



Dear Mayor and Council,

As you are aware every season is it suggested that Summer Nights be moved or reconfigured. This season it was also suggested that Summer Nights be replaced by an alternative event. While we did not have an objection to the RCDA plan, we felt very strongly that the public would object to a vastly different layout. As we were concerned that drastic changes could diminish the energy and vitality of our "downtown Thursday nights" we requested a delay on the competing permits.

We have had a series of meeting with the RCDA, DRC and Main Street Square staff and believe the plan we are submitting is the best possible compromise. David Goodwin, VP of the Summer Nights board and Suzette Cuny, membership director of the RCDA have also made numerous calls on business owners to get feedback. While we are aware we will never be able to solve every issue or concern, we feel we have addressed and resolved most of the major issues. I believe this plan comes as close to a consensus of business owner opinions as we can possibly accomplish.

As this plan seems to have been met little or no opposition, we would respectfully request that this plan be approved for the next 3 years. We would be willing to stipulate in order to protect public safety the street layout could be altered by the Rapid City Police Department, and/or the Rapid City Fire Department

Sincerely,

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