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MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal and Finance Committee

FROM: Marcia Elkins, Growth Management Director *me*

DATE: December 10, 2009

RE: Floodplain Policy Resolution Regarding Park Land Designation

On July 7, 2008, the Rapid City Council approved "A Resolution Establishing a Rapid Creek Floodplain Policy" including a policy calling for the dedication of additional land as park land. The policy was the result of nearly a year of work by the Floodplain Development Policy Committee including numerous public hearings.

The adopted policy addressing the dedication of park land reads: "The City Council shall adopt a resolution dedicating as park land the publicly owned property listed on Exhibit A, List of Public Land to be Designated Park Land and as shown on Exhibit B, Maps of Public Land to be Designated Park Land." Copies of those documents have been linked to this memorandum. That list includes 185 parcels of land.

Additionally, the adopted policy stated: "The City Council shall examine the priorities and costs associated with the purchase of the Knecht Park property and if feasible, shall acquire the Knecht Park property and dedicate the land as park land." The property was purchased in accordance with the policy; however, to date the property has not been designation as park land.

In reviewing the properties to be designated as park land, staff was asked to address the dedication of the park land in a multi step process by first identifying those parcels that are completely located within the hydraulic floodway. Attached please find a map and a list of those parcels located entirely within the hydraulic floodway. That list includes 66 parcels. Staff has prepared the resolution designating those 66 parcels located wholly within the hydraulic floodway as park land. It is attached for the Committee's review. Additional survey work will need to be



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completed to identify legal descriptions for the portions of the property located within the hydraulic flood way to facilitate the designation of those portions of the parcels as floodway. This will require additional staff time to accomplish that task.

Also attached is a resolution designating Lot 1, Knecht Park Subdivision as park land in accordance with the Rapid Creek Floodplain Policy.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of the resolution designating the 66 parcels of land located wholly within the hydraulic floodway as park land and approval of the resolution designating Lot 1, Knecht Park Subdivision as park land.