

8 January 2009

To: Rapid City Common Council
From: Soccer Task Force
Date: 14 January 2009
RE: Soccer Task Force Request and Recommendation

Dear Council:

On 20 October 2008, at the request of the City Council, Mayor Alan Hanks appointed the following people to a committee to “*work with*” Soccer Rapid City: Karen Bulman, Frank Bettmann, Buker Beaumont, Malcom Chapman, Dan Davis, Rod Johnson, Renae Kampa, Joan Martin, Bill Okrepkie, Brian Pitts, Dale Tech and Ron Weifenbach. The committee later requested and received approval to add Rapid City Parks and Recreation Director, Jerry Cole.

The Committee has held five (5) meetings. In the first meeting the committee defined the scope of work and what it means to work with Soccer Rapid City. That scope includes a look at the original 2012 request, land discussions, fundraising efforts, infrastructure needs, a review of the financials of the various soccer groups and an overall assessment of the soccer complex project. What it means to “*work with*” is to move the project forward in a positive manner.

Although the committee has touched on several of the items listed the majority of its time has been spent discussing land, city owned and non city owned parcels. The land discussions are based upon site selection criteria and are attached for your review.

After extensive discussion, it is the opinion of the Task Force that without a designated piece of land the soccer community is hampered in its ability to discuss the project and raise monies towards these efforts. The Task Force’s work is not completed but with the previous need for land designation comment in mind we bring one request and one recommendation to the Council at this time.

Request

The Soccer Task Force requests the City Council identify a piece of land for a Soccer Complex.

Recommendation

The Soccer Task Force recommends the City Council identify one of the two properties listed below as land for the Soccer Complex. Our order of preference is:

1. North Elk Vale
2. Wally Byam

Respectfully Submitted,
Soccer Task Force