civic Association

## April 27, 2006 Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by our president, Jim Albers. Board members present were President Jim Albers, Secretary Mary Parker, and Treasurer Florence Chisolm. Vice-President Richard Cooper 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 March was approved as printed in the newsletter.

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

Checking: \$179.03

Savings: \$4004.95

**Guest Speaker:** Jay Davis spoke on the uniqueness of and the keeping open of the Horace Mann Pool...more hours than last year...new signs to direct swimmers to pool...and the fact that we as neighbors need to USE the pool...numbers matter!

### Old Business

**Rapid City Clean-up:** Mahoney and Milwaukee Neighborhood Watch groups spoke of a job well done in their areas. They collected several dumpsters full of "stuff" and had a good get-together with great food afterwards. THANKS to all those who turned out to help! The rest of North Rapid will gather this coming Saturday at several of the parks in the area and spread out from those points. Along with the Neighborhood Watch groups, several church groups and a group from KSLT will be working in North Rapid. Everyone is encouraged to come out and help clean up!

**Pack 31:** It was brought up that we needed to decide if we would continue to sponsor Pack 31. It was moved and seconded that we should cover their charter costs of approximately \$300.00 due in Dec. 2006. The motion carried.

### New Business

**Newsletter:** A motion was made and seconded to continue printing our newsletter at the DAV at the cost of \$20.00 per month plus the purchase of 2

cases of paper per year. The motion carried. It was also brought up that Western Mailers would do our mail-outs for the cost of \$.24 per newsletter (approx. 4 sheets each). A motion was made and seconded to do so. The motion carried.

**Goals/Statement:** Discussion of just what our organization's goals might be and what our "mission statement" should be took place. Some suggestions were made. Lists will be present at each meeting for a while to gather ideas our membership might have.

One of the ideas brought up was to investigate the current voting boundaries and to see if they follow current federal/state/county/city laws. Bill N., Ron K., and Mark K. volunteered to look into this and report back at our next meeting. It was suggested that the use of 'visuals' would be extremely helpful to understand who votes where.

**Committees:** A list of committees seeking volunteers was presented. Mitch H. said he would work with airing our Public Service Announcements, Bill N. said he would head-up the Christmas Decorations Committee, and Mark K. said he would like to see the Business Beautification award brought back...he volunteered to head this committee. Anyone else interested in serving NRCA in ANY way is encouraged to contact any of the officers.

### Reports

**City:** Ron K. reported the city is going to use some of the Work Release personnel to help with the city clean-up...strip malls are now called shopping developments...The widening of Anamosa is going to be studied more...the extension of Anamosa and Mall Dr. will also be studied. Ron was asked about when work on Silver and Gold streets was projected for...Ron will check on this.

**County:** Mark K. reported that the new Public Safety Building is great and there is room for growth...the Real Estate Assessment Program has been gone through...and there is a new billboard ordinance in Pennington County.

**State:** Bill N. reported that the oldest WDT building is being considered to become a minimum-security facility...more information to come. Bill and

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Alice McC. both stated they were getting ready for their Summer Study assignments.

**Other Concerns:** With the weather getting nicer, graffiti is becoming more of a problem. If you notice any ‘tagging’ or graffiti...especially in North Rapid...contact Richard Cooper, Jim Albers, or Lee Dennison (all from NRCA) or call Jim Hansen at the Police Dept. Kenny’s Body Shop has very graciously donated a secure space to keep ‘anti-graffiti’ supplies. THANKS...KENNY’S BODY SHOP!!! Volunteers are always welcome for this committee, also!

Another community service suggested is that of helping some of our elderly neighbors with tasks that might be too difficult for them to do. If you see any need like this let one of our officers know so we can get some volunteers lined-up to assist with such needs.

We would also like to gather information on owner/renter occupation in our neighborhoods.

**Next Meeting:** Watch for your next newsletter with information about our upcoming Candidate’s Forum in lieu of our May business meeting (May 25).

Again...seriously consider serving ***YOUR*** civic association as a 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

## Neighborhood Watch Notes

by Lee Dennison

Greetings! Thanks to all who participated in the Milwaukee Neighborhood Watch Clean Up. A real big **THANKS!** To Richard and Delores Cooper for the use of their garage for the great food. Patricia Trimble we can’t thank enough for the great food provided every year. Patricia and her helpers every year gather donations from our local restaurants. Thanks for all the local support to keep our neighborhoods clean and safe.

