



RAPID CITY ARTS COUNCIL
DAHL ARTS CENTER

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Marcia Elkins, Planning Director
Vicki Fisher, Assistant Planning Director
City Planning Department
City of Rapid City
300 6th St.
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Marcia & Vicki:

The city-owned Dahl Arts Center will be expanded to include a 500-seat theatre and expanded galleries and classrooms.

The City of Rapid City approved purchase of the MDU for use in the Dahl Arts Center Expansion Project and made the first down payment in August of this year. In March, MDU will vacate the building and the Arts Council will enter into an agreement to administer the MDU building, much like it administers the present Dahl Arts Center for the City of Rapid City.

As stated in the 2012 proposal to the City Common Council, the Arts Council plans to immediately lease the second floor of the MDU to generate income to offset operations expenses of the building. A meeting was held on November 16th, 2001 with Arts Council staff and Expansion Committee members, representatives from Thurston Design and representatives from City Planning, Community Development, Fire Department, Engineering and Building Departments. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss transfer of the MDU building to city ownership and the administration of the building by the Arts Council.

At that meeting, it was suggested that a list of potential uses for the MDU building and the Expanded Dahl Arts Center be submitted to City Planning for review.

The following potential uses for the MDU building and the Expanded Dahl Arts Center have been assembled by the Building Expansion Committee:

- Community Arts Center including
 - Performance Theatre with 500 seats (Theatre, Music, Dance, Literature, Speakers)
 - Meeting Rooms
 - Art Galleries
 - Educational
 - Sales
 - Permanent Collection
 - Educational Art Classrooms
 - Kiln
 - Pottery Wheels
 - Permanent Art Collection Storage
 - General Storage
 - Catering/Cooking
 - Coffee Shop
 - Gift Shop
 - Receptions
 - Administration Offices
 - Sculpture Garden
 - Rehearsal/Warm up Space
 - Box Office/Information Area
 - Loading/Unloading Dock (Scenery, art crates, etc.)
 - Art Crating/Uncrating/Exhibit Prep Room
 - Dressing Rooms, Showers
- Retail stores, sales and display rooms and shops
- Offices
- Artists' Studios
- Parking Lot
- Cooking
- Library
- Tenant Space
- Lease Space
- Guest Artist Apartment Unit
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Interim Use of MDU Building before construction of Expanded Center Potential Uses

- Offices
- Artists Studios
- Meeting Rooms
- Rehearsal Space
- Educational Classrooms (no pottery wheels or kilns)
- Storage for Arts Center

- Lease Space
- Tenant Space
- Children's Satellite Gallery (presently exists on first floor)
- Catering/Cooking (kitchen presently exists in basement)

Please call me if you have questions or concerns. I may be reached at on the City Centrex system at 4101 or by email at rcacexec@rapidnet.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Anderson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Anderson
Executive Director
Rapid City Arts Council