

Dear Ms. Heller and Council Members:

I am concerned about the proposed plan for placing parking meters on Kansas City Street and 9th Street around the Rapid City YMCA and ask that you please reconsider the plan.

Put simply, forcing YMCA members and volunteers to pay for their parking will hurt the Y. The YMCA serves our children, families and community well by providing a safe and fun environment for adults and children to exercise and socialize while learning the basic principles the Y encourages: respect, responsibility, leadership and so much more. Many of these memberships are given at no cost or at a reduced cost to children and/or families that cannot afford the fees. The Y will no longer be able to serve these people in their fitness and wellness goals if the cost of parking forces them to withdraw their membership. The Y will also lose current and future full-paying members, reducing the funds needed for the Y to continue with all their outreach programs.

I personally know of several cases of obese people using the Rapid City YMCA as their tool to reduce their weight by over 100 pounds, therefore improving their health significantly. The overall wellness of people in this country is greatly

needed to reduce the stress on the healthcare system, and the Y is certainly doing its part to lend a hand. Please don't thwart this mission by discouraging people from their workouts due to parking fees every time they visit the gym.

The Y has been and continues to aggressively seek parking ramp options for its members as well as neighboring businesses. Their goal is to improve the parking situation in the area, not make it worse. Placing parking meters around the Y would make the parking situation worse; PLEASE DON'T DO IT!!!!!! The Rapid City YMCA has always addressed all needs and concerns of its members. Please allow them the opportunity to continue to do so without interference of costly parking fees (meters).

The Rapid City YMCA has been a huge part of my and my family's life for six years. I believe strongly in its purpose and mission. I would like to be able to continue my personal work and volunteer work there without the fear of having to reach deeper into my pockets for parking at a time when I and everyone else in this country are already reaching deeper for gasoline costs. Please reconsider your parking meter proposal and allow the YMCA to continue its mission of building stronger kids, stronger families and stronger communities without the financial

setback the City would cause by placing the parking meters around the Y.

Respectfully,

Trisha Myler

YMCA member and volunteer

Trisha Myler
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-----Original Message-----

From: Keith Rhudy [mailto:rhudy@rapidcity.net]

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 12:32 PM

To: Heller Monica

Subject: Parking comments #2

Re: 2-hour Parking

Dear Monica;

I just heard that the city is considering putting up 2-hour parking signs all the way around our block. Why? This would create problems for us that have businesses in Midtown Plaza having to park too far away. Can't we just have the courthouse employees park in the parking garage? I think that would ease things up the most.

Keith Rhudy

-----Original Message-----

From: lahmj@rushmore.com [mailto:lahmj@rushmore.com]

Sent: Friday, June 20, 2008 1:31 PM

To: Heller Monica

Subject: Do not put meters around or near the YMCA

DO NOT PUT METERS AROUND THE YMCA!!! You are punishing the old and the poor.... Those of us on fixed incomes are having difficulties enough putting food on our tables and gas in the car in order to get to the Y TO exercise. Now you are proposing to punish us again by putting meters, which we must use, in order to exercise... Why PUNISH us??? Also, young families with children are choosing to provide a fun, safe place to exercise with their kids. Obesity is a problem in Rapid City and these parents are trying to teach their children to get off the sofa and into the Y to swim, play basketball, play organized games and sports. DO NOT PUT METERS AROUND THE YMCA !!!!!!! Joan Lahm, Rapid City resident

-----Original Message-----

From: BHPA [mailto:bhpa05@rushmore.com]

Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 11:14 AM

To: Heller Monica

Subject: Downtown Parking Plan

Monica - our office is at 528 Quincy Street. We have always provided parking for our employees, but we have no room for patient parking. As far as I can tell, the parking meters in front of our building are being included in the proposed long term parking. This will effectively eliminate patient parking for us as we all know downtown employees will park here. This just isn't FAIR! I thought the parking ramps downtown were to accommodate employees of downtown businesses. Years ago I was on the parking committee for downtown area businesses, and back then we recommended business have employee parking or pay for employee parking. What's behind all of this? We need our parking for patients. Please give me more information about this. I really can't leave work to attend the meeting tomorrow from 4 to 6. Thanks for your help.
Mary E. Sargeant, Office Manager, Black Hills Psychiatry Associates

June 24, 2008

Mayor, City Council, and Monica Heller

Re: New parking plan

Dear Sirs and Madams:

We wish to express our opposition to the parking plan for the 800 block of Quincy. Our Firm owns property on the north and south sides of the street and the proposed 10 hour meters on the 800 block of Quincy would be very detrimental to our clients. We employ over 100 people. We have client visitations during the year of anywhere of 100 to 350 per day. Our "busy" season is the first of January through the end of April when we have or exceed the 350 clients visiting our various operations. Our client visits we estimate vary from 0-15 minutes, 15-30 minutes, 30-60 minutes, and over 60 minutes.

Our best estimate of these percentages of the visits are:

Minutes	January -- April	May-December
0-15	40%	60%
15-30	20%	20%
30-60	30%	15%
60+	10%	5%

As you can see, if all of the parking spots were of the 10 hour type meters and used by employees of businesses downtown, we would have no customer parking. Even 4 hour type meters would create a hardship for our clients, many of who are elderly as there would be no parking near our office. We respectfully request that any meter parking currently in the 800 block of Quincy Street remain 2 hour meters. The non-metered parking, as it is now all day parking anyway, could certainly be metered with the 10 hour meters as our employees and that of the YMCA and other business use them now all day.

Sincerely,

KETEL THORSTENSON, LLP

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e-mail: mike@ktllp.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Anderson [mailto:linda@thedahl.org]

Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2008 3:24 PM

To: Heller Monica

Cc: Hanks Alan

Subject: comments for public record at parking meeting

The Rapid City Arts Council Board of Directors asks that the lot to the west of the Dahl currently identified as leased parking be reclassified to private parking for Dahl staff and patrons. Our understanding is that an agreement also exists (or is in the works) with the City and Faith Temple Church for their staff parking as part of the parking lot is on their property.

Also, due to the amount of patrons the Dahl serves daily, the Rapid City Arts Council recommends and requests two-hour parking on 7th and Quincy rather than the 4 hour parking that is currently represented in the draft.

Thank you for allowing our comments.

Linda Anderson
Executive Director
Rapid City Arts Council
Dahl Arts Center

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linda@thedahl.org, 394-4101, ext 203

-----Original Message-----

From: christine-matusiak [mailto:christine-matusiak@leavitt.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2008 10:57 AM

To: Heller Monica

Subject: Parking meters

Importance: High

Hello,

I was unable to attend the Open House yesterday re: the parking meters placed around the YMCA. Our family as well as other employees of Western Dakota Insurors, uses the facility of the YMCA on a daily basis. We discourage the implementation of meters within the proximity of the Y because they discourage access and will send the volunteers and employees of the Y further away and into the free parking area around West Blvd.

We would appreciate your consideration and forwarding our viewpoints onto those decision makers for keeping meters out of this area. The Y does a great deal for the RC community, and with their recent decision to forgo their expansion, I don't think they need another "slap in the face" with the meter issue.

Thank you.

Chris Matusiak

Western Dakota Insurors.

816 Fifth St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

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christine-matusiak@leavitt.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Connie Suto [mailto:connie@pieceofcakesd.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2008 4:13 PM

To: Heller Monica

Subject: downtown parking plan

Monica,

I am writing you regarding the proposed parking plan and to voice my total opposition for this plan. It does not fix the parking problem... it only transfers the burden to a different locations. I have fought hard to get 2 hour parking installed in front of my business, Piece of Cake, located on the corner of Mt. Rushmore Road and Columbus Street. The 10 hour parking meters totally reverses everything I and the other business owners on this street have worked so hard for. We were the result of other local businesses' employees parking in front of our businesses all day long, denying our paying customers access to us. This cannot be happening again. How can the city council vote in my favor for 2 hour parking one year ago, and now support the total reversal of that decision?

Very frustrated,
Connie Suto
Piece of Cake
393-8234

-----Original Message-----

From: Kurt Whitesell [mailto:kurt@whitesellfinancialgroup.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2008 8:44 AM

To: Heller Monica

Subject: 10 hour parking

Dear Monica,

I was unable to attend the meeting in regard to the change in proposed parking for downtown. I am certainly against 10 hour parking on 9th street in front of our office. We have a generally older clientele and making them walk a city block in the winter, due to lack of parking would be totally unacceptable. We currently have two hour parking and are happy with it.

Please accept my vote of NO to the proposed plan.

Please keep me posted for any additional meetings. Thank you.

Kurt W. Whitesell, CFP®

President

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-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Lundstrom [mailto:drlisa@rushmore.com]
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2008 2:15 PM
To: Heller Monica
Subject: RE: Revised Downtown Parking Plan

Monica,

In my opinion, with this new revised parking plan, there is no reason for 10 hour parking on the block of 9th and Columbus. All around us is either 4 hour parking or 2 hour parking. This makes no sense to have just one block with 10 hour parking when already it has 2 hour non-metered parking on the 9th side. In my opinion, since this is so far from Downtown area, this needs to remain a 2 hour non-metered area to include 9th street and Columbus Street in front of my office.

Thanks,
Dr. Lisa Lundstrom

From: Heller Monica [mailto:Monica.Heller@rcgov.org]
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2008 1:57 PM
Subject: Revised Downtown Parking Plan

A revised Downtown Parking Plan was developed to try to address a number of concerns that have been identified by the public. The City Center Revitalization Task Force recommended that the attached revised Downtown Parking Plan be presented to the Legal & Finance Committee on July 16, 2008 for recommendation to the City Council on July 21, 2008. The revised Downtown Parking Plan will be posted on the City's website
<http://www.rcgov.org/planning/transplanninghomepage.htm>

Monica Heller
Community Planning Coordinator

City of Rapid City
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(605) 394-4120

-----Original Message-----

From: Linda Sietsema [mailto:LindaS@KTLLP.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 03, 2008 2:24 PM

To: Heller Monica

Subject: Parking Plan letter from Ketel Thorstenson, LLP

To Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator

And

The Downtown Parking Plan Committee

And

Rapid City Council Members

On behalf of over 150 employees and owners of Ketel Thorstenson, LLP, and our related businesses, I wish to thank you, the committee, and the Council for listening to our discussions at the Open House on June 24, as well as our partners' emails to you and making a change in the proposed parking meters for Quincy Street.

