



# RAPID CITY PARKS & RECREATION

515 WEST BOULEVARD RAPID CITY, SD 57701

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January 18, 2013

To: Public Works Committee

Request:

Authorize Farmers Market to operate in Founder's Park for the 2013 Season.

Recommendation:

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends approval of the Black Hills Farmers Market at Founder's Park for 2013. The original request was for approval through the 2018 season. The shortened approval time is recommended to allow Staff to monitor the use and attendance of the newly developed park and investigate amending the City Code, below, to fall more in line with other community activities that sell goods.

Background:

The Black Hills Farmers Market runs from June through October. In June it is a Saturday only event, and July through October they operate on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. No fees have been assessed to the Farmers Market and no formal conditions or limitations have been placed on their activity.

The Black Hills Farmers Market has previously occupied Founders Park, based on approval through the 11-6-19 Review Process. Since that review process has been repealed, and since the structures that are setup in the Flood Hazard District during the Farmers Market do not meet the criteria for a Conditional-Use Permit, Council approval is the only process for review of their activity at the requested location per Rapid City Municipal Codes:

1. 17.04.263 – **Farmers Market.** *The Offering for sale of fresh agricultural products directly to the consumer at an open air market designated by the Council as a community activity.*
2. 17.50.230 – **Farmers Market.** *A Farmers market, as defined in 17.04.263, may be conducted in any nonresidential zoning district subject to such conditions and limitations as the Council may direct in designating such Farmers market as a community activity.*

Other Community activities, such as, **Sidewalk Vendors** (SDCL: 12.12.040), **Sidewalk Cafes** (12.12.030) and **Concessions** (12.24.080) have their application process, fee structure, operating times, and other stipulations outlined in the Municipal Code. The Farmers Market is the only activity with the sale of goods that is handled directly through Council.

The City has also established an open air market for individual vendors not associated with the Black Hills Farmers Market organization. The City approved a \$40/day fee to be assessed to vendors who wish to operate at this market, RESOLUTION No. 2011-054.

Black Hills Farmers Market  
Rapid City SD 57701

Rapid City Parks and Recreation  
515 West Boulevard  
Rapid City SD 57701

Re; Request to designate a Farmers Market location

To Whom It May Concern:

Mark Olson and Leonard Novak for Black Hills Farmers Market are requesting that the Market continue to operate at the Founders Park for the 2013 through 2018 seasons; the season being; June, Saturdays only, to the end of Oct. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from 9:00 to 3:00.

The proposed Black Hills Farmers Market site is located north of the Founders Park Parking lot at the intersection of Canal Street and West Omaha Street. The property is owned by the City of Rapid City and is currently zoned Flood Hazard District.

Sincerely,



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