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MEMORANDUM

To: City Council
Date: February 15, 2012
From: Mayor Sam Kooiker 
Re: **Appointment to Mayor's Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities**

Questions were raised at the February 6, 2012 City Council meeting regarding the appointment of Kathleen Sheets to the Mayor's Committee for Employment of People with Disabilities. Pursuant to the By Laws Article V- Section 1, adopted by the City Council on February 18, 1975, and signed by Mayor Don Barnett, Members of the Mayor's Committee will be from the Greater Rapid City Area. Since the focus of this committee is employment for people with disabilities, and because Rapid City is the hub of economic activity in the Black Hills, it is appropriate to appoint people to this committee from the region.

There have been many other committee members over the last 37 years, including chairpersons of the committee, who do not live within city limits.

Kathleen Sheets is highly qualified, and I encourage the Council to support her nomination for this important committee.



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Howard Michael

From: websiteforms@rcgov.org
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2011 6:43 PM
To: Kooiker Sam; Howard Michael
Subject: Form Submitted from City of Rapid City Website - Citizen Interest Application

The Citizen Interest Application was submitted from the City of Rapid City website. Here are the responses given.

Name: Kathleen Sheets

Street address: 23839 S. Rockerville RD

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD 57702

City resident: Yes

Ward (see link at the top of this page if you are not sure what ward you are in): 1

Daytime Phone: 605 593 2788

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Email Address: k.isaksonsheets@gmail.com

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Parks and Recreation, Beautification, Disabilities:

Beautification:

As part of my roles with South Dakota communities I have played a key role in implementing the Horizons Community Development program which consists of community input and involvement regarding what a community would most like to aspire to through the organization of community teams that address key components of community momentum and the ability to actually move forward and get things done within a strict time schedule that also allows for limited funding acquisition.

A key aspect of this process is that of beautification and regional marketing, and communities are keenly aware of this: they are motivated to provide a carrot that is appealing and significant in order to attract needed visitors and strategic growth in our region.

I feel confident that progress can be made in the area of Beautification, and I would suggest utilizing some Horizons tools into the beautification process, as they also provide significant learning tools that promote and teach professional and personal development tools that are desperately needed as well. I have been privy to working with a good number of SD community leaders due to running a statewide SBA Economic Development program for several years.

Disabilities:

I am least familiar with the area of disabilities; however, I continue to come back to it because I want to make a meaningful, personal difference in the lives of those I serve and work with. I have been fortunate to experience many different cultures and work with underserved populations as well as those who are more fortunate. I would have a tremendous amount to learn, but my heart is in the right place to serve those with disabilities. I am flexible and willing, should my name "be found" on this option.

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): First of all, please let me clarify that I have a Rapid City mailing address, yet after speaking with your office, it is my understanding that I am not included in any particular ward, and am listed as a "County" citizen; thus the # 1 marked above for the "Ward number" is incorrect but answered with a "Yes" to allow a response to the question.

I will now focus on the mission at hand:

Parks and Recreation:

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s):

I accepted the nomination to serve on the Utah GamesNetwork Board of Directors for the 2001 Olympics, developing International youth and family programming in my field of work, specifically focusing on family and youth character development, leadership, and life skills through athletic challenges. Through my passion for making athletics more significant than x's & O's. I partnered with global entities and trained international leaders representing approx. 20 countries through a training summit offered in the state of Utah.

I later assisted Greece with program implementation of the same purpose. As a non-profit project, 28 entities and seven Utah Counties joined our efforts as did the and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee. Much Publicity was received as a direct result of our efforts. I do not believe that sports builds character; but rather that sports and competitions, and struggles REVEAL our character and allow us the opportunity to grow positively from enlightened situations that address our character.

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying:

This concludes my Citizen Interest application except that I would like to express my thanks to you for considering my application.

Best wishes for finding the right candidates to best fit your needs.

Most Sincerely,
Kathleen Sheets
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Education, license, certification, & experience: Education & experience:

Trained educator
BA Degree: Family Sciences

MBA: approx. 50% Completed, 3.97 GPA

Elementary Teacher & Administrator at private, accredited, and accelerated schools in CA and Utah.

Family related children's and Youth program administrator in Oregon.

Co-Teen leader for a high school Youth group - 5 years - Indiana.

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Community involvement, activities, service organizations:

4-H leader

Assistant Girls middle school Basketball Coach Executive leadership for community development Sports Life Board of Directors Served on SBA Public Policy Committee, National Level, WBC Served on Black Hills Business Council I have led Community trainings to encourage local initiatives & provide personal & Professional growth opportunities.

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: My passion includes working with others to better society and increase options for those less fortunate. I want to make a difference. and I would very much like to be involved in something like this, that could birth change and foster courage & initiative.