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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Planning Commission

FROM: Bill Lass, Senior Planner

DATE: 1/30/01

RE: Americans With Disabilities Act – Parking Ordinance

On August 5, 1999 the Planning Commission received a request from Shelly Shock of Western Resources for Dis-Abled Independence to pursue revisions to the City's Off-Street Parking Ordinance regarding handicapped-accessibility issues. Specifically, Ms. Shock requested that the Ordinance be revised so that the disabled parking requirements apply to all parking lots. The City revised the Off-Street Parking Ordinance in 1998 to incorporate the applicable disabled parking requirements contained in the Americans With Disabilities Act. However, the City's Parking Ordinance applies only in cases in which a new building or parking lot is being expanded, when a building is being enlarged by twenty percent or more, or when a property changes in land use. Ms. Shock wishes to see the Ordinance revised so that *existing* parking lots are modified to meet the disabled parking requirements.

Staff recommended to the Planning Commission on August 5, 1999 that they reappoint committee members to the original ADA Parking Subcommittee in order to further investigate Ms. Shock's request (see attached minutes). The original membership of the subcommittee consisted of one planning commissioner, two representatives from Western Resources for Dis-Abled Independence, and one other disabled individual. Due to a number of unfilled positions on the Planning Commission, the Commission at that time decided to wait until they were filled. Staff is now requesting direction as to whether the Planning Commission wishes to table this request or appoint members to the ADA Parking Subcommittee and refer the issue to that subcommittee for review.

Thank you.



EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Nash suggested that a joint Planning Commission and City Council meeting be held to discuss this issue.

The motion carried to authorize the Planning Commission Chairperson to sign a letter to the City Council requesting that the lottery to issue an additional video lottery license not be held, that the Council review the process used for issuing additional video lottery licenses and that no additional video lottery licenses be issued. (6 to 1 with Nash voting no)

33. Committee Reports

A. City Council Report

Elkins reported that the Tax Increment District #28 Project Plan was discussed at length at the August 2, 1999 City Council meeting and was continued to the August 16, 1999 City Council meeting. She advised that the two plat requests for Dennis Zandstra were denied without prejudice per the Planning Commission's recommendation.

F. Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance Committee

Elkins advised that Shelly Shock, Western Resources for Dis-Abled Independence, has requested that all existing parking lots in Rapid City be updated to provide appropriate parking for disabled persons. Elkins requested that new members be appointed to this committee so that this issue may be discussed extensively. She suggested that Barb Thrstrup, former Chairperson and Planning Commission liaison for this committee, be asked to attend the meetings to provide history on this issue.

Nash stated that he would prefer to wait until the remaining Planning Commissioners were appointed prior to making any committee assignments. He added that he would visit with the Mayor to determine the status of the Planning Commissioner appointments.

There being no further business, Gavle moved, Jorgenson seconded and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 a.m. (7 to 0)