It is my understanding that the newest proposal includes 2 hour meters on both sides of the street between 8th and 9th streets, which is where our businesses are located in the central business district of Rapid City. The 10 hour parking meter proposal for our section of Quincy Street was dropped.

Our original position was to leave the parking on this area of Quincy street as is. However, we concur with this recent change as a vast improvement over 10 hour parking.

I am writing to emphasize that we need this short-term parking for clients and want to keep it this way as it moves through Council review.

Short-term meters of this nature are extremely vital and necessary to allow client parking for our businesses. Without this come and go availability, we would have no where for our clients to park on the street. Consequently, it would be extremely inconvenient to have access to us to do business, to the point that we may lose clients and may lose our businesses.

We have been well aware of the parking problem for our area of downtown. I have personally worked on the 2012 parking committee to come up with solutions. I know there is no easy answer. But trying to fund the cost of future parking at the expense of current companies like ours staying in business is not the answer.

Our other emails to you have emphasized our continuing commitment to remain in the downtown area, with over 150 employees for all our companies, and even with the newest \$3.5 million dollar investment in building expansion that we did in 2007. We did have other choices to move out of the downtown, but we unanimously voted to stay and expand. We certainly would not have done that if the parking plan were different. In addition, our clients have told us and have written you as to their strong feeling to leave short-term available parking for them to do business with us downtown. They want easy access to us, while at the same time be able to do their other business downtown.

We are well aware of the parking problem for employees. As with most downtown businesses and areas, we do not have near enough available private parking for our employees. They do and will continue to find available parking in outside the exterior of the central business district. But we must not allow them or any other employees from other businesses take up day long parking right at our front doors!

Until future parking ramps are funded and built, all employees of all businesses need to be the ones to find other space rather than in front of businesses like our own. This may not seem totally fair, and certainly all our employees don't like this a lot, but it is a necessity to allow businesses like ours to survive. A few blocks is not an impossible task for employees. It is a very impracticable, if not impossible task for our clients.

Although it is hard for us and everyone else to come up with a great solution at this time, a proposal like this shouldn't be forced on us or anyone else that is affected in the same way. Solicit our help as well as others to work on viable solutions and funding proposals. Let us participate in finding a solution. Don't make us the only solution.

We respect your efforts and your consideration for us in this matter.

Please contact me or any of our partners with any questions prior to your next meeting.

Ketel Thorstenson, LLP

For the Firm

John Walker

John Walker, CPA

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**DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN
OPEN HOUSE
June 24, 2008**

Name(s): Gene Williams, Rapid City Laundry & Dry Cleaners

Address: 312 Main St

Phone Number: 342-0191

Highlights of the Plan

- Meter all on street parking spaces except for the Downtown Core Area
- Free 15 minute parking on all meters
- Prepaid Parking Cards available for use on all meters
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Management Department

A draft of the Downtown Parking Plan may be viewed at:
<http://rcgov.org/planning/transplanninghomepage.htm>.

I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

Rapid City Laundry and Dry Cleaners is located at 312 Main St. We currently have 2 hour unmetered parking and would like that to remain in effect. We worked a number of years ago, during the Main Street reconstruction project, to have the meters removed because of the problems shoppers encountered when trying to make short stops. We are sure most people shopping would rather not be nickel and dimed with the inconvenience of parking meters. Customers will go where they are invited and stay where they are welcomed. This will not be achieved with parking meters. We have off street parking for our employees and associates and this also helps with parking for the customers. We would like to see the unmetered 2 hour parking remain in effect for the continued growth of business.

Please submit comments by July 3, 2008 to the following:

Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator - Monica.Heller@rcgov.org
Rapid City Growth Management Department, 300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701, (605) 394-4120

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Name(s): Jim Crossman - Harvey's Lock & Security
Address: 414 3rd St. RC SD 57701
Phone Number: 343-1277

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We have 2 Businesses at 414 3rd street,
Harvey's Lock & Security and Door Security Products.
Both are Retail/Service Corporations. Our Daily Customer
count averages 300 year Round, with higher numbers
in the summer. There are 11 parking spaces immediately
in front of our building. That means each of these
turn over 27 times during business hours 8 AM to 5 PM.
Please reconsider the 10 hour parking Plan for our block.
I fear it will crush our retail Trade Thank You

Jim Crossman

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Name(s): Gil Raben, Raben Real Estate, Inc.

Address: 302 Main Street; Rapid City, SD 57701

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Phone Number: 342-7272

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Management Department**

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Raben Real Estate has been located at 302 Main Street for 28 years. During that time, we have had 2-hour, non-metered parking which has served our building well. We are currently renovating and will have 3 suites ready for lease. This will increase our need for more non-metered client parking. (We do have off-street lots located behind the building for our tenants.) Our concern and that of other businesses in our neighborhood is the installation of meters. It is certainly more convenient for our clients to have non-metered parking. The possibility that the 10-hour metered spaces will be occupied for the entire day by area office workers could severely limit the number of spaces available for short-term clients and customers and could ultimately have a negative impact on the businesses in our neighborhood. We have been advised that the Salvation Army building will soon have a new company that relies on adequate non-metered parking, as we do. The growth of businesses in this area is based on the addition of clients and customers. That is best accomplished with an increased customer base, not a multi-hour metered parking lot. Two-hour, non-metered parking will achieve that growth.

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Name(s): Kale R. McNaboe JUL - 1 2008

Address: 821 Columbus Street, Suite #1

Phone Number: 605-721-4040 Rapid City Growth
Management Department

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

The plan proposes to put a 10-hour meter in front of our business. Where do you propose our customers will park. There is a 2-hour limit now, which works well. You put a 10-hour meter on this street (Columbus Street) and you'll choke the life out of the businesses on this block.

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Name(s): Douglas Sperlich

Address: 821 Columbus

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Phone Number: 721-4040

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

This is the most unworkable plan
 I have ever heard.
 We have a parking lot for our employees
 and need the street for clients.
 Why doesn't the city require the YMCA
 and K-T to provide their own parking!

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): Donald R. Heurmann
Address: 932 St Joseph Street, Rapid City, SD 57701
Phone Number: 605 718 8200

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No on 10 hour meters on St Joe
My Business needs 2 hour or 3 hour meter
on West Blvd and 900 Block of St Joe
No on Front of Homos

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Name(s): David Guinn

Address: 3514 MARY DR RC SD 02

Phone Number: 3981465

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This seems like an expensive,
high tech solution to an easy problem -
to assure parking in the central business
district the 2 hour meters should be there
with free parking - 2hr, 4hr ^{etc} ~~etc~~ on
the outskirts of the CBD
the cost of these meters should continue
to be nominal (5¢hr (15 minutes maybe))

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June 24, 2008

Name(s):

Ruth Fren

Address:

Po Box 7924 Rapid City SD 57709

Phone Number:

605 343 0747

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I just finished reading in the Rapid City weekly paper about your proposed parking plan. It reads you are trying to get as much feed back as possible. Well, I propose you spend one morning at the YMCA with a table set up with your maps and highlight plans. You will get plenty of feed back and I doubt you will be reporting to the paper that people are happy with it.

Also I was at the June 24th open house and while I was there, there was not one person there "happy with it." The person there was there to show people what is to be done and it was clear had no intention of hearing people's complaints. Maybe that was the purpose of the open house, to show the citizens of Rapid City what was happening whether they want it or not. You also state the \$700,000 plan would pay for itself in a year. Maybe so, but you are counting on quite a few YMCA members to fund your project and you might want to consider if you do this, there will be many members leaving the YMCA. You will have made it impossible to afford going any more. Also there are a lot of good people volunteering there who will not be able to afford your meters. Not a very health related decision on this city's part.

I have been a member of the YMCA since Jan. 1999. I go there almost every morning to the water aerobic classes and then walk the running track. I am able to park quite a few blocks away and walk to the Y. However, there are many arthritic and aged people who are doing well to be able to walk one block to be there.

I know there is a problem with parking around the Y. But hopefully Rapid City will see parking meters are not the solution. In fact they worsen the problems as people park farther into the residential area to be able to go to the Y. But most of all I believe people will stop coming or volunteering and that is a shame. If you do this SHAME ON Rapid City for not caring about their elderly citizens and all the programs the YMCA does for this city. The youth programs and healthy alternatives for the general public alone are valuable to this city. To propose this at a trying economic time for most families is a very cold and non-caring idea.

If you are truly concerned about area residents then make parking in the area easier not harder which this proposal will do. Are you really concerned about area residents as your representative said at your open house or is this city more concerned about making itself a little nest egg funded by YMCA members?

What a shock it might be to the city when they have revitalized "downtown" to find out they have destroyed the surrounding businesses in the process. Non profit and otherwise. Please, please reconsider your proposal and come up with a better plan.

Ruth Frear
PO box 7024
Rapid City SD
57709

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We build strong kids,
strong families and strong communities.

June 27, 2008

Monica Heller
Community Planning Coordinator
Rapid City Growth Management Department
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

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**Rapid City Growth
Management Department**

Dear Monica:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed downtown parking plan. I greatly appreciate the thought and effort that has been put into developing this plan, which is no doubt driven by the desire to help revitalize our downtown through improved parking. On behalf of the YMCA Board of Directors I wanted to convey our gratitude for this worthwhile endeavor.

YMCA volunteers and staff have been part of various committees over the last 30 years to help alleviate parking issues in the southwest section of downtown. I have personally been involved in these efforts over the last 20 years. Plus, as I'm sure you know, we went all out to try and tackle parking issues with a major capital campaign. Sadly, between rising construction costs and the absence of just a few more major donors, we made the difficult decision to abandon the project.

