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## Down Syndrome Family Support Group

To: Development Services Center  
Growth Management Department  
Attn: Department Director

The Ups of Downs Family Support Group would like to ask the Planning Commission to approve a multi-year(s) 11-6-19 SDCL Review for our annual Buddy Walk that is held at Memorial Park Bandshell in September. This is our 9<sup>th</sup> year for the Walk and in the past was held at Canyon Lake Park until 2008 when we moved the Walk to the Bandshell. Having the Buddy Walk at the Bandshell allows us to invite the community to participate to help promote the awareness and acceptance of children and adults with Down syndrome in western South Dakota.

The Buddy Walk is a one day event on a Saturday in September. The event consists of a walk around Memorial Park, lunch for the participants, activities, and a small concert. Our day begins around 7:00 and ends after clean up by 4:00. We had 500 participants in 2008 and will expect that to grow as the awareness of Down syndrome and the Buddy Walk becomes more familiar to our community.

Have submitted the 11-6-19 SDCL Review paperwork for the 2009 Buddy Walk along with the Special Exception Review paperwork. The Buddy Walk details were listed, an emergency preparedness guideline was attached along with an evacuation map, a walk path map, and a Buddy Walk site plan.

Should any additional information be needed, please do not hesitate to let me know. We thank you for your consideration and appreciate your assistance.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mona Droic'.

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