

December 5, 2012

I am writing to ask that you reconsider my appointment to the Rapid City Civic Center Board at the next Council Meeting on December 17, 2012.

I missed the discussion regarding my appointment at Monday night's meeting as I had shared when I introduced myself during general public comment I had a prior commitment and had to leave before the discussion and vote on my appointment.

I was surprised to receive the news the next morning that the council voted 6-4 to deny my appointment after unanimous support from the Legal and Finance committee on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

At the Legal and Finance Committee I understood that all knew that I was replacing Rich Huffman. Therefore thought any concerns for the replacement of Rich Huffman would be addressed at that time. In fact, I rearranged my schedule to be available to answer any questions and concerns that may arise. I was pleased that all city council members voted in favor of my appointment and my appointment was approved with ease.

My understanding is that there is an approval process for a citizen to serve on a city volunteer board such as the Civic Center board. Each board is unique to the process but for the Civic Center Board I understood the Mayor appoints through applications received from interested citizens; Mayor goes through all applications, makes a selection and recommends a person for Board appointment. Appointment from the Mayor then is sent to the Legal and Finance Committee. The recommendation is placed on the agenda to allow for public and committee discussion. The Legal and Finance Committee then approves or rejects the recommendation and if approved that recommendation is placed on the City Council agenda for confirmation of appointment.

My application was received on October 30<sup>th</sup> and on November 7<sup>th</sup> I met with the mayor in his office to go over my qualifications, state my interest and was explained the challenges and level of commitment needed for this position. I shared with the Mayor that I was thrilled with the opportunity to serve on the Civic Center board as I believe civic participation enhances our community. I also shared my employer support for serving on the Civic Center board. I left this meeting assuring the Mayor that I was willing to pursue this position but understood that I would be contacted if selected.

The middle of November the Mayor confirmed my desire to serve. I was given the timeline and made arrangements to attend the 28<sup>th</sup> Legal and Finance meeting. Again as I stated for this meeting I was prepared to answer and address any questions or concerns regarding my appointment. There was no need, as no discussion occurred.

You can only imagine my disappointment this last Tuesday morning when I learned I had been denied this appointment.

It is my hope that you will bring this up for reconsideration at the next Council meeting and vote for my appointment to the Civic Center Board or address the concerns you have over me for this appointment.

Sincerely,

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