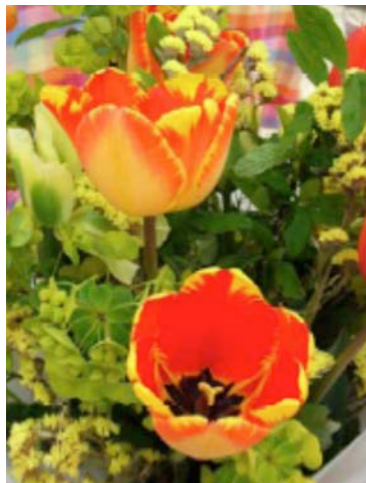
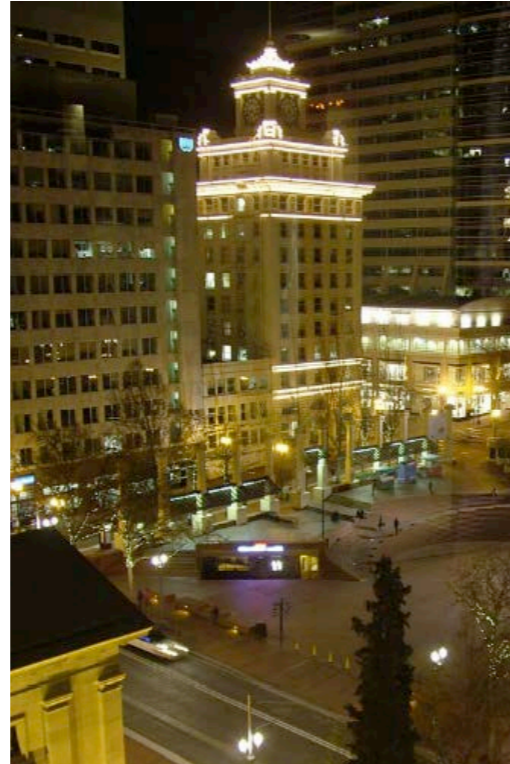
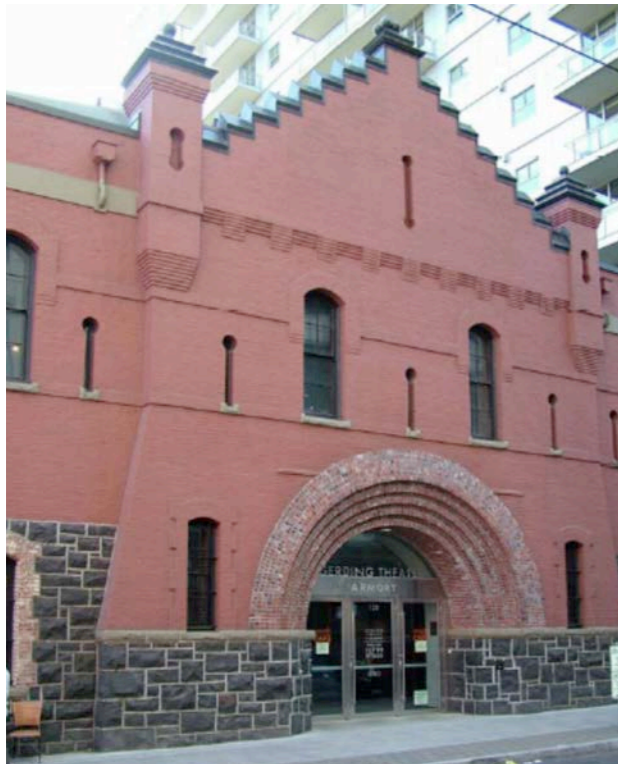


