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MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Planning Commission

FROM: Karen Bulman, Planner II

DATE: March 30, 2011

RE: Ordinance Amendment to amend Section 17.50.300 Landscaping Regulations of the Rapid City Municipal Code and the corresponding zoning districts

A Special Planning Commission meeting was held on September 14, 2010 to review the draft Landscape Ordinance and to receive further comments on the proposal. As a result of the meeting with the Planning Commission, additional changes were made to the proposed ordinance. The draft was submitted by the consultant on October 27, 2010, for consideration by the Planning Commission. The proposed Landscape Ordinance was a discussion item on the November 4, 2010 Planning Commission agenda. At that time, the ordinance discussion was continued to the February 24, 2011 Planning Commission meeting. **At the February 24, 2011 Planning Commission meeting, the ordinance discussion was continued to April 7, 2011.**

As noted in earlier discussions, a contract with Designworks, Inc. was approved to review the existing requirements for landscaping as provided for in the Rapid City Municipal Code, to recommend amendments and other changes to the City's existing landscape ordinances, and to provide draft ordinances for revisions to the Rapid City Municipal Code to implement the recommendations identified. Two public open houses were held on February 10, 2010 and June 30, 2010 to receive input from developers and others who work with the Landscape Ordinance.

The Second Floor Review Working Group, appointed by the Mayor, has requested that the Landscape Ordinance be continued until they have reviewed the proposed changes.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends that this item be tabled.



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