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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Planning Commission

FROM: Marcia Elkins, ^{me}Director

DATE: June 18, 2009

RE: Subcommittee Recommendation on Procedures for Special Exceptions to the Flood Area Construction Regulations

On June 11, 2009, members of the Planning Commission Subcommittee on Procedures for Special Exceptions to the Flood Area Construction Regulations contained in Chapter 15.32.240 of the Rapid City Municipal Code. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the existing procedures and possible revisions. Karen Waltman and Tom Hennies represented the Subcommittee and Dale Tech, City Engineer and Marcia Elkins, Growth Management Director provided staff assistance.

The Committee members reviewed the existing ordinance provisions and the procedure sheet provided to applicants. Copies of these documents are linked. Discussion followed regarding the four recent applications that have been processed and approved, including two for the Hills Alive Festival, the Heritage Festival and a recent request for a tent for a wedding. Additionally, the group discussed the requirement for City Ordinance conformity with the minimum standards established by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the requirements for obtaining Federal Emergency Management Agency approval of any City Ordinance Amendments to insure that the residents of the City of Rapid City are allowed to continue to participate in the Federal Flood Insurance Program.

After evaluating the regulations and the procedures for reviewing exception requests, the Subcommittee found that the current procedures are working and provide protection for the public safety while balancing other public interests including allowing special events with temporary



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structures in the City's parks. Further, the Subcommittee advised that the City should consistently apply the same stipulations regarding removal of structures in emergency situations and immediately following the end of the event. The Subcommittee found that no ordinance amendments appear to be necessary.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Subcommittee recommends that no changes be made to the process for addressing Special Exceptions to the Flood Area Construction Regulations for temporary uses and structures.