



# CITY OF RAPID CITY

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Public Works Committee  
**FROM:** Mayor Sam Kooiker *Sam Kooiker*  
**DATE:** November 28, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Appointment to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

### PURPOSE:

Please confirm the appointments of Heather Thompson and Domico Rodriquez to the Parks & Recreation Advisory. Details of the appointments are listed below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Expiration</b>	<b>Voting</b>
Heather Thompson	Board Member	12/31/2015	voting
Domico Rodriquez	Board Member	12/31/2015	voting

### CURRENT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Below is a list of current members of this board. Terms up for appointment are italicized.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Expiration</b>	<b>Voting Member</b>
<i>Van Lindquist</i>	<i>Board Member</i>	<i>12/31/2012</i>	<i>voting</i>
<i>Wes Storm</i>	<i>Board Member</i>	<i>12/31/2012</i>	<i>voting</i>
Charles Tinant	Board Member	12/31/2013	voting
Jeffrey Schild	Board Member	12/31/2014	voting
Karen Olsen	Board Member	12/31/2014	voting
Rick Askvig	Board Member	12/31/2014	voting
Nick Stroot	Board Member	12/31/2014	voting
Chad Lewis	City Council Liaison	07/01/2013	non-voting
Steve Doshier	Beautification Committee Representative	-----	non-voting
Steve Hasenohrl	Urban Forestry Representative	-----	non-voting



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

Name: Heather Thompson

Street address: Chapel Valley Road

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):  
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Daytime Phone: (605) 786-6178

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Email Address: [hd\\_thompson@yahoo.com](mailto:hd_thompson@yahoo.com)

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Vision Fund  
Journey Museum Parks & Recreation

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): Extensive experience in economic development policy, including through tourism and community activities.

Education, license, certification, & experience: CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY B.A., International Studies UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA M.A., Public Policy HARVARD LAW SCHOOL Juris Doctorate

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Cheyenne River Sioux, Tribal Member

South Dakota Indian Country Bar Association, Founder

Cheyenne River Youth Project, Advisory Board Member

Pennington County Bar Association, Member

National Native American Bar Association, Past President

Additional information/qualifications relevant for the committee or committees to which you are applying: US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE • Indian Country Section

Assistant United States Attorney  
Pine Ridge/Rapid City, SD

Indian Country Federal Prosecutor for the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Cover all relevant felony crimes emanating from Pine Ridge, focus special focus on violent crimes, violence against women, and gang violence.

SNR DENTON (SONNENSCHNEIN, NATH & ROSENTHAL LLP )

Partner

Washington, DC

One of approximately five Native American partners at an AmLaw 100 law firm. Lead of Sonnenschein's Indian law public policy team. Cover all aspects of including tribal sovereignty, litigation, law enforcement, economic development, energy, telecom, and homeland security. Clients range from individual Tribes and Indian owned businesses to intertribal associations such as the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association and the Council on Energy Resource Tribes.

NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS (NCAI)

Director of Government Affairs

Washington, DC

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest and largest body representing American Indian Tribal governments. Responsibility for managing the entire legislative staff and coordinating education and outreach to Congress and the Administration. Special focus on law enforcement, tribal courts, and homeland security and ran the Indian Country Meth Task Force.

UNITED STATES SENATE • Senator Daschle (SD)/Democratic Policy Committee

Counsel/Policy Advisor • Judiciary, Labor, and Indian Affairs

Washington, DC

Provided policy advice and counsel to the Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle (SD) and the Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Byron Dorgan (ND). Policy portfolio included: Judiciary: tort reform, international criminal and judiciary issues, judicial reform, international human rights, federal judicial appointments, voting rights, federal and international election reform, constitutional amendments, civil rights, crime, immigration and international migration, and counter-terrorism. Labor: minimum wage, pay equity, pensions, and overtime pay. Indian Affairs: sovereignty, nation building, judicial reform, international indigenous issues, criminal and civil jurisdiction, economic development, health, and education.

**Seachris Lindsey**

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**From:** websiteforms@rcgov.org  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2012 1:53 PM  
**To:** Kooiker Sam; Howard Michael; Seachris Lindsey  
**Subject:** Form Submitted from City of Rapid City Website - Citizen Interest Application

**Categories:** ADD TO TRACKING

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

Name: Domico Rodriguez

Street address: 410 E. Utah Street

City, State, Zip: Rapid City, SD, 57701

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: 718-8491

Evening Phone: 209-1213

Email Address: [rodriguez@visitrapidcity.com](mailto:rodriguez@visitrapidcity.com)

Please list the specific committee(s) for which you are applying: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Work and/or business experience related to the committee(s): My job is to recruit and help promote sporting events in Rapid City and I feel it is crucial to discuss opportunities and issues with the board for all Parks and Rec facilities and opportunities. Citywide communication is going to be key moving forward in an effort to capitalize on a growing sports tourism industry.

Education, license, certification, & experience: Member of the National Association of Sports Commissions NASC

Community involvement, activities, service organizations: Rapid City Sports Council, OFFICIALS Club

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

**Seachris Lindsey**

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**From:** Michelle Lintz [lintz@visitrapidcity.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2012 3:24 PM  
**To:** Kooiker Sam  
**Cc:** Howard Michael; Seachris Lindsey; Lintz Kristy  
**Subject:** FW: CHAMBER City requests citizens interest applications for Board vacancies

Good afternoon Mayor,

Domico Rodriguez, CVB Sports and Events Sales Director, sent his application in again today for the Parks and Rec Board of Directors. I had mentioned before how valuable I thought it would be to have a CVB connection on the Parks and Rec board, and now more than ever after reading and hearing Don Schumacher's (Executive Director of the NASC) report I believe it would be significant to create that relationship. In his report he states "there are cities that have produced outstanding results through collaborative efforts between clubs, park districts, CVBs and sports councils. A very good example is Columbus, IN. The CVB, parks department and local sports clubs and leagues work together, and that has produced continual expansion of local sports programming, an increase in the number of events and visitors and construction of new facilities designed first for the residents and then to attract visitors." He references a number of cities and their CVBs that have worked to grow sports tourism for the benefit of the entire community.

Please consider Domico as a representative of the CVB for this position.

Thank you.

Michelle

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