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**F**rom The President: The weather is very hot, dry and summer is passing by way to fast.

The top three items of interest from the survey of what members thought we needed to do most were:

1. Promote the North Rapid Area
2. Promote the Horace Mann Pool and Park
3. Beautify the Area. All

Of the above items need your participation to accomplish these goals.

WE need People willing to deliver Handouts and newsletters to their Neighbors, and all area's of North Rapid. The Newsletter committee needs an Editor and Help to get the Newsletter printed and mailed on time. If you have ideas or suggestions please bring them to the meeting all of your input is very important .

Horace Mann pool promotion and upgrading is already begun. There was a meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup> at the pool area with the Parks and Recreation Dept, City Council members and interested parties to discuss the possibility of up grading or replacement of the pool facility.

The first step will hopefully already be accomplished by the time you receive the newsletter. On July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Council meeting the suggestion is to be made to reappoint the pool committee to study the Pool problem and possible solutions, keeping the 50 meter pool in the same location.

We will need all the members to support these efforts by attending Council meetings and expressing their support for the pool. E-mails, letters and phone calls to the Mayor and City Council Members does a great deal toward the support of any issue.

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**North Rapid Civic Association**

**July 27, 2006 7:00 PM.**

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

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## June 22, 2006 Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by our president, Jim Albers. All board members were present. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

	Apr. 2006	May 2006
Checking:	\$270.03	\$295.03
Savings:	\$4008.23	\$4011.62

**Guest Speaker:** Sgt. Jegeris, supervisor of the Juvenile Division, started with the "TOP 10" juvenile offenses for 2005 then focused on current trends...good and bad. He then gave an overview of what the RCPD is doing to work with reducing the bad trends and increase the positive attitude between the RCPD and youth of our community. He covered such topics as Youthful Offenders, Female Offenders, Drug Usage, Reduction in Juvenile Crime, Decreased Gang Activity, and Juvenile Diversion. Some of the current programs used to create a better relationship with our youth are the School Liaison Program, the Youth Academy, STAR Protocol, Active Shooter Training, Amber Alert, Operation Inform, and Directed Intervention Program. Anyone having any questions can call St. Jegeris at 394-4134 or e-mail him at:

[karl.jegeris@rcgov.org](mailto:karl.jegeris@rcgov.org).

### Old Business

**Pool and Ball Park:** It was brought to out attention that the Horace Mann Pool and the adjacent ball field were once again on the "chopping block". We as an organization need to be seen and heard at to our wishes for our community...Steve R. said he would be on the pool committee and start the ball rolling.

**Forum:** A big "thank you" to Doug, Addie, Lowren, and the LaCross Super Eight Motel for assisting in the Candidates Forum.

### New Business

**Survey:** A survey was handed out to gather information as to what committees members wanted to work on and what main concerns for our area are.

**Goals/Statement:** Our sheets for Goals and our Mission Statement were set out for people to add to. (Our Mission Statement sheet went missing so if anyone finds it in your paperwork from our meeting, please bring it to the next meeting or give Mary a call.)

**CPO Picnic:** There will be a CPO Picnic on 11 July 2006 at 6pm at the Horace Mann Picnic Shelter. Meat will be provided, everyone is asked to bring a salad or desert. It was moved and seconded that NRCA would provide the buns...motion passed. Jim A. will get the buns.

**Yearly Dues:** It was moved and seconded to make our yearly dues \$12.00. The motion passed. It was also moved and seconded to increase our ad fees to \$36.00 a year starting in Jan. 07.

**CSF:** We will need approximately 20 volunteers to cover our shifts for the Central States Fair this year. This is our only moneymaking project and all members are encouraged to help if they are able. We will have a sign-up sheet at our next meeting.

**Mow:** A "Courtesy-Mow" sign-up sheet was sent around for volunteers to sign up. The projected date for the mow will be 26 Jun 06. The mowing will be done between the sidewalk and the curb on streets such as Haines, LaCross, and Anamosa. Notes will be left notifying residents/businesses who has done the mowing and why...hoping to increase the awareness the North Rapid is the Gateway into Rapid City and that we all take pride in that.

**New Members:** We would like to welcome our newest members...Mitchell Hildbrant, Jay Davis, Gordon Wicks, James Czmowski, Malcom Chapman, Wayne and Elaine Bouzek, Ed Trigg, and Associate Member...YFS.

### Reports

**Forum:** Doug says that we need to get ready for the Nov. forum...perhaps we can join forces with

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another civic organization to increase participation in both audience and candidates.

**Historian:** Addie said she would chair this committee.

**County:** Mark K. reported that the city and county are discussing the 'evening-out' of salaries...the 1 year time frame for the exemption of who can be housed at the Work Release Facility is almost up...there will be a public meeting on 13 Jul 06 at the Court House at 7pm concerning the Pennington Co. Fair Grounds.

**State:** Alice McC. reported everyone will be working on their Summer Study subjects...she is working on Vet. Affairs...the Heartland Express will bring \$\$ into SD once it is finished...she has election calendar info...contact here if you want more information.

**Other Concerns:** The Church of the Nazarene has a work group coming in to do community work...contact Deb Hadcock for details.

\*September 7, 2006 is the United Way Day of Caring...contact Malcom Chapman for details.

\*We would still like to gather information on owner/renter occupation in our neighborhoods.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be 27 July at YFS at 7pm.

Mark your calendar now for our annual picnic to be held 31 Aug. at Horace Mann Park Picnic Shelter. More information later.

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 8:45 pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Mary Parker*

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The number three item that just about every member supported was the beautification of the area. There again we need the people who have the time and energy to make it happen! Please join the Beautification committee, bring your suggestions, imaginations and a neighbor to the next meeting.

## Editor's Notes

By Richard "Doug" Dlugosz

I wanted to say a couple of few things.

First, I have worked and served the NRCA for nearly 30 years now. That is a lifetime to many. I have enjoyed the work, the challenges and serving my community.

I announced I would not be running for an office during our February elections so new people with new ideas could take up the challenge. The hope was to bring in new members as well.

To a large degree, that is exactly what is happening. We are getting some new people with new ideas. This will take time. Maybe months.

Every organization needs a shakeup now and then.

I am, and will, be around to work on various projects for the NRCA.

That said, the "newsletter" will not be one of them. I simply cannot continue to work under a "schedule" with deadlines for things that "have" to be done.

I have asked for help with the newsletter for at least 5 years now. I am sorry to say no one has jumped up to say they would take over or even help.

Therefore, this is my LAST newsletter. I just cannot keep it up every month.

Over the years I have tried many concepts to spark interest. I have included poems, puzzles, humor and much more.

I seldom, if ever, receive a positive comment or even a "thank you". I do receive complaints that I spelled something wrong, etc.

I feel the only way someone is going to step up is if I simply "stop". Now there is no choice. If the newsletter is to continue, someone must step up and begin work on it.

I have loved doing most of it, but like all things, cannot continue to do it alone.

Lee Dennison has helped considerably by printing the addresses and mailing them out. Thanks Lee.

I will see you at the meetings, help where I can and offer suggestion and opinions as I have always done.

I believe in the NRCA and know others will step up.