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Parks and Recreation Memo

Date: April 6, 2006

To: Rapid City Council

From: Duncan Olney, Aquatic Division Manager

Subject: Informational Item on Swim Center Closure

Purpose: To inform the Council that the Swim Center will close April 24 through April 30 to fix the lighting system in the pool area.

Information: The lighting system in the Swim Center natatorium area has never worked properly since opening. Water spray combined with an average air temperature of 87 degrees has caused failure in several of our light systems. In addition, these lights were designed for two fixtures in each system, but to meet our lighting requirements three fixtures were placed in each. With the additional heat from the third light bulb and the higher ambient temperature of the pool air, our lights are continually failing.

We have worked with the manufacturer and local contractor to resolve this problem. They have redesigned new lights and need to install them. This will happen the last week of April so not to affect our programming schedule. At the same time, we will accomplish some of our required yearly maintenance in other parts of our building. In the future we hope to accomplish these types of activities in early August when we have the outdoor pools available.

Recommendation: For Information Only