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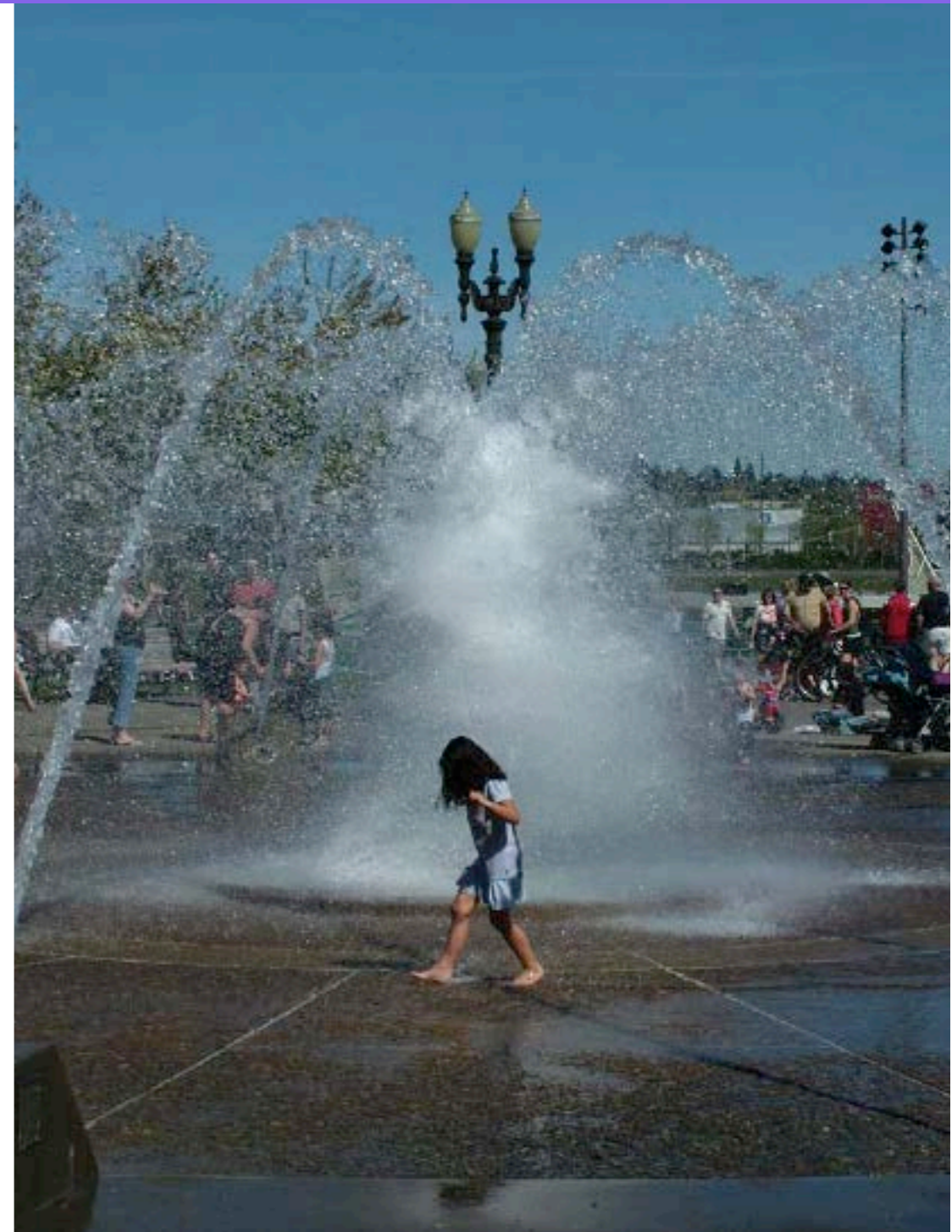
Green Cities Conference

Portland, Oregon
Spring 2009



Learning from Portland

- A delegation of Rapid City Council Members, city officials and business people attended
- Presented findings and recommendations to Council and Community