We have learned a great deal over the years as we've tried to address parking. Please allow me to share these with you:

- ☐ No amount of parking use manipulation will address the real need, which is additional parking. Only with additional parking can we satisfy downtown accessibility.
- ☐ Metered parking discourages frequent use while at the same time benefiting infrequent users.
- ☐ Free time-limited parking encourages frequent use as well as turnover.
- ☐ Free parking with no time limit is the preferred parking arrangement for downtown employees.

With these principles in mind, this is why parking use is the way it is in the southwest end of downtown. For example,

- ☐ Once the meters were removed and time-limited free parking began in the late 1980s early 1990s, parking was substantially reduced as an obstacle, whether real or perceived, for people coming to the YMCA.
- ☐ Metered parking was installed in a small section of Ninth Street and Kansas City Street to prevent YMCA users from parking in spaces for small businesses that needed readily accessible parking for infrequent users.
- ☐ Metered parking was installed on Quincy Street to prevent YMCA users and downtown employees from taking parking spaces for Ketel Thorstenson.

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605-718-YMCA • fax: 605-348-6578 • Website: www.rcymca.org



YMCA mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

- Time-limited free parking was placed on a portion of Ninth Street between Quincy and Columbus Streets to prevent downtown employees from parking in front of what is now a financial advisor business. The same is true of time-limited free parking on Quincy Street in front of an attorney and on Columbus Street in front of Piece of Cake. So you see, these changes over the years do not create inconsistent boundaries that make it difficult for customers and employees to recognize. On the contrary, it truly makes sense to the many customers and employees that frequently use this end of downtown.

These manipulations of parking use have succeeded for the needs of the southwest section of downtown with two glaring exceptions:

1. There isn't enough parking, particularly for users of the YMCA building during the business day and especially during the afterschool hours until 6pm.
2. There isn't enough parking for employees, which has resulted in the increasing number of employees parking in West Boulevard neighborhoods.

In the spirit of cooperation toward the ultimate goal of downtown revitalization along with an understanding of where we've been, what we've learned and where we believe we need to go, we offer to you what amounts to a counter-proposal to the downtown parking plan.

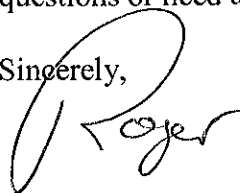
- Make no changes to parking use on Ninth Street from Columbus to St. Joe; Kansas City Street between West Boulevard and Mt. Rushmore Road; Quincy Street between West Boulevard and Mt. Rushmore Road; and Columbus Street between West Boulevard and Mt. Rushmore Road. We offer this recommendation for these reasons:
 - As stated earlier, every parking use was determined for a specific purpose and is now functioning as intended.
 - An overview of the proposed parking plan seems to indicate that YMCA users are expected to carry the financial burden for additional downtown parking. We are truly puzzled that businesses on Main and St. Joe are accorded free parking for customers while we are expected to have YMCA users pay 50 cents an hour. Roger Brooks said it best when he rhetorically asked, "Why would you require people to pay to come downtown?" We would ask that if metered parking discourages use of businesses on Main and St. Joe, why would it not discourage use of the YMCA one block over on Kansas City Street? Furthermore, in your studies of other downtown parking solutions, such as Boise, you will find that metered on-street parking worked only when vertical parking was available nearby.
 - Requiring employees to begin paying for parking at 10-hour metered areas in what is currently free long term will likely send employees further into West Boulevard neighborhoods in search of free parking, thereby having a negative impact on West Boulevard residents.

- Develop partnerships to add parking in the southwest end of downtown. We have been and continue to be open to some partnership that creates additional parking. We put a great deal of resources and effort to add parking with our campaign. We fell short. We learned that we simply couldn't pull off the funding alone, particularly with fast-rising construction costs. I would add that having received the downtown parking proposal with two-hour metered parking at 50 cents per hour targeting the YMCA sure seemed like pouring salt in the proverbial wound.

Thank you for your consideration of YMCA concerns and counter-proposal. Again, we deeply appreciate your efforts toward downtown revitalization. Our hope is that we can work together to accomplish this wonderful goal without adversely impacting existing organizations, such as the YMCA, that contribute to a thriving downtown.

Please feel free to contact me at roger@rcymca.org , 718-9622 or 390-5196 if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger", with a large, stylized loop at the beginning.

Roger Gallimore
Executive Director

Cc: Mayor Alan Hanks
City Council Members

DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s):

Sheryl Drager

Address:

4112 Augusta Dr. Rapid City

Phone Number:

399-0001

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

As a Y member, and YMCA volunteer, I do NOT want metered parking in the vicinity of the Y because it will cost the members too much on a weekly basis. Because of metered parking, I will be forced to drop my Y membership and will not shop downtown.

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Rapid City Growth Management Dept.
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City SD 57701

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Management Department

Re: Proposal for Parking Meters

I am extremely concerned about your proposition to install parking meters in the downtown and YMCA areas.

The Rapid City YMCA is one of the finest in the country and your plan to install parking meters will, I believe, jeopardize the membership of this outstanding facility.

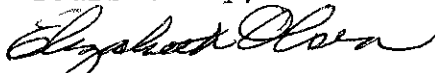
I attend the "Y" three times a week for the deep water aroebics and would have to pay \$1.00 a day to park for the two hours needed to attend this class. There are people at the YMCA who cannot afford to pay this additional expense and may be forced to drop their membership.

Also, please consider the volunteers. They are required to work 4 to 5 hours a week for a \$42 a month membership. This calculates to approximately \$2.00 per hour, and you are asking for 50 cents per hour to park. If they have to pay to park, I doubt that they will be able to continue as volunteers.

Currently, the YMCA is trying to acquire funding for an affordable parking facility, and if the membership drops this will be impossible. With your proposition, our wonderful YMCA will be unable to continue the existing programs let alone add new ones.

With the additional expenses caused by increased oil prices and the rippling effects, please reconsider this ill-fated proposition.

Yours truly,



Elizabeth Olsen
2223 Arrow Street
Rapid City, SD 57702

**DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN
OPEN HOUSE**
June 24, 2008

Name(s):

Address:

Phone Number:

Elizabeth Frederick P.C.
807 Columbus Street, Suite 1
313-8400

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*I believe the 10 hour meter will
create problems for businesses
on Columbus Street (West of Mt Rushmore Rd)
regarding customer parking. In the
past, before 2 hr. parking, business
employees from Kansas City Street and
Quincy, who had regulated parking, would
park all day in front of our businesses on
Columbus. 10 hr meters would promote problems
again.*

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**DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN
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June 24, 2008**

Name(s): Connie Suto dba Piece of Cake, LLC
Address: 901 Mt. Rushmore Road
Phone Number: 605 393. 8234

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Absolutely no 10 hr. meters for Columbus Street!
I fought to get 2 hr. parking installed so
my customers can have access to my business.
With 10 hour parking, it will go back to the
local business's employees parking in front
of my business all day long.
This should not be accepted!!
Connie Suto

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DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s): Joe and Jan Theberge
Address: 8105 W. Hwy 44 Rapid City, SD 57702
Phone Number: 605-341-6724

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See attached!

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**Joe and Jan Theberge
8105 W. Hwy 44
Rapid City, SD 57702**

June 30, 2008

**Monica Heller
Community Planning Coordinator
Rapid City Growth Management Department**

The current proposed parking plan would prohibit small business to conduct business. Small businesses around core businesses are vital to bringing people to downtown that might shop in the core. By allowing employees in the core to block access to the many small business that have short-term customers will eventually kill these business. This is not a minor concern and overall people are not happy with it!

Most all of the core employees are part time and low paid. They will not be able to afford metered parking downtown.

This is not a downtown friendly proposal!

If the goal is to free up parking spaces for customers in front of downtown business, the employees should be allowed to park at the Civic Center and Rapid City should provide a shuttle bus like they do the tourists.

If the goal is to generate more revenue for Rapid City, then it would be a shame to use the people who can least afford it.

**Thank You,
Joe and Jan Theberge**

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): CHARLES M RAY

Address: 807 7TH

Phone Number: 348 8552

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WE HAVE 8 2 HR METERS ON 7TH STREET. IT IS ESSENTIAL
THAT THESE METERS REMAIN AS THEY ARE. THIS IS THE
ONLY PARKING THAT WE HAVE FOR OUR PATIENTS
WE NEED 5 MORE 2 HR METERS ON QUINCY
STREET - ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE DAHL

IF YOU WANT MORE METERS PUT THEM BACK
IN DOWNTOWN AS THEY WERE FOR MANY YEARS

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It seems totally unfair to subsidize the businesses on Main and St Joe at the expense of the rest of us.

Replacing the ^{the} meters downtown would end your problem of having employees parking downtown.

You will spend a lot more taxpayer dollars tearing out the existing meters only to replace them with 10 hour meters.

Many downtown employees park in the outlying unmetered areas and walk to work. Now you want to burden them to pay (subsidize) for downtown businesses parking.

Most of us that have meters in front of our buildings reimburse clientele for meter fees. Should not the downtown businesses do the same?

many of
1 The employees who park free and walk will park farther away in residential areas and walk farther.

DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s): Tom Vucurevich; United Corporation

Address: 629 Quincy Street, Suite 200, Rapid City

Phone Number: 343-0820

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I am not sure if it is fair for taxpayers to subsidize downtown parking.

Do we next subsidize parking at the malls?

We provide for our employees' parking.

Perhaps in front of any one given business a portion of the meters could remain
as they are.

Tom Vucurevich

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*From the offices of Thomas G. Fritz
e-mail address. tfritz@lynnjackson.com*

June 4, 2008

Ms. Karen Gundersen Olson
6241 Chokecherry Lane
Rapid City, SD 57702

Dear Karen:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the YMCA. Apparently, the City is considering a proposal which would put parking meters on Kansas City Street in front of the YMCA, as well as on Ninth Street between St. Joe and Kansas City Streets. This would severely impact the YMCA. These meters would further discourage access to downtown organizations, such as the YMCA. Parking availability will decrease during the new proposed ramp construction, and we would ask that you please consider not making any changes in the parking until after the ramp is complete.