If you didn’t attend, you really missed out on the great time we had. Remember to attend the NRCA meeting this month for a further up date. See you soon, Lee.

## Vice President Report

by Richard Cooper

I’m sorry I missed the first meeting at the new location, but had planned a trip to Alaska to visit my new grandson. It was good to hear we had a good turnout.

On Jun 6<sup>th</sup>, the city/state elections will be held. I hope you are planning to vote on June 6<sup>th</sup>. We can make a big difference on how our city government is run. We want to pay special attention to those who are going to represent North Rapid. We can complain about our city officials all we want, but we cannot make any changes if you do not get out and vote. So please get out and vote.

Doug Dlugosz was recognized for his many years of service to the NRCA. It appeared he had an argument with a big cement mixer and the mixer won. Thanks again, Doug.

We would also like to recognize Lee Dennison for his years of service to the NRCA. Lee is also very active in the Milwaukee Neighborhood Watch and other volunteer programs. Thanks, Lee.

## Silver Street (extended) Neighborhood Watch

by Mary Parker

We had a good turn-out for Spring Clean Up.

A big “thank you” to all who turned out to help, The whole area looks so much better!

Our next meeting is tentatively set for June 13<sup>th</sup>....watch for more info. as to place and time.

## Candidate Forum

May 25, 2006 at 7:00 PM

General Beadle School

District 35 Candidates

Ward 2 and Ward 4 Candidates

## Clean-Up Notes from April 29 2006

by Jim Albers

The city wide clean up efforts in the Silver street area went very well. With the coordinated efforts of Jim Hansen's neighborhood watch group, Deb Hadcock's Church Group, members from North Rapid Civic Association, a large number of people from other area radio stations KSLT, KLMP, the Point, teens from J.D.C. and 11 people from Work Release who volunteered their time.

Rapid City fire department, police department, and landfill personal all joined together to make a big difference in our area.

Areas cleaned were the Boulevard west of the work release facility, empty lots west to the Silver street area on North Street, West Blvd north from I-90 back to North Street. The radio station groups cleaned the four area parks, Scott Mallow, Horace man, College and Legion Park. They also stained the retaining wall on the north and west side of the park. It really looks nice. The police department and fire department cut trees and brush on city property to the south of Mallow Park. Another area cleaned was an empty lot behind Best Buy next to Lowe's. One of the work release fellows even found a dollar in the field.

Deb Hadcock took her teams from Omaha street south to South Street between Fifth Street to East Blvd, cleaning the alleys as they went.

The **Church of the Nazarene** fixed a buffalo burger lunch with all the fixings, pop chips and a good fellowship.

Last but not least we received donations from some local businesses as follows:

**Jerry's Cakes** on East Blvd donated four dozen donuts.

**Lowe's** donated four dozen bottles of water.

**Runnings** donated twenty-four pairs of gloves.

Words cannot express enough how much we appreciate all the volunteer's time to make our community look better. All I can say is thank you all.

May we each day make our community a little better than it was the day before.

## Neighborhood Watch Thank-You

by Richard Cooper

I would like to thank the following business's for the food and prizes they donated for the Milwaukee Neighborhood Watch clean-up on April 22<sup>nd</sup>:

**Prairie Market**

**Papa Murphy's**

**Little Caesars**

**Taco John's**

**Great Wall**

**Kentucky Fried Chicken**

**Wendy's**

**Elks Theater**

**Taco Bell**

**Parkway Car Wash**

**Super Lube**

**Checker Auto**

**Hardee's**

**Olive Garden**

**Saigon Restaurant**

## Editor's Notes

by Richard Dlugosz

We are forming a newsletter "committee". I hope to train a new "editor" soon to take over the newsletter along with a team of assistants.

I will remain on the committee as long as I am needed and will continue working for the NRCA and for North Rapid.

We need volunteers for other committees. The By-Laws allow several committees already, but a committee on paper is meaningless. We need "Flesh and Blood" people to make those committees a reality.

Please contact one of the NRCA officers and offer some of your time as a volunteer.

There is much to be done in our neighborhoods and it is up to US, those who live here, to see to it those things get done.

No one is going to do it for us. This is **OUR** community. This is **OUR** responsibility.

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month for regular meetings at Youth and Family Services (Girls Club)
- 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      Jim Albers                      342-6714  
   Richard Cooper                      341-0051

**PLEASE GIVE THIS APPLICATION TO A FRIEND OR NEIGHBOR**

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## Application for Membership in the North Rapid Civic Association

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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