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Thoughtfully the Consequences of
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Mr. Butler: re Halley Park Sculptor issue

I am fervently, passionately, seriously concerned about the issue of Native American sculptors in Halley Park or any encumbrances in ANY of our beautiful public Park lands -- as a resident of RC for 71 years, I participate and care deeply about Rapid City -- I have gone to all Ms. Cook's listening meetings; RC Parks meetings, etc. I believe, absolutely, they have all missed ~~miss~~ missed the most elemental fact of the discussion: the very hundreds of acres, man-made and natural, diverse and beautiful acres of parks in our entire Rapid City area which we should all guard jealously. Rapid City has been designated a "Tree City USA"; we should as well be designated "City of Beautiful Parks USA". Not ONE ACRE should be encumbered with "man made stuff" -- we have enough already!!!! I believe young reporters, young people, don't think about this gift in our town.

Will the RCJ Editorial Board consider writing an Editorial on this subject or use mine, hereon, on the Saturday edition, please? Thank you.

Letters

RAPID CITY PARKS

I believe every Rapid Citian should be grateful for and enjoy our many acres of diverse and beautiful man-made and natural parks--our City parks some 70 years in the making by devoted and committed Parks Departments, hundreds of volunteers, multiple thousands of dollars by generations of people, and multiple thousands of dollars designated for greeway and parks from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Assn.) following the 1972 Flood-- we have neither right nor title to breach these gifts by using these lands as a stage for use of special interest groups or individuals no matter the credibility. The City of Rapid City and its citizens share this responsibility. City Park Lands are taxpayer-owned, without encumbrance, by all the people.

The City of Rapid City has designated ample lands as a Memorial Park by application and permission.

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