I have been personally involved in the construction of this ramp for some time. John Vucurevich gave a significant contribution to the YMCA when I was president of the YMCA. However, he asked me to obtain the City's permission and consent to built this ramp with City tax dollars. I called upon the Mayor at that time, and was told that that was not a possibility. Therefore, the YMCA has undertaken, by its own efforts and with the assistance of other good citizens in the neighborhood, to build a parking ramp without tax dollars. Long-term meters will not only send employees of the YMCA further into West Boulevard to find parking, but it will also affect available parking for members of the YMCA, at least until this ramp is built. I'm asking that you give serious consideration to this letter, and I thank you for your attention to the same.

Sincerely yours,

LYNN, JACKSON, SHULTZ & LEBRUN, P.C.



Thomas G. Fritz

TGF:pjl

cc: Roger Gallimore

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): Frank P. Lahm II

Address: 4914 Breckenridge Ct. Rapid City, SD, 57702

Phone Number: (605) 348-0834

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

I use the YMCA at least three times a week for
a period of not less than 2 hrs. Parking at the YMCA
is difficult enough now; why meter and add
additional costs to the fitness programs of seniors and
others who want to use the YMCA. This plan will
motivate many to park in and along the streets of
West Blvd.

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): Mrs W. R Tomlin
Address: 2620 Holiday Lane RC 57702
Phone Number: None

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- I really believe any Building New to the area, must build parking for their employees when they are approved for New Building.*

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Where are You getting the Money for these specified meters.

I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

I can't see the Resoning of Meters for More than 2 hours. Nor any Meters! 10 hours is silly - You have Business Areas away from the Core Town area - Who Need Customers & Patients to have parking By their Business - 2 hours is Plenty Don't [Fill] the Whole Downtown & adjacent areas with Meters. It Keeps People Away From The Business area - Not drawn them too The Town.

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DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): JOHN GORANSON

Address: 13612 Chariot Pl Rapid City

Phone Number: 341 2542

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I Volunteer at the YMCA, I drive
to town at my own expense work for free
and think having to stop what im doing
to plug money into a meter every 2 hours
will make me quit my service to the YMCA.
The YMCA tried to fix the problem but
fell short on the fundraising, give them a
break NO meters around the YMCA

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): Karen Schreier

Address: 1502 W Blvd

Phone Number: 342-5411

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

I am opposed to adding more metered parking by the
YMCA + in front of the residences in the West Blvd area.
With regard to the YMCA, meters would deter use. Why should
the Y be treated differently than businesses on Main + St. Joe?
Both contribute to a healthy + vibrant downtown.

With regard to the meters in the West Blvd area,
many of those residences only have on street parking. Where
do they park at night? Do their guests need to pay to
visit? It doesn't seem fair that they need to pay to park
when citizens living in the rest of RC. do not have to pay to
Please submit comments by July 3, 2008 to the following: park by their residence.

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DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s): Andrew Sreen

Address: 1139 Lookout Lane

Phone Number: 605-228-7880

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

I am not opposed to a more unified parking plan, however

I think two significant improvements of the plan could be made.

(1) I disagree with making Kansas City Street b/w 8th & 9th
and 9th b/w Kansas City & Quing - Areas adjacent to the YMCA

These are local use areas, and I don't believe citizens
should be required to pay for parking in those areas.

(2) I think the 10 hour weekend areas on the periphery
need to be mixed with shorter term parking. Otherwise residents
in those areas will essentially be blocked out during the day time hours

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): Holly Lemay

Address: 914 Fairview St

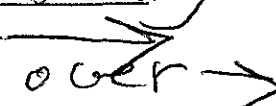
Phone Number: 718-9507

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Once again City government turns to its citizens
to bear the brunt of their lack of foresight and screwed
priorities. Parking meters in a residential neighborhood
in front of homes that may not have parking other
than on the street?!! This is unconscionable!! Meters
on 9th St?!! This nonsense will do nothing, but
push parking further into the West Bluff neighborhood
where I live. As it is, its almost impossible to drive
up 9th St between Kansas City and Columbus during
the day with cars parked on both sides 

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How would council members and city officials feel about having parking meters in front of their homes? or turning the street that accesses their home into a parking lot on both sides of that street?

Parking meters in front of the YMCA and ones that now exist in front of downtown churches is another travesty! No one should have to put money in a meter to attend a funeral or pick up their children at childcare. This is totally obscene!

Tax dollars that have been thrown at another arena at the Civic Center or for city officials to take trips to Florida would have gone a long way towards building a large multi-story car park that would accommodate all the parking needs of those who work downtown. Instead the hard working citizens ~~are~~ are once again being penalized for the folly of those who do not have their priorities ~~in line with~~ in line with the best interests of those who are already taxed to death!

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Name(s): Mike Lemay

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

The parking plan needs to be addressed but I don't believe that expanding the metered area is in the best interest of the targeted neighborhoods.

1) Metering in front of residences?? Would you want a meter in front of your house?

2) This would Kill the YMCA unless you exempted members.

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Name(s): Mark Kierkeby

Address: 315 E PARADEL PCTUA

Phone Number: 391-6282

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10 HR PARKING IS NOT IN THE
BEST INTEREST of our COMMUNITY. IT
WILL HURT ALL SMALL BUSINESS.
WE SHOULD NOT UTILIZE THE PARKING
LOTS. FAR LONG TERM PARKING
CAN NOT BE ALLOWED ON ANY
MAIN STREET...

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DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): Joan Lahm

Address: 4914 Breckenridge Ct.

Phone Number: 605-348-0834

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Parking around the YMCA needs to be
a free - not metered parking! We already pay to
use the Y facility and now you are requesting
parking fees in meters. People who use the Y
are young families already struggling to meet their
bills, and retired individuals who are on
fixed income.

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DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s): JERRY FREED

Address: 5th & Main - PCSD/01

Phone Number: 342/2822 484/0596

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2nd ticket in 180 days - 10 dollars - *OK*
3rd ticket in 180 days - 15 dollars - *OK 30*
4 or more tickets in 180 days - 20 dollars - *NOT ENOUGH - DO \$50. HERE*
Must be ticket free for 180 days before your ticket count starts over. - *OK?*

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2nd List

I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

CONSIDER:

STATE

DO NOT TICKET ANY OUT OF STATE CARS - good for tourists - Wyoming customers, etc.

KEEP THE CORE AREA "GREEN" including Main & Rapid on 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd, 2nd, 1st ST. So. To Kansas City on 7th, + 6th

USE Technology to monitor & ISSUE Heavy Fines for Repeat offenders (your doing that)

Look hard at Special requests: i.e. Kotel + hostess, Raben Real Estate Creamery Mall - Businesses that are specifically impacted by proposed changes.

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Rapid Laundry, etc.

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): JERRY FREED

Address: 430 MAIN PC, SD

Phone Number: 342/3822 484/0596

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✓ Please do not meter 5th street North
of Main - It will invite "Day Parking" rather
than rotation - leave the 2 hr. non-metered -
✓ 10 HR - NO between 9th & 7th
✓ 10 HR - NO between 2nd & 4th
6th Main & Rapid } Leave
2 hour
un-metered
✓ - NO 7th S S S

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DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s): Peter & Aiden Compton

Address: 410 5th Street, Bully Blend Coffee & Tea

Phone Number: 342-3559

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

We object, STRONGLY, to this plan. This will result in employees parking in our customers' spots. In the near future, we hope to buy the Salvation Army facility, and having 10-hour metered parking in front of our store will be a disaster! The downtown core will benefit at the EXPENSE of the businesses surrounding the central district.

Solution? Grow up, not out. That is, build stories on to the existing garages. And require employees to use it, and only permit customers on the streets, with 2-hr non-metered parking.

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Thank you,

Aiden & Peter Compton

DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN
OPEN HOUSE
June 24, 2008

Name(s): Kenneth Benusis DMD
Address: 812 COLUMBUS ST
Phone Number: 341-5437

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan

Please Leave the PARKING METERS ON COLUMBUS ST 2 HOURS.

IF TEN HOUR PARKING IS PUT ON COLUMBUS ST., PATIENTS
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME AND GO AS THEY HAVE FOR 15+ YEARS

Kenneth Benusis DMD Kenneth P Benusis DMD
812 COLUMBUS ST
341-5437

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MAY 9 2008

RECEIVED

MAY 09 2006

Subject: Proposed parking changes on Columbus Street.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Dear Council Members,

Please do not change the existing parking on Columbus Street.
Please do not change the present 2-hour parking meters to 10-hours.

I am a practicing pediatric dentist with office at 812 Columbus Street. Parents and patients come and go every half hour. If longer parking times are implemented to encourage long duration parking for others, my parents/patients will not be able to come and go. I would need to relocate my practice to some other location. I do not want to relocate. Please do not alter the parking on Columbus Street.

I have talked with other business owners on Columbus Street. All agree with me. I have not heard anyone say that they want any parking changes.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth P. Benusis DMD

Kenneth P. Benusis D.M.D.

812 Columbus Street

Years at location: 14

Residence: 605 S. Berry Pine Rd.

Bus. 341-5437

Res. 342-6757

DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s): Debby MAVER, Peggy Trobee
Address: 3401 MAPLE ST RC 57701 6733 S. CANYON Rd 57702
Phone Number: 605 - 341-5437

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Please leave PARKING Meters on COLUMBUS ST
AS 2 HOUR PARKING.

IF 10 Hour PARKING is instituted our PATIENTS
AT 812 COLUMBUS ST would not be able to PARK
FOR Appointments
Debby Mayer Peggy Trobee

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): Mary & Rich Renka

Address: 528 Quincy St.

Phone Number: 348-5401

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

This proposal is so unfair we have
a business on Quincy. Our patients are
not opposed to paying a meter, and
we provide parking for our employees.
If employees from downtown park
in front of our building, and our
patients cannot find parking, we
will essentially be closed down.
Plus, I work out at the Y & swim
with my grand children. Metered parking
there is a croc!
What's behind this?