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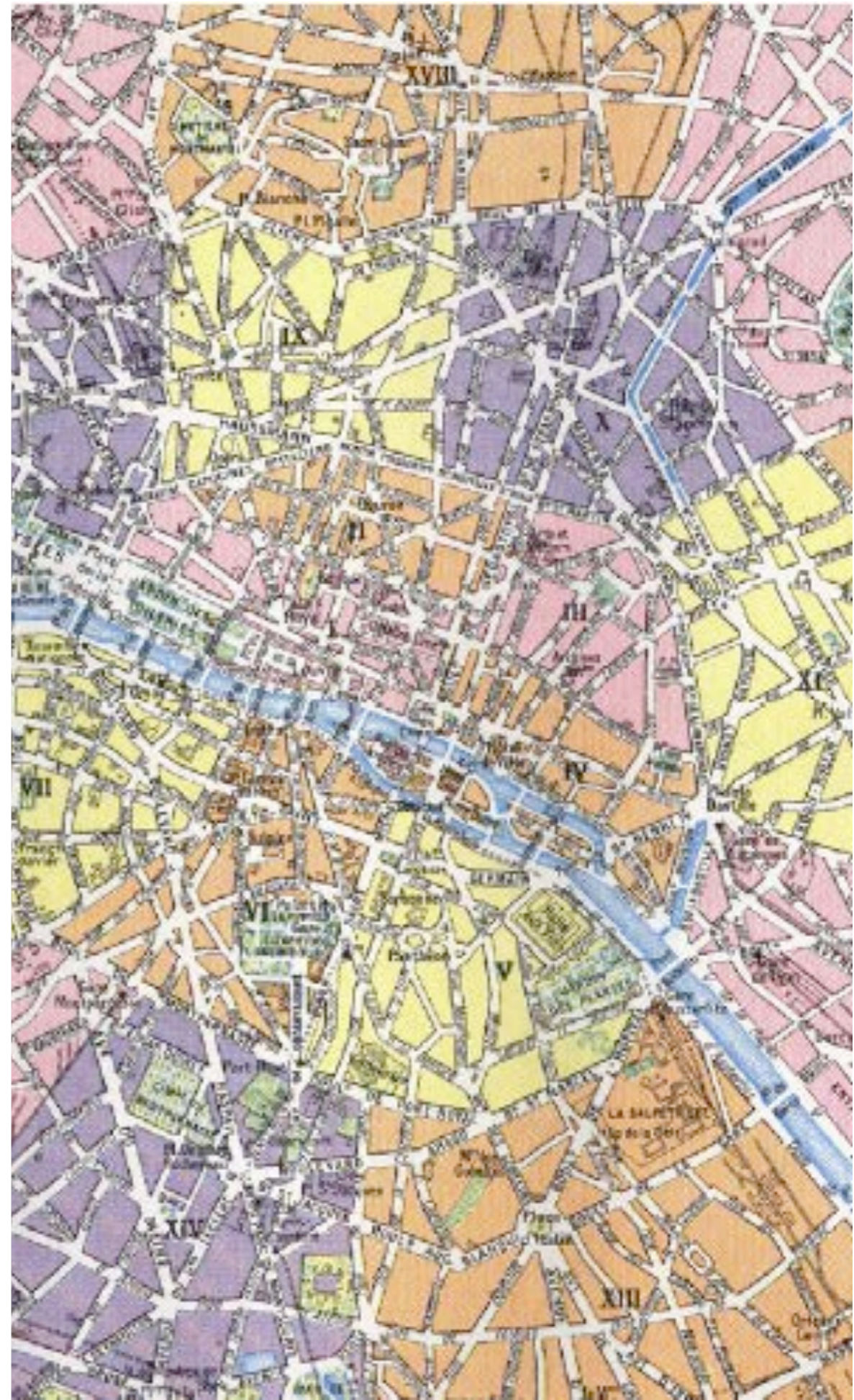


“meet present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.”

Our Task:

Create a community roadmap

for Rapid City's continued
green and sustainable
efforts.



Direction



- The Council recommended this roadmap as a process by which citizens, business, and government can explore and plan, both independently and cooperatively to become a greener and more sustainable Rapid City.

Appointed by Mayor September 2009

2 City Council
7 Citizens
1 City Employee



Mission Statement

- Facilitate creation of a community-authored roadmap for fostering stewardship of the environment of Rapid City.



Therefore, we will:

- Celebrate our quality of life;
- Educate ourselves and our community on sustainable practice;
- Formulate environmental stewardship;
- Implement economically sound measures;
- Evaluate socially viable solutions.



We have much to celebrate



Our approach:

Educate, investigate, evaluate, formulate



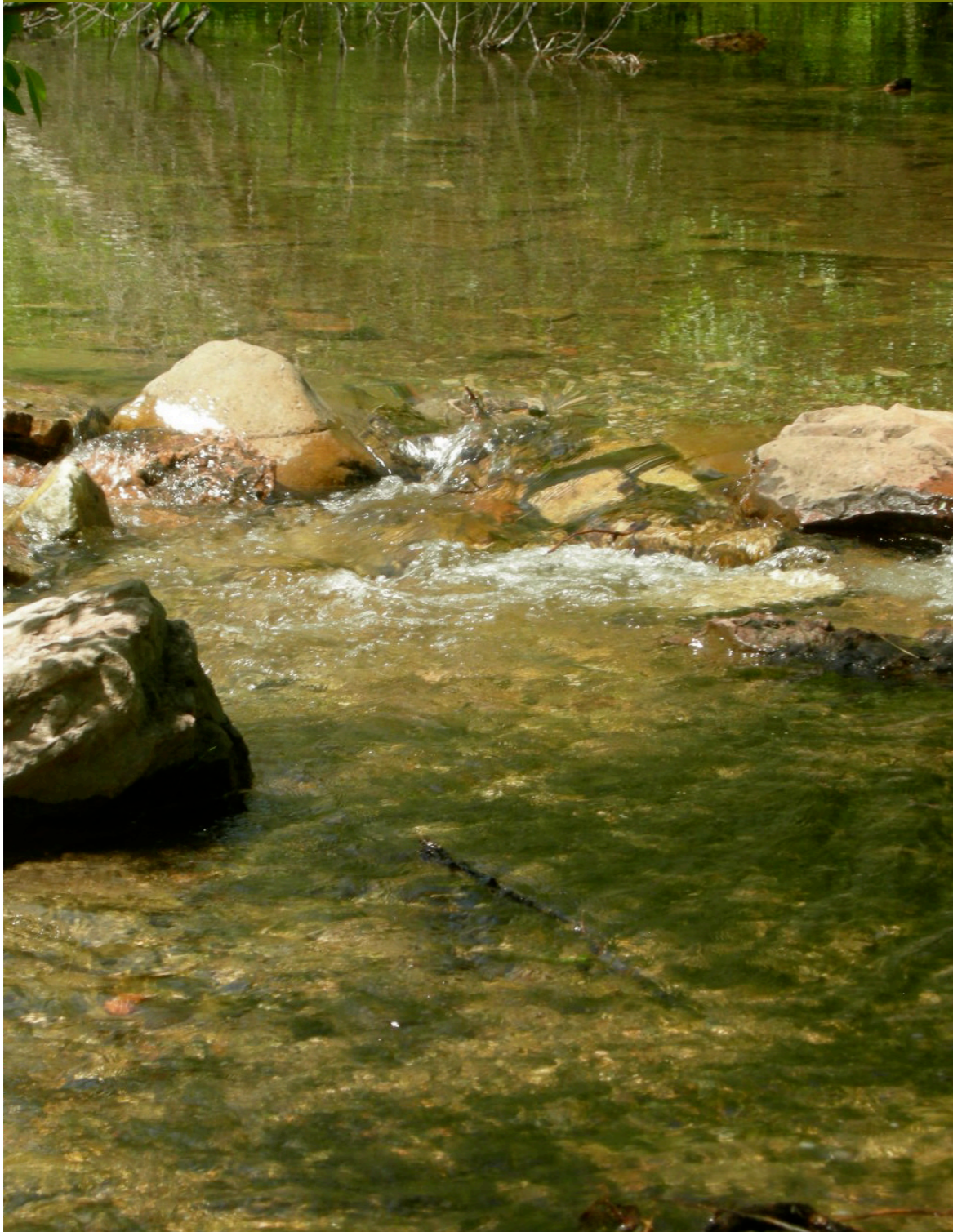
- Learn what the city is already doing

- Ask the community about priorities

- Talk to experts here and in other cities

- Come up with ideas that could work here

Subcommittees and Topics



- Energy
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Natural Assets
- Education
- Recycling
- Local Foods
- Water

Private sector "green" action

- **SDSM&T LEED award**
- **Downtown enhancements**
- **Bike trail improvements**
- **Recycle Booklet**
- **Farmers Markets**
- **Green building standards**
- **Urban Orchard**
- **Energy conservation**

City's Green Policy and Practice

- Materials recovery, compost, and landfill gas recovery projects
- City energy policy
- Storm water treatment areas and planning
- Parks & trails improvements
- Water supply improvements
- Historic preservation
- Bike path expansions
- Neighborhood planning
- Expanded recycling in city & school buildings

Task Force Activities

More than 50 citizens participating in:

- Two dozen open meetings
- 12 recommendations
- 8 subcommittees
- 7 media stories
- 6 community events
- 4 pilot project proposals
- 3-page summary
- 2 city clean-ups and
- 1 extensive list of links and resources.

Community Outreach



Living Green & Loving It

A panel discussion featuring local experts covering all things green from construction to recycling and even food.



Past | Present | Future

Event: Our Green Future



First Green/ Sustainable Summit

During Earth Day with WDT





Sustainable Rapid City Symposium

6 to 8 p.m. Earth Day, April 22, 2010

Western Dakota Technical Institute

hosted by

Mayor's Ad Hoc Task Force on Green Cities



Task Force Volunteers participated in:

- 40th Annual Rapid City Cleanup Day,
April 2010
- Energy Efficiency Awareness Day
Rushmore Mall, October 2010
- Rapid City Recycles Day, November 2010
- Sustainability Education Workshop,
December 2010



Pilot Projects & Recommendations



Proposed Pilot Projects

- Downtown Recycling
- Green & Sustainable Business Awards
- Trinity Lutheran Stormwater Garden
- Smart Growth Community Plan North of I-90



Policy Recommendations



- Create Sustainability Committee to succeed Ad Hoc Task Force
- Implement recommendations from 2010 Solid Waste Management Plan
- Create city-wide recycling advocate post



- Adopt a policy to mitigate loss of greenway land with replacement open space
- Complete pedestrian and bicycle master plan and implementation

- Integrate pedestrian and bicycle paths in new developments and in reconstruction or redevelopment of existing corridors such as Jackson Boulevard and Mount Rushmore Road



- Implement recommendations from city beautification committee as proposed for Vision 2012, “West Memorial Park.”
- Feature local food in tourist promotions & route city buses to farmers markets

Now that our task is done:

We urge the Mayor and Council to create a “sustainability” seat on specified committees, nominate interested citizens to those posts, and create a separate committee made up of those appointees to meet regularly to discuss Rapid City’s sustainable future.



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Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. *Margaret Mead*

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