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From the President: The primary forum went very well with a good turn out. Thank you, Doug for all your time and effort in putting the forum together.

We gained four new members at the forum. This brings our membership numbers up by almost 10% for the last two months. This is very encouraging and hope it continues to grow at this pace.

The Youth and Family Services Staff has asked us if they could be associate members. I don't see a problem with doing so and very pleased that other people outside of our boundary area are interested in our Organization. The only thing is they would not be able to have a vote the same as those that put ads in the news letter. Those Individuals who want a newsletter could receive it at no cost by email or pay a \$5.00 yearly membership fee to cover cost of mailings. Details to be decided at the June meeting.

We will have a number of new projects and Ideas to be discussed. Meeting dates, picnics in July and August, as well as special events coming up in the next three months.

Please plan on attending the June 22, 2006 meeting and bring a friend.

Note from the Editor: Our last regular meeting was April 22. We had the Candidate's Forum in May, so there are no minutes for this issue.

Please bring the MAY newsletter with you to the meeting for the reading and approval of the minutes for April.

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North Rapid Civic Association

June 22, 2006 7:00 p.m.

**** Youth & Family Services ****

Come and bring a friend!

North Rapid Civic Association

Vice President Report

by Richard Cooper

The election on June 6th mid term turn out was very poor. I worked the Voting Precinct at the Assembly of God Church. I think we have over 4,000 registered voters in North Rapid. We were many short of that 4,000. I hope the November election will be much better.

Jim Albers and I , along with eleven kids from North Middle School painted out graffiti behind Runnings and the East Blvd. train bridge on the east side. The kids got more paint on the sidewalk and themselves than they did on the wall but they seemed to have fun. I want to thank all the kids who helped paint out the graffiti. We do have some good kids out there.

The community police officers have made a big change in North Rapid over the past few months. And, I foresee a lot more big changes coming. So, if you see your community police officer, "Thank" him or her. If you don't know who it is, call the police department and they will tell you who is in your area.

In the last news letter under Milwaukee Neighborhood Watch, Patricia Trumble's name was spelled wrong. Sorry Patricia.

See you all at the monthly meeting.

Picnic

A CPO "Thank-You" picnic is going to be held at 6:00 PM on July 11, 2006 at the Horace Mann Park picnic shelter for all the CPO and Neighborhood Watch groups.

NRCA members are also invited.

Please bring a salad or desert to share... meat, drinks and paper products will be provided.

If it is a HOT day...bring your swimsuit. We may get a chance for a dip!

Come over and join the fun. It is going to be a long, hot summer and this is a good chance to cool off, meet new friends and have a good time.

PRECINCTS COUNTED (47 OF 47)

BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	19,462 of 55,933 Registered Voters.
BALLOTS CAST - REPUBLICAN PARTY	12,436
BALLOTS CAST - DEMOCRATIC PARTY	5,323
BALLOTS CAST - NONPARTISAN	1,703

If the numbers look depressing, they should be. There are so many important issues to discuss today and it seems everyone you talk to is very vocal on so many of these issues. Yet, when given a chance to take part and make changes, they sit back on their big fat behinds (Being polite here) and let others make the choices.

They then turn around and start complaining all over again.

Personally, I say GOOD. I prefer making the decisions for you. I like the idea that I have a better chance of getting what I want because so many of the "complainers" don't know how to do anything other than complain.

So, PLEASE. I beg you. Next election, sit home and do nothing. Let me, and others like me, decide what your future will be.

Seem too strong? TOUGH. Maybe it is time that things were said that should be said, "politically correct" or not.

To all of those (hopefully NRCA members) who went to the polls to Vote: THANK YOU.

To everyone who sat around watching the world go by while muttering under your breath, THANK YOU also. I hope you like the decisions I made for you. If not, too bad.

Richard Dlugosz (Temporary Editor)

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 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

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: _____

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