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June 24, 2008

Name(s): GWEN L. Ray
Address: 807 7th St. Rapid City. SD 57701
Phone Number: 348.8552

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

First: I am not opposed to parking meters in some areas but not 8hr or 10 hr. meters in front of business that already have 2 hour meters that we support.

2nd: Where is the money coming from for these "new" meters?

I can see metered parking in front of Dakota on Columbus St.

Thank You for this opportunity!

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Name(s): Dr. Joseph Heine

Address: 203 Quincy suite 2

Phone Number: 391-3537

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I am opening a dental practice in the Ray Bldg on 7th & Quincy. This Proposal does NOT consider the availability of parking for Pts. Dakota Middle School Employees always fill the 7th st. parking availability up to Columbus St. Officer J. Johnson & I discussed that school employees state they will start parking on their own lot. I don't believe this! Metered parking should extend to Columbus to motivate school employees to park in their lot. I have NO pt lot; meters should be 2 hrs in front of the business so Pts can find parking.

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Name(s):

Dr Kenneth Diamond MD

Address:

703 Quincy St Rapid City 57701

Phone Number:

605 716 6656 484 6515 (cell)

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10 Hour parking on all four streets

bordering my family medicine business

will allow downtown employees to tie up

all accessible parking to my clinic -

all day long - for a dollar a day!

Downtown employees, students and Dakota Middle

School employees already occupy all unmetered

public parking in this neighborhood 7AM - 4PM.

This building and all business owners

deserve access to an equitable number of 2 hour

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meters adjacent to their store fronts

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City Needs to rent parking 10 hour meters

from all the downtown churches M-F

7-5

DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

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June 24, 2008

Name(s):

Greg Swenson

Address:

1122 Clark St. (business located at

Phone Number:

929 Kansas City St.
605 341-5436

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

Nice plan in most respects, but
I have a problem with the 10-hr.
parking on Kansas City between
7th St. & West Blvd. There are
3-4 businesses in the Price House
(929 Kansas City), and with 10-hr
parking, all spots near our
businesses will be taken early &
filled thruout the day, primarily
by YMCA employees. We need spots
for our clients which would require
2 & 4 hr. parking.

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Greg Swenson



The Service You Are Entitled To

June 24, 2008

The Honorable Alan Hanks, Mayor
City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Draft Downtown Parking Plan

Dear Mayor Hanks:

This is in follow up to my telephone conversation with Monica Heller of May 9, 2008 and our telephone conversation of May 13, 2008 wherein we discussed my concerns with the Downtown Parking proposal; specifically the proposed change from two-hour parking meters to four-hour parking meters in the 8 existing parking spaces in front of Pennington Title. Following are several discussion points which I had raised:

- An examination of the Draft Downtown Public Parking Plan located on the City's website reveals that the map does not correctly reflect current building locations. The map shows the former Sieler-Trimble Law Firm building located at 717 Kansas City Street which Pennington Title had removed in 2003, and it does not reflect the addition to and renovation of Pennington Title which was completed in early 2006. Attached is a current Google map depicting our parking lot and the location of the curb cuts from Kansas City Street.
- Prior to committing to our parking lot and building expansion project, one of the assurances I was given by the previous Administration (which included Department heads) in a meeting held on November 7, 2003 was that we would retain the metered on-street parking spaces in front of our building. We made an enormous investment, while improving the downtown business climate with our award-winning building in large part based upon that assurance.
- It is imperative that we retain the 8 on-street parking spaces as two-hour parking for our clients. In particular, the end of the month, first and middle of the month are critical and place spaces at an unusual premium. Someone who is unfamiliar with our traffic flow might not realize that one residential purchase transaction typically will require three parking spaces: one each for the buyer's Realtor®, the lender and the buyer. Were the seller and seller's broker to attend, a total of five would be needed. A commercial closing typically involves additional parties, as you know.

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Phone (605) 343-5670 • Fax (605) 343-3862

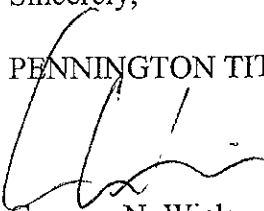
- During the Kansas City Street reconstruction, we lobbied for and are still adamantly in favor of two-hour metered spaces due to the limited parking downtown. From our perspective, it comes down to employee parking versus client parking. Pennington Title has invested heavily to provide and lease spaces for its 22 employees in order that the Kansas City Street parking spaces and the majority of the spaces in our parking lot are available to our clients.
- Available client parking not only benefits Pennington Title, but ultimately, our satisfied clients mean paid real estate taxes, something the City does not receive from the many tax-exempt properties on Kansas City Street.
- As a good corporate citizen, we continue to make the 39 spaces in our parking lot available after 5 p.m. on weekdays and all day Saturdays and Sundays for use by the Dahl and surrounding churches. It is frequently full during these times.

I respectfully request that you give due consideration to the concerns I have outlined. We would very much appreciate your support in honoring the commitment made by the prior Administration to further economic development in Downtown Rapid City. Please continue to limit the 8 parking meters in front of our building to 2 hours.

If you have not visited Pennington Title, I would welcome you to do so and would enjoy personally giving you a tour of our facility. Should you have questions, comments or need further information or clarification concerning any of our concerns, please contact me at 343-5670 or on my cell phone at 431-2900.

Sincerely,

PENNINGTON TITLE



Gregory N. Wick
President

GNW/tp

Enclosure

✓ Copy: Monica Heller, Rapid City Growth Management Department

DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s): Tensleep - owner Sandra McNeely
Address: 201 Main St., Ste 300 (Fairmont Creamery Building)
Phone Number: 605-718-7912

Highlights of the Plan

- Meter all on street parking spaces except for the Downtown Core Area
- Free 15 minute parking on all meters
- Prepaid Parking Cards available for use on all meters
- 2 hour meters (50¢/hour)
- 4 hour meters (25¢/hour)
- 10 hour meters (25¢/2 hours)
- Consistent Boundaries for ease of identification by customers/employees
- Graduated Parking fines in Downtown Core Area
 - 1st ticket in 180 days - free (warning ticket only)
 - 2nd ticket in 180 days - 10 dollars
 - 3rd ticket in 180 days - 15 dollars
 - 4 or more tickets in 180 days - 20 dollars
- Must be ticket free for 180 days before your ticket count starts over.

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A draft of the Downtown Parking Plan may be viewed at:
<http://rcgov.org/planning/transplanninghomepage.htm>.

I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

As the owner of the Fairmont Creamery, the
proposed parking changes will impact my ability to lease
office space. The lack of short-term parking available
deter customers from frequenting businesses housed in
the Fairmont Creamery.

The Plan will limit my ability to be successful in leasing
a building I just pumped 1 million dollars into (private
funding, not TF funded) to renovate and improve a
Rapid City historical treasure.

Please submit comments by July 3, 2008 to the following:

Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator - Monica.Heller@rcgov.org
Rapid City Growth Management Department, 300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701, (605) 394-4120

DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN

OPEN HOUSE

June 24, 2008

Name(s): Abbey Group, Ltd. - Michael McNeely, owner

Address: 201 Main St., Ste 300

Phone Number: 718-7912

Highlights of the Plan

- Meter all on street parking spaces except for the Downtown Core Area
- Free 15 minute parking on all meters
- Prepaid Parking Cards available for use on all meters
- 2 hour meters (50¢/hour)
- 4 hour meters (25¢/hour)
- 10 hour meters (25¢/2 hours)
- Consistent Boundaries for ease of identification by customers/employee
- Graduated Parking fines in Downtown Core Area

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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

As the owner of a business, leasing space at the Fairmont Creamery, I object to the proposed parking plan. It will make it extremely difficult for my clients to park to come into our office. This parking will have a significant negative impact on my business. The city must find other parking options and not cause small business owners to suffer loss of business.

Please submit comments by July 3, 2008 to the following:

Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator - Monica.Heller@rcgov.org

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**DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN
OPEN HOUSE**
June 24, 2008

Name(s): Paulette Kirby - owner Kirby-Hague HealthCare
Address: 911 Columbus Street Rapid City
Phone Number: 605/343-3007 F: 605/343-3020

Highlights of the Plan

- Meter all on street parking spaces except for the Downtown Core Area
- Free 15 minute parking on all meters
- Prepaid Parking Cards available for use on all meters
- 2 hour meters (50¢/hour)
- 4 hour meters (25¢/hour)
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I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

if there is greater than 2 hour parking
the patients to our clinic will not have
parking available on the street, which is
1-2 slots per hour.

10 hour meters will significantly
affect our attempt to have any progress
at our new clinic, Kirby-Hague Health
Care.

Please submit comments by July 3, 2008 to the following:

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Rapid City Growth Management Department, 300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701, (605) 394-4120

Heller Monica

From: Mary Wickler-Peterson [Mary@rcymca.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2008 1:31 PM
To: Heller Monica
Subject: Metered Parking Proposal

Monica,

Many of the YMCA's members are greatly concerned about the proposed metered parking for Kansas City Street and 9th Street. I check our "Comment Box" each week and thought I'd share these two with you.

1. If we have to pay to park here – I will have to find a new place.
2. Now that the expansion project has been abandoned, I feel we need about 10 handicapped parking spots in front of the Y. Parking is at a premium as it is and if paid parking meters are installed on Kansas City Street, many of our people will not be coming to the Y. The minimum time spent there is at least 1 ½ hours. We are supposed to keep healthy by exercising and this defeats the purpose. Many handicapped persons cannot walk 2 or 3 blocks from their parking spot.

As a side note, many member take more than the 1 ½ hour that was mentioned in the second comment – some need up to 2 ½ hours by the time they walk from their car, change clothes, take an hour arthritis relief class, sit in the hot tub for 10 minutes, shower and get dressed.

