

FY 2004 CDBG Annual Action Plan  
Public Comment Period

Comments received from the public during 30 day public comment period.

3/23/04 Jaaron Johnson – Co-owner 1221 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Jaaron called and wanted to know what they could do to be reconsidered for funding for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street sewer line project. He stated that he thinks most of the families are low income and can't afford to pay for the sewer hook-up and lines. Staff told Jaaron that unless we have acceptable documentation from the occupants of the homes that shows their income is below 80% of the median income for the household size, we could not consider the application for CDBG funds. Jaaron said that he would contact all the owners and ask them to drop off their income information to the Community Development Specialist, Barbara Garcia. Staff told him that the deadline is April 9, 2004 and that it would be best if he put his concerns and request in writing. Staff also provided Jaaron with the names of the City Council Members and told him that he could speak to his Council Member about his situation, if he would like to.

3/24/04 Laura Lynn Ruiz – Homeowner 1215 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Ms. Ruiz spoke with Mr. Johnson and he told her that to be considered for the funding from CDBG funds all the homeowners needed to provide their income information. Ms. Ruiz called in to get more details about what she had to provide. She stated that she definitely supports the efforts to get additional funding for the project. She stated that her income may be over the limit. She would have her return done by the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> of April and would bring them in. (They have not been received yet.)

3/31/04 Ellen Farrar – Homeowner 1207 12<sup>th</sup> Street

Ms Farrar called in to verify the information that Mr. Johnson had given her about the CDBG funds. She stated that she wants to see the other people have sewer service but she does not want to have to pay for it or have her grandfather clause affected on her home. She also stated that Mr. Johnson is grading into the side of the hill that was the mudslide problem in 1998, and she is concerned that it will cause more instability and drainage problems for her property. She does not want her sewer line to be capped. She does not want to hook up to the new line if she has to pay to do so. She does support the others getting CDBG funds to pay for it, if she can hook up free too. Ms Farrar said that she would be at the Public Meeting at 11:30am. (See her comments in Public Meeting Minutes).

COMMUNITY MEETING  
FY 2004-2005 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN  
RAPID CITY CDBG FUNDING

March 30, 2004

Name(s): JIM CASTLEBERRY Phone #: 341-2741

Address: 30 MAIN ST RAPID CITY, SD 57701

I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Community Development Block Grant funding and Annual Action Plan:

A REVIEW OF THE 5YR CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
SEEMS TO BE ON TARGET IN MEETING HOUSING  
NEEDS ISSUES IN RAPID CITY CONSISTENT W  
HUD REQUIREMENTS AND OBJECTIVES.

THE NEED FOR SAFE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING FOR  
WOMEN AND CHILDREN IS READILY APPARENT.  
THE PROGRAMMING OPPORTUNITIES CREATED THROUGH  
PARTNERSHIPS WITH YFS, CAREER LEARNING CENTER  
AND THE FAITH COMMUNITY, WILL GREATLY PROVIDE  
REAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING  
FOR WOMEN AND EDUCATION & SOCIALIZATION FOR THE  
KIDS. WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS PROJECT  
AND GRATEFUL FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

Please submit comments by April 9, 2004 to the following address:

Barbara Garcia, Community Development Specialist  
Rapid City Growth Management Department  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
(605) 394-4181

April 5, 2004

Marybeth Ostrowski  
1221 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

**CITY OF RAPID CITY**  
**APR 8 0 2004**  
**COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT DEPT.**

City of Rapid City,

I have been a home owner and tax payer in Rapid City for well over ten years. My parents lived and raised me here. I am paying for city services – including sewer usage as are the other home owners on and near 12<sup>th</sup> Street. However, I do not have access to the city sanitary sewer.

When I purchased my home at 1221 12<sup>th</sup> street I was unaware that there existed a private sewer line that is shared by several homes. It appears that other home owners in this neighborhood were also unaware of this substandard sewer system.

Once the next door neighbor discovered this failing system, her resolution was to block our access to the sewer line. Our service line runs across her property. We were told the City has nothing to do with it – it's O.K. for her to smash and fill our sewer access with concrete. She now expects me to reimburse her for blocking the line.

Our original home has been serviced by this private sewer line since 1927. This old sewer line has been deteriorating for many years. Problems with this line have been brought to the attention of the city several times. However it seems the City decides to turn its head and look the other way – as if this small part of Rapid City doesn't matter.

I really feel like the city has chosen to ignore our problem. As a lifelong resident of Rapid City, I feel that we deserve to have a sewer – a city sewer for my home as does every other resident of this city that pays taxes and city services.

The joint sewer line has caused me much grief and many problems. After my home burned down, we had to continually approach the city to even be allowed to rebuild on the property. This continual feet dragging has added to keeping me out of my home and paying rent and a mortgage for the last year.

We have done everything we can do to build a new home. We have improved the value of our property and the neighborhood. But how can live in a home without sewer access?

I'm not asking for newly paved streets, better street lighting, signs or other accessories to life. We really need a sewer. How can I express how basic this need is? Financially, I cannot afford to put in a new sewer.

I am asking for your help. I hope you can understand this situation is causing me an unbelievable amount of anxiety. I have a two year old son to raise and I would like him to have home. My income is in the lower range, but I have always been responsible with my money. However, I cannot afford to pay for a new sewer.

If we do not have access soon, my two-year old son and myself will not have a home to go to when the rent money runs out – which will be the end of May. I have no where else to turn. I don't know what else to do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marybeth Ostrowski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Marybeth Ostrowski  
1221 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

My name is Jane June King 8 April '08  
1215 12th Street \* Historic West Block

as a first time home owner and resident  
in Rapid City, I am also a Realtor.  
To abide by one of the Highest Codes  
of ethics is my duty & honor.

I am asking the City of Rapid City,  
Pennington County, and any State or  
Federal party(s) to do the same.

There is a detrimental sewer issue  
that affects; not only the homes in  
our area (→ marketability & value, assessed  
taxes vs. actual = we were not getting  
what we pay our fair city for) but  
also our natural resources are in  
jeopardy of <sup>further</sup> ground water contamination  
and hazardous conditions.

Please review the following  
documents I'm submitting and  
I feel certain a Sewer Main  
has to be the outcome one  
granted.

Please feel free to contact  
me at any time for any questions  
or for further detail on documents  
Submitted.

Thank-you for your time  
and consideration on this very  
Crucial decision To

indeed Grant our affected  
homes the assistance we need  
deserve, and by rights have  
already paid for.

Amey & Jana Spivey