

2012 Funds: Long Term Strategic Planning for Rapid City

In 1992, the City of Rapid City began a process called Vision 2012 - a program of long range planning for the future of our community.

Building on the progress made following the 1972 flood, the City extended the half cent sales tax by a vote of the citizens, to provide a stable funding source to continue the progress and improve the quality of life for our citizens.

Looking Back: 1972

- On June 9, 1972, heavy rains caused massive flooding of Rapid Creek.
- 238 people lost their lives.
- More than \$100 million in property was destroyed.



After the Flood:

The City of Rapid City started a program of civic improvements which included:

- Greenway: Turning the flood plain into a parks system.
- Civic Center.
- Airport Terminal.
- City and School Administration Building.

1992: A Long Term Strategic Plan for the Next 20 Years.

Community Leaders looked to:

- Move Rapid City forward with a long-term vision.
- Improve the quality of life in Rapid City.
- Make Rapid City a more desirable place to live.
- Provide for the citizens and economic development.

The question of money:

- A current half-cent sales tax to pay off the debt incurred to build the Civic Center was set to expire in 1995.
- An initiated measure to continue the tax for civic improvements was taken to the people.
- After many meetings between community leaders and the people of Rapid City the initiated measure passes on November 9, 1993.

Vision 2012: Phase One -1995

30-35 ideas for projects were cut down to six:

- Canyon Lake Restoration
- A Museum: The Journey Museum
- Recreational Enhancements
- A Recycling Facility
- Funds for Economic Development
- A Visitor Information Center



Canyon Lake Park
\$2,220,000



Journey Museum
\$10,400,000

Sioux Park – Recreation Enhancements



Sioux Park: Jimmy Hilton Pool
\$3,400,000

Sioux Park – Recreation Enhancements



Sioux Park Rec. Complex / Tennis Courts
\$600,000

Sioux Park – Recreation Enhancements



Sioux Park Recreation Complex
(Includes All Other Sioux Park Improvements)
\$2,300,000

Sioux Park – Recreation Enhancements



Fitzgerald Park: Parking
\$300,000



Recycling: Materials Recovery Facility



Rapid City Visitors Center
\$2,758,340

Vision 2012: Phase Two - 2000

- YMCA Gymnasium
- Catron Blvd / Southwest Connector
- Storybook Island Gift Shop
- Animal Shelter
- Skate Park
- Boys Club
- Little League Lighting
- Meadow Brook Golf Course Club House
- Roosevelt Park Ice Arena
- Rapid City Youth Boxing Facility.
- Rapid City Public Library
- South West Middle School Gym / Community Center
- Roosevelt Park Pool Complex
- School of Mines Track
- Highway 16 Fire Station #6
- Girls ASA Softball Fields
- Youth & Family Services/Girls Inc.
- Public Safety Building



YMCA Gymnasium
\$800,000



Catron Blvd. / Southwest Connector
\$4,500,000



Storybook Island Gift Shop
\$447,337



Animal Shelter
\$200,000



Skate Park
\$180,000



Boy's Club Gym
\$1,000,000



Little League Lighting
\$461,070



Meadowbrook Golf Course Clubhouse

\$1,200,000



Roosevelt Park Ice Arena
\$5,000,000



Roosevelt Park Pool Complex
\$10,300,000



Youth Boxing Facility
\$75,000



Rapid City Public Library
\$2,773,000



South & West Middle Schools Gym/ Community Center
\$3,300,000



School of Mines Track
\$400,000



Highway 16 Fire Station #6
\$1,086,500



Girls ASA Softball Fields
\$900,000



Youth and Family Services / Girls Inc.
\$3,000,000



Public Safety Building
\$1,250,000

Vision 2012: Phase Three - 2005

- Police Evidence Building
- Skyline Drive Preservation
- Dahl Arts Facility
- Civic Center Expansion/Arena
- Burn Training Facility
- Downtown Parking Ramp/Third Level
- Stevens High School Gym/Multi-Purpose Room



Police Evidence Building
\$787,750



Skyline Drive Wilderness Area
\$737,000



Dahl Education Complex
\$3,500,000



Kansas City Street
\$1,351,290



Stevens High School Gym / Multi-Purpose Room
\$350,000



Fire Department Burn Building
\$452,745.00



Civic Center Arena Expansion
\$25,700,000

Vision 2012: Phase Three

Not Pictured - 2005

- Hospice House - \$100,000.00
- Homeless Coalition Transitional Living Facility- \$250,000.00
- School Zone Flashers - \$129,739.00
- Traffic Signals/LED - \$278,251.00
- Rapid City Girls Softball Safety Netting, Dugout Covers, Fencing - \$39,512.00
- Economic Development Partnership - \$2,568,982.00
- Greenway Expansion - \$160,000.00
- Playground Equipment - \$221,050.00
- Downtown Parking – 3,800,000.00

Beyond 2012: Continuing with a Strategic Plan for the Future:

Vision without action is merely a dream.

Action without a vision just passes the time.

Vision with action can change the world.

-Joel Arthur Barker