I hope that you will kindly take these comments into consideration.
Sincerely,

Mary Wickler Peterson

Mary Wickler Peterson
Communications Director
YMCA of Rapid City
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Reply to Rapid City Office

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July 10, 2008

VIA E-MAIL

Monica Heller
Community Planning Coordinator
City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Re: 926 Quincy Street
Objection to proposed revised Downtown Parking Plan.

Dear Ms. Heller:

I am writing to you in my individual capacity. My wife, Sherri, and I and our children reside at 926 Quincy Street located at the corner of Quincy Street and West Boulevard. This residence is the former McNamara residence and is located within the West Boulevard Historic District.

Our residence fronts Quincy Street. Presently, two hour non-metered parking exists on that portion of our residence, which abuts Quincy Street. A change to two hour non-metered parking was instituted for our residence as a part of a request made a couple years ago by our neighbor, Bob Moore. We are happy with this arrangement and consented to this change.

The purpose of this letter is to voice disagreement to the proposed revised Downtown Parking Plan as it affects our residence and that portion of Quincy Street between West Boulevard and Ninth Street.

Under the proposed revised Downtown Parking Plan, ten hour metered parking¹ has been recommended for that portion of our residence which abuts Quincy Street. If

implemented by the City, three to four parking meters would be placed directly in front of our residence, not to mention those meters which would be placed on the north side of Quincy Street down the balance of the block to Ninth Street, and those that would be placed on the opposite side of Quincy Street from our residence between West Boulevard and Ninth Street.

Simply put, we find this recommendation offensive, and would strongly urge its reconsideration.² Other people also reside in residences on both sides of Quincy Street and would be similarly adversely affected, if parking meters are installed on that portion of Quincy Street between West Boulevard and Ninth Street.

Specifically, this change in parking would:

- Degrade the historic character and aesthetics of our residence, which is one of the more prominent historic structures in Rapid City.
- Devalue the significant investment we have made in our residence both in time and money.
- Make guest parking and the parking of a second family vehicle in front of our residence or across the street during metered hours next to impossible and expensive, with no adequate off-street parking alternative.³
- Detrimentally impede into and harm the character and charm of the West Boulevard Historic neighborhood, which our residence is a part of.⁴

¹ Presumably, a large majority, if not all, of the vehicles which would be parked in front of our residence under a 10 hour metered regime would be used by employees working in the downtown district. As a result, there would be no turnover by these users during the business day thereby eliminating the ability for guests to park in front of our residence.

² It is our understanding that the City did not send affected property owners written notice of the downtown parking plan, and that the only notice provided was public notice published in the Rapid City Journal. In contrast, written notice of the opportunity to comment on proposed modifications to Mt. Rushmore Road was mailed to us, personally. It is a bit troublesome that personal notice was provided for modification to a road which is two blocks away from our residence, and no notice was sent to us personally when the downtown parking plan directly impacts our residence. We believe that if personal notice of the downtown parking plan had been provided to affected property owners, there would be more objection to the City's proposed parking plan.

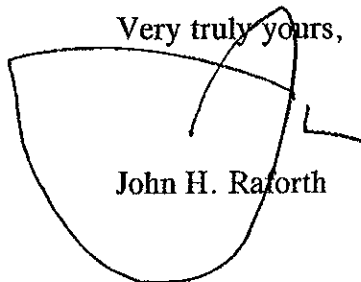
³ Our residence includes a small, single car garage. Presently, three of the four members of our family are licensed drivers, with the fourth approximately a year and one-half away from being a driver. We are also in the process of adopting two Ukrainian twins. In the very near future, it is quite possible that there could be six licensed drivers residing in our residence, and, presumably more vehicles than the two we presently own.

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We view the proposed revised Downtown Parking Plan as it affects our residence and Quincy Street between West Boulevard and Ninth Street as an unwanted intrusion.⁵ It also is extremely short sighted, if beautification of downtown Rapid City remains a goal of our City leaders. It additionally is ironical that a plan devised to benefit downtown businesses would also serve to potentially destroy businesses in our surrounding neighborhood area by taking away their customer and clientele parking.

For these reasons, we urge and implore the City not to approve the proposed revised Downtown Parking Plan as it affects our residence and the surrounding neighborhood.

I will attend the Legal and Finance Committee meeting on July 16 to voice my family's dissatisfaction with this proposal.

Very truly yours,

John H. Razorth

jhr:sw

cc: Bob Moore
John and Judy Hey
Legal & Finance Committee Members
Pat Roseland, Secretary, Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission
Mike Pelly, President, West Boulevard Neighborhood Association

⁴ In the past, the City made a monumental mistake that detrimentally impacted the West Boulevard area and our residence by removing the boulevard median in the middle of Quincy Street. Installing parking meters on both sides of Quincy Street between West Boulevard and Ninth Street would be repeating this same mistake.

⁵ The irony in the revised downtown parking plan is that if I sought to personally install a parking meter in front of my residence, I would be met with strong opposition from the City Historic Preservation Commission not to mention the West Boulevard Association membership. The City, however, is not bound by the same restrictions that I am personally bound. In raising this point, we understand and acknowledge that a property owner has no such right, and that street parking is a governmental function under its police powers. It does, nevertheless, point to the fact that while we are restricted in the types of improvements which we may make to our property, the City is not similarly limited.

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**Rapid City Growth
Management Department**

July 11, 2008

Monica Heller
Community Planning Coordinator
City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Re: 924 Quincy Street
Objection to proposed revised Downtown Parking Plan

Dear Ms. Heller:

We are the owners of real estate located at 924 Quincy Street, at which location a consumer-oriented law practice is in operation. Our business represents injured individuals and claims with insurance companies. Hence, we routinely see various injured individuals from our community in an effort to provide them requested legal services. Those individuals routinely park within the location of our law practice, often being unable to walk very far to us.

Recently, to our shock and amazement, without any prior notice to us, we were advised that we would be making available parking in front of our law practice for individuals employed downtown, essentially leaving no parking for individuals having personal or business affairs to attend to in this area.

We have been located at 924 Quincy Street, providing legal services to the community since 1991. Our observation of the 900 block of Quincy Street is that during routine business hours there are no parking spots that are not utilized. Commonly, all of the parking spots are used by employees of downtown businesses or those conducting activities in the neighborhood. If the city were to conjecture that there is parking available in the area, so that others working within the commercial district would have access to parking would be a mistake. If parking is restricted in the 900 block of Quincy Street to those working in the commercial district, those presently utilizing these parking opportunities will be forced North and West into residential areas within the West Boulevard District.

The issue of parking difficulty in the 900 block of Quincy Street was presented a few years ago to the City Council. At that time, recognizing the problem, city representatives provided our business and an adjacent neighbor with 2 hour non-meter parking. This has served the 900 block well since that decision was made by city representatives. Any change as was envisioned recently by the city would be seriously detrimental to the best

interest of the neighborhood, most specifically the landowners of the 900 block of Quincy Street.

While I appreciate the dilemma of downtown businesses it is unfair to attempt to solve their difficulties by creating difficulties for others. Frankly, I believe we all have a responsibility to provide adequate parking for our employees and that the land owners of the 900 block of Quincy Street ought not to have the responsibility to provide parking for the business operators in the commercial district of our community.

Please let the record show that we strongly and vehemently oppose any change whatsoever in the present structure of parking in the 900 block of Quincy Street. Let fairness be your guide.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Moore", with a stylized, cursive script.

Robert Moore

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Cc: Malcom Chapman, City Counsel Member Ward 5
Bob Hurlbut, City Counsel Member Ward 5
John Hey, ENGR
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West Boulevard Neighborhood Association

*P.O. Box 8004
Rapid City, SD 57709-8004*

July 15, 2008

Ms. Monica Heller
Community Planning Coordinator
City of Rapid City Administration
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Ms Heller,

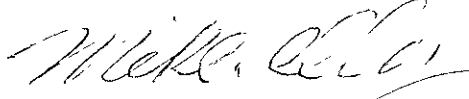
Re: John H. Raforth Letter, July 10, 2008, Subject: Objection to proposed revised Downtown Parking Plan

First let me thank you on behalf of our Association for your continued support of our mission and objectives. We have accomplished some great things together.

Consistent with our Association mission statement which mandates that we strive to preserve and promote our neighborhood's integrity as a residential neighborhood, and to maintain the West Boulevard Historic District, we strongly concur with Mr. Raforth's objection to the City's proposed revised Downtown Parking Plan in so far as it relates to ten hour metered parking in front of private residences anywhere within the neighborhood or the Historic District. We have no objection to the two hour non-metered parking the City recently instituted within the Historic District to accommodate commercial enterprises that have encroached into the District.

Again, thank you for your support and for your consideration of the position we have taken. Please keep us apprised of further developments with regard to this issue. If I can be of any assistance please telephone me at 718-0765 or send an e-mail to mdpelly@rap.midco.net.

For the Board and Membership,



Michael D. Pelly
Association President

cc: John H. Raforth
John and Judy Hey
Legal & Finance Committee
Patrick Roseland, Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission

Heller Monica

From: Kurt Whitesell [kurt@whitesellfinancialgroup.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 16, 2008 9:19 AM
To: Heller Monica
Cc: Hadcock Deb; Olson Karen Gundersen (City Council); Weifenbach Ron; ron.kroger@rcgov.org; Chapman Malcom
Subject: Objection to downtown Parking Plan

Dear Ms. Heller,

I am writing you to voice my opinion in regard to the downtown business plan. Specifically, the 10 hour metered parking which has been recommended for 9th St, Quincy and Columbus.

I have a financial planning practice doing business at 817 Nine St in the West Blvd. historic district. I have been at this location just over two years and we currently have two hour parking in front of our building and all-day parking across the street. I work with a generally older clientele which would have extreme difficulty walking a couple blocks today, not to mention in the winter. I believe the proposed plan could potentially destroy my ability to attract and retain my clientele. One of the reasons I moved to this location, was easy access for my clients and under the proposed plan we could have people parking in front of our office all day. This would be totally unacceptable!

In addition, I find this plan would degrade the historic characteristics of our building and harm the overall integrity of the West Blvd. historic neighborhood. We have worked hard in maintaining the property and have made significant investments that could be in jeopardy because of this plan. The historic district of Rapid City needs to be protected.

