

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RUSHMORE PLAZA CIVIC CENTER EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Board of Directors has been working diligently since December of 2011 to address the aging and deficient 37 year old Don Barnett Arena; and

WHEREAS, the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Board of Directors has commissioned several studies to date including: ADA and Life Safety Assessment Study, Building Code Compliance Study, as well as, a Feasibility and Market Analysis Study, expending over \$200,000 in RPCC generated revenues for these studies; and

WHEREAS, the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Board of Directors established the Civic Center Futures Committee comprised of 18 local business owners, youth, former mayor and city councilmen, tourism, economic development, and political leaders. For nine months, the CCFC met biweekly and studied all aspects of the aging facility to determine the appropriate course of action for the future of the facility. Ultimately, the RPCC Board accepted the recommendations of the Civic Center Futures Committee which was to "undertake a comprehensive feasibility study for the construction of a new arena;" and

WHEREAS, the Rapid City Common Council voted to hire consultants to determine an initial design and cost estimate based on the recommendation brought forward by the CCFC to the RPCC Board; and

WHEREAS, the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center Board of Directors unanimously supports the BLUE CONCEPT, as proposed by the consultants for expansion of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center and repurposing of the Don Barnett Arena; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, fully supports the establishment of the RUSHMORE PLAZA CIVIC CENTER EXECUTIVE TASK FORCE comprised of the following entities for the purpose of moving the expansion of the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center to ground breaking. The Task Force members include:

Rapid City Chamber of Commerce Board Chair – Marnie Herrmann
Rapid City Chamber of Commerce President and CEO – Linda Rabe
RPCC Board Chair – Jeff Bailie
RPCC Board Vice Chair – Jennifer Landguth
RPCC Finance and CCFC Member – Pete Cappa
RPCC Finance and CCFC Member – Dan Warren
City Council President – Jerry Wright

Along with support from:

Mayor Sam Kooiker
Council Vice President – Brad Estes
RPCC Board Liaison – Charity Doyle
City Finance Officer – Pauline Sumption

RPCC Interim Executive Director – Jayne Kraemer
RPCC Interim Executive Director – Tracy Heitsch
City Attorney – Joel Landeen
City Fire Chief – Mike Maltaverne

The duties of the task force will include, but not be limited to, the following:

Identify and engage a Project Manager
Establish a timeline to move the project forward
Create and engage the educational components necessary for a public vote
Review of financing mechanisms

The Executive Task Force would act as a steering task force and would last until the groundbreaking or the end of the 30 month American with Disabilities Act Compliance deadline, whichever comes first.

Dated this 14th day of October, 2014.

RUSHMORE PLAZA CIVIC CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

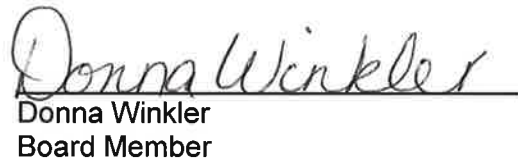


Jeffrey Bailie
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:



Jennifer Landguth
Vice Chair of the Board



Donna Winkler
Board Member