Consider this my personal objection to the proposed plan and I would ask that you please reconsider.

Sincerely,

Kurt W. Whitesell, CFP®
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----- Original Message -----

From: "Lust Rebecca" <rpl3n@yahoo.com>

To: <councilgroup@rcgov.org>

Sent: Thursday, July 17, 2008 1:08 AM

Subject: parking plan

>I just wanted to reiterate my concerns about the downtown parking plan. I
>am particularly opposed to 4 and 10 hour meters around the library and the
>YMCA (I believe that is part of the plan--I was not able to find the most
>recent configuration). It is difficult at times as it is to find parking
>close to these destinations; longer meters will make it nearly impossible.
>The result will be a noticeable decline in local traffic to downtown as
>people find more user-friendly options. In my case, when I take my
>children to the library or the YMCA, I will often stop at Staple and Spice,
>a bookstore, or another boutique. If I eliminate these primary trips
>downtown because walking 4 or more blocks with 4 children under 9 is a very
>unappealing prospect, particularly in the winter, I will rarely, if ever,
>frequent the other downtown shops. I believe this would be a widespread
>response and would seriously undercut a primary purpose of the plan (which
>I think is

> to promote shopping downtown). Please reconsider this plan. Thank you.

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> Sincerely,

> Rebecca Lust

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing this e-mail as a property owner and resident of 926 Quincy Street.

At this upcoming Council meeting, the Council will be voting on whether or not to send written notice to property owners to invite them to a public meeting to discuss their concerns over the Downtown Parking Plan.

I urge you to vote for this measure.

A public open house on the parking plan was held on June 24. Notice for this meeting was only published in the Rapid City Journal. Notice was not sent to affected property owners.

My wife and I did not have notice of the meeting held on June 24, nor were we even aware of the proposed changes to parking affecting our residence until Kurt Whitesell contacted us to attend the Legal & Finance meeting held this past Wednesday and to sign his petition against the proposed plan.

I believe that my family's lack of notice of the June 24 meeting and the proposed parking plan is not unique. Both of our neighbors directly to the east (Bob Moore and John and Judy Hey) likewise did not have notice of either the June 24 meeting or the proposed plan. Dr. Bruce Evans, who owns rental units on the south side of the 900 block of Quincy Street, also was unaware of both the meeting and the proposed parking plan. I have not attempted to speak with other property owners in our block to determine if they were similarly unaware.

Together the Raforths, Bob Moore, the Heys and Bruce Evans own approximately 50% of the properties fronting Quincy Street in this block.

I personally believe that other property owners in the area also did not have this knowledge, and very well may still be unaware of the City's contemplated parking change.

All of this tells me that the City has not done a good job in notifying property owners of its proposed parking plan.

Written notice needs to be sent to all affected property owners and the City needs to hear more voices on the issue before a final decision is made on the proposed parking plan.

Significant property rights and interests are affected by the proposed parking plan, including property rights and interests which may need to be compensated for by the City, if they lost as a result of the proposed parking plan.

From our family's perspective, the proposed plan, which provides for 10 hour metered parking for the 900 block of Quincy Street –

- (1) Adversely affects the historic character, aesthetics and value of our home (the former McNamara residence at the corner of Quincy Street and West Boulevard).
- (2) Takes away street parking in front of our residence for guests and a second family vehicle with no adequate off-street parking alternative.
- (3) Constitutes an unwelcome intrusion into the West Boulevard historic neighborhood.

(4) Takes away two hour non-metered parking in front of our residence and Bob Moore's office, which was previously granted by the City.

(5) Places parking meters on both sides of the street where none presently exist

Nor do I believe that my family's viewpoint is atypical. Everyone that I have spoken to both in my neighborhood and the surrounding area, including the YMCA, has expressed a negative response to the City's proposed parking plan as it affects the southwest portion of Downtown. This type of response was the resounding theme of those who spoke at the Legal & Finance meeting this past Wednesday. It is evident by the approximately 100 signatures against the parking plan in Kurt Whitesell's petition. This type of response also strongly resonates through the comments to the parking plan on the City's website.

In sum, there would appear to be a public outcry by those who are aware of the parking plan. Given the lack of notice provided to property owners, it would be an error for the City to assume that those who have not responded have tacitly approved the plan.

If the proposed parking plan is a sound plan for the Downtown and the surrounding neighborhood, then those who are proponents of the plan should have nothing to fear over giving notice to property owners and further discussion.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote in favor of sending notices to property owners and providing for one or more further public forums in order to allow additional input on the proposed parking plan.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Raforth

Bangs, McCullen, Butler, Foye & Simmons, L.L.P.

333 West Boulevard, Suite 400

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to review and consider our concerns.

The legal and finance meeting on Wednesday was enlightening. I understand you've been working hard a coming up with a fair and equitable plan. I am encouraged by the fact we will have another public meeting to discuss our concerns, in addition to the mailing of cards requesting property owners preference of metered parking. Hopefully, with this additional information, we can address a more equitable parking plan to include all businesses in downtown.

I believe, in the long term, a parking garage will be necessary to revitalize downtown Rapid City. I look forward to working together to come up with a plan that would be beneficial to the entire community.

Sincerely,

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**Rapid City Growth
Management Department**

August 25, 2008

Mayor Alan Hanks
CSAC
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Mayor Hanks:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and discuss our concerns with the proposed downtown parking plan. We deeply appreciate your candor along with your willingness to listen to our concerns and consider alternative solutions.

Our first preference in terms of downtown parking remains leaving Kansas City Street between Mt. Rushmore Road and West Boulevard and Ninth Street between St. Joseph and Quincy, as is. The reason for this is simple; we believe that having meters will negatively impact YMCA membership and consequently, our programming for people from all economic backgrounds. Remember, there once were meters on Kansas City Street and throughout downtown. When the meters were removed 20 years ago, there was an immediate growth in YMCA membership, and in turn, increased programming, particularly for the less fortunate.

In our meeting, you repeatedly asked why the YMCA should be given an exception to downtown parking changes. The reason we are asking for an exception is not for the same reason that the downtown parking proposal grants an exception to businesses on Main Street and St. Joseph Street, which you indicated was because they collect sales tax revenue and we don't. In fact, we were quite surprised upon hearing you describe preferential treatment given to for-profit businesses over not-for-profit organizations. While for-profit businesses are the backbone of a healthy free enterprise economy, not-for-profit organizations provide the backbone for a healthy social, cultural and philanthropic economy. For any government entity to duplicate what the YMCA does would substantially increase the tax burden. Any for-profit entity can't duplicate what the YMCA does and remain in business simply because there is no financial return in providing such a broad range of services to such a broad range of people, even those that cannot afford reasonable fees. Hence, our exception should be based on the intangible ways our programming benefits the community without adding a tax burden or limiting services only to those who have the means to pay.

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YMCA mission: To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

The fact is, the YMCA touches 25,000 people in this community per year through memberships, programs and partnerships, which translates into a profound positive impact throughout the community, including downtown. It keeps kids out of the juvenile justice system, helps families of all economic levels stay gainfully employed, builds youth leadership, brings people from all socio-economic and racial backgrounds downtown into a sense of community, while at the same time, keeps the business district safe. In addition, we maintain stringent organizational standards that apply only to not-for-profit organizations.

We were also disappointed in the perception that the YMCA overbuilt in our downtown location. Everything we did was in compliance with central business district zoning requirements and was consistent with the nature of a thriving downtown. In fact, through volunteer efforts over the last 12 years, the YMCA raised \$9 million of donated funds, in addition to City 2012 funds of \$800,000, and put these donated dollars into capital improvements for the downtown location. All research and downtown revitalization efforts have consistently stated that focusing capital improvements downtown (and not in outlying areas) is vital to a healthy city-center area. The YMCA acknowledged this effect at least 15 years ago in its strategic planning, and specifically elected not to build Rapid City "branches" so that it could do its part to keep Rapid City's downtown business district thriving.

Nonetheless, in spite of these misunderstandings and because it is the nature of the YMCA to build partnerships that benefit the community, such as our partnership with LaCroix Links, we ask that you consider the following options as alternatives to our first proposal that meters not be installed:

1. Either delay installation of meters or allow free time-limited parking to YMCA members for the first three years following implementation of the downtown parking plan. This will allow us to implement our strategic plan to provide additional parking for members. Please remember that the typical YMCA member comes to the building an average of three days a week for two hours at a time. At 50 cents an hour this translates into an additional \$156 a year to each member of the YMCA. In reference to your question as to why the City should consider exceptions for YMCA members, this financial sum is another reason why. Users of other non-profits in the downtown area are not likely to be hit in the pocket-book as much as YMCA members are being asked to.

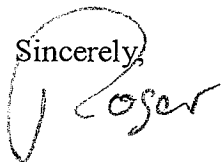
Or,

2. Allow for a volume discount of 65 percent to the YMCA to then pass on to YMCA members. Based on our research, YMCA users make up the bulk of parking on Kansas City Street between Ninth Street and Mt. Rushmore Road and on Ninth Street between Quincy Street and St. Joseph Street. At any given time between 7am and 6pm on Monday through Saturday this area is at least at 85 percent capacity, which translates into an average of 105 vehicles per hour, 11 hours per day, 6 days per week, 52 weeks per year, for a total of 360,360 vehicle hours per year. By providing this volume discount we can lessen the impact to the YMCA while still adding dollars to the downtown parking infrastructure fund.

In addition to options one or two, should the parking plan be implemented, we would accept your offer of free parking passes for those members that belong to the YMCA through financial assistance.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully ask for your response by September 12, 2008. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions or need any further information. I can be reached at roger@rcymca.org or 718-9622.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Roger", with a large, stylized initial "R" that loops around the word.

Roger Gallimore
Executive Director

Cc: City Council Members
Monica Heller
Lt. James Johns
Jennifer Trucano, YMCA Board President
Daryl Reinicke, YMCA Board Vice-President
Val Simpson, YMCA Public Policy Chair

**DOWNTOWN PARKING PLAN
OPEN HOUSE**
June 24, 2008

Name(s): Greg Swenson
Address: 929 Kansas City St, #201 (Office)
Phone Number: 605 341-5456

Highlights of the Plan

- Meter all on street parking spaces except for the Downtown Core Area
 - Free 15 minute parking on all meters
 - Prepaid Parking Cards available for use on all meters
 - 2 hour meters (50¢/hour)
 - 4 hour meters (25¢/hour)
 - 10 hour meters (25¢/2 hours)
 - Consistent Boundaries for ease of identification by customers/employees
 - Graduated Parking fines in Downtown Core Area
 - 1st ticket in 180 days - free (warning ticket only)
 - 2nd ticket in 180 days - 10 dollars
 - 3rd ticket in 180 days - 15 dollars
 - 4 or more tickets in 180 days - 20 dollars
- Must be ticket free for 180 days before your ticket count starts over.

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Management Department

A draft of the Downtown Parking Plan may be viewed at:
<http://rcgov.org/planning/transplanninghomepage.htm>.

I (We) have the following comments regarding the proposed Downtown Parking Plan:

I am very concerned about the 10-hr metered parking in front of my office. There are currently 3 businesses in my building, I potentially others. If all parking in front of our offices on Kansas City are 10-hr, there will be no parking for our clients. The 10-hr spots will be quickly filled by GPMCA employees, as they are now because nearly all are unmarked. I think 2-hr meters are essential! Greg Swenson

Please submit comments by July 3, 2008 to the following:

Monica Heller, Community Planning Coordinator - Monica.Heller@rcgov.org
Rapid City Growth Management Department, 300 Sixth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701, (605) 394-4120

----- Original Message -----

From: <prosel7950@aol.com>

To: <councilgroup@rcgov.org>

Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2008 9:39 PM

Subject: Sept. 29,Council meeting on Parkiig

> Greetings,

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> As a resident of the West Blvd. Hist. District and a member of the

> West

> Blvd. Neighborhood Association, I am commenting on the Parking meter

> proposal. I am against having any parking meters in the West Blvd.

> Historic District. The City of Rapid City should be of the mindset
> of

> protecting its beautiful residential Historic District, rather than
> to

> cause it distress.

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> I do realize that, you the Mayor, City Council, and others are

> working

> diligently to solve the parking problem that we have downtown, but

> pushing that problem into a historic district will not solve Rapid

> City's parking woes. The stress that the existing parking from the

> downtown employees, those that service and use the YMCA, and others,
> on

> our neighborhood is tremendous already, without causing parking to

> encroach deeper into our neighborhood, which by adding meters,will
> cause.

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> A sugestion.....contact Black Hills Corp. and visit with them, to

> creat a partnership wth them to build a 3 story parking ramp on their

> property at 9th and Kansas City. Those parking spaces can be shared
> by

> those of Black Hills Corp. and those that would be parking in the
> West

> Blvd. Hist. District. It is of my opinion that the YMCA got greedy
> with

> their grandiose expansion of the YMCA facilities, and if they just

> would have stuck with a parking ramp, in partnership with Black Hills

> Corp. there may be a parking ramp that would be availble now at that
> site.

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> Good luck my friends.....we are all in this together.

>

> Pat Roseland

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BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES

**The Rapid City Council
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701**

September 23, 2008

Re: Special Council Meeting for the proposed Downtown Parking Plan

Greetings Honorable Members of the Rapid City Council:

I am supplying you with this written testimony in opposition to the parking plan being proposed for the downtown area of our great city. As an authorized agent for The Salvation Army, there are some comments that need to be documented in writing in an effort to offer testimony that will factually support our claim that this plan will be damaging to our property and will have negative effects well into the future for the needed parking and for our customers to have access for convenient parking to shop at our property located at 230 Main Street.

While I fully support a visionary parking plan for business, employees, and especially the customer base that supports our economy, the current downtown parking plan under your consideration has dramatic ramifications. Additionally, this parking plan fails on the basis of being fair and equitable to those established property owners, current business, and heaven forbid any new business opportunities that want to relocate to the wonderful downtown area of Rapid City.

Specifically, the planned ten hour metered parking enclosing our property to the south on Main Street and 3rd Street to the west offers the potential of eliminating all parking for our customers. Changing from a 2 hour non-metered system to a 10 hour metered system is more than dramatic. Parking in downtown is a major concern for all citizens. A fair system, an equitable system can be accomplished. There should be a cost or a fee associated with the privilege of parking in downtown and we do support a system of paid parking. Change is needed and we are not asking for the current system to remain.

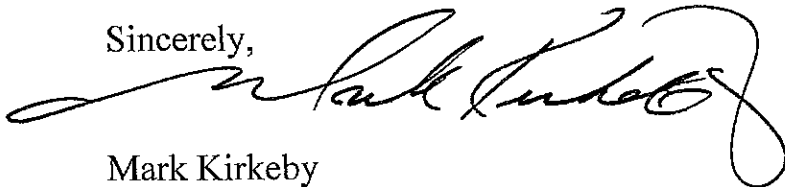


I have attempted to sell our property on the open market for the past 6 months, at the appraised value, and believe that this is the best evidence that I can provide to you concerning downtown parking. Even with the current parking system, we have had no success in selling our property. Parking was an issue of concern then and will only escalate with the proposed changes. Eliminating the current 2 hour non metered system and replacing it with a 10 hour metered system would devastate the value of our Real Estate, period. While I believe that some type of parking variance would have been granted for a prospective purchaser, the current regulation required 72 parking spaces for this prospective purchaser desiring to expand their business to our location. We all want downtown to prosper, to flourish. A reasonable and equitable paid system for parking is needed. Unfortunately, the current proposal is not the vehicle to implement.

I ask for your consideration to not implement this 10 hour metered system in downtown Rapid City. A more reasonable system can be achieved. Please accept this letter in opposition to the proposed downtown parking plan as additional comments from my statement made on June 24th during a public open house held at the City/School Administration Building.

Wishing you all the best and thanking you for all you do for our great city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Kirkeby", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Mark Kirkeby
Black Hills Development Director

cc: Mayor Alan Hanks
Monica Heller

----- Original message -----

From: [connie braun](#)

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Date: Sunday, September 28, 2008 4:53 PM

Subject: historic parking plan

Regarding the discussion to take place Monday concerning parking meter placement in the downtown area, I oppose the idea of meters in residential neighborhoods, especially in the historic district. No one wants a parking meter in front of their home and seeing them in a historic area demeans the preservation effort and makes it appear as if we really don't have our hearts in this important aspect of our community. Many residents in the older downtown area have no option (garage, driveway) except to park on the street. I can't believe that revenue generated could be substantial enough to warrant this approach. Also, it seems as though this proposal should be delayed until the vacant council position from this district is filled. Thank you for your consideration.

Connie Braun
803 West Blvd.

----- Original Message -----

From: "CookieFootPhoto @ AOL" <cookiefootphoto@aol.com>

To: <mayor@rcgov.org>; <patti.martinson@rcgov.org>;

<ron.wiefenbach@rcgov.org>; <sam.kooiker@rcgov.org>;

<deb.hadcock@rcgov.org>; <karen.olson@rcgov.org>;

<bill.okrepkie@rcgov.org>; <lloyd.lacroix@rcgov.org>;

<ron.kroeger@rcgov.org>; <malcom.chapman@rcgov.org>

Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2008 3:40 PM

Subject: Parking Meters-

> To All it may concern:

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> I am writing as a Rapid City area resident, a YMCA member and

> employee.

> My opinion is mine and mine alone and does not represent the opinions

> of anyone else involved with the YMCA in any way, or the YMCA itself.

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> I am writing in regards to the plan to install parking meters on

> Quincy, Columbus, and Kansas City Streets. I work for the YMCA and I

> am a member who frequently uses the pool and other amenities. I have

> a small child and plan to have more. I find this plan ridiculous and

> frivolous. I work hard to earn my money, and refuse to pay more into

> parking meters. I do not know what the money will go to in the

future

> from these meters, but it is clear that the money from the present

> meters has not gone to street maintenance. The roads are atrocious,

> and the parking is frequently submerged in standing water after snow

> and rain. The thought of having to walk three to four blocks to get

> to the YMCA with a small child and a newborn, is ridiculous. I work

> for the YMCA, and therefore, do not have additional money to waste on

> parking fees. Many members here cannot get in and out within the two

> hours, and they look for the remaining all day spaces available. We

> have many elderly members as well, who cannot walk four blocks in the

snow to come to an early morning swim class.

> I am sure that when the meters are in effect, the city would stand to

> make a fortune from the YMCA patrons. I believe the result will be a

> loss of YMCA members, and a turn over of YMCA employees. The extra

> time it would take for me to park an additional two to three blocks

> away, and walk to get to work on time each day, then the time to walk

> it again at the end of my day is likely to cost me 15-20 minutes of

my day- 5 hours a month.

> Every minute of my time is valuable to me as a mother. I work for

the

> YMCA in an attempt to give back to the community, to help make this

> city a better place, but I will not give up extra time of my day,

five

> days a week, in order to allow more time to walk to and from my car

> for the privilege of working here. This is truly a substantial

> inconvenience, to all staff and all YMCA members, and I hope you will

> reconsider this project.

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> Sincerely,

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>
> Shawna Valladolid
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----- Original message -----

From: [Ann Simpson](#)

To: SAM.KOOIKER@RCGOV.ORG

Date: Sunday, September 28, 2008 1:25 PM

Subject: Parking Meters

I totally disagree with the plan to install parking meters on Quincy, Columbus, and Kansas City streets. My main concern is around the YMCA. I for one participate in the arthritic water exercise program at the Y, as do many other people. I'm sure if meters were installed, many will not be able to continue this beneficial program because of the cost to feed the meter anywhere from 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Additionally, I feel more handicapped parking spots are needed in front of the Y for those of us who are not able to walk very far. Thank you. Ann