

Notes from 2012 subcommittee meetings

8/29/05 – Johnson, Olson, Chapman

Discussed how to proceed, all in agreement that the recommendations from this subcommittee need to come forward with a unanimous recommendation. The purpose of the process is to review the citizen committee recommendations and bring forth to the full City Council the subcommittee recommendations. Expressed need to have a working session with the Council in addition to a “public input” type meeting with the full City Council. Dates selected for the working session were Oct 11th at 7 p.m. and Oct 24th for the “public input” meeting. Discussed the need to have the information to the Council at least a day early to give them a “heads up” on the recommendations. Agreed that the Council had always been free and still is free to bring up additional projects that were not included in the citizen committee recommendations. First reading is proposed for November 7th and second reading of the ordinance on November 21. The full Council can change dates, add dates or continue as they wish.

The arts projects were discussed and the need to bring the Dahl and Performing Arts groups together to come to some sort of compromise. A mediation process will be attempted and hope that a process comes out that will help unify the two groups. Several people have mentioned this type of process to put an end to the conflict and move forward. The committee discussed the funding issues that the Dahl has publicized in an attempt to bring the issue to some resolution.

Discussed the issues of Skyline and the interest owed/back taxes which may or may not be eligible under 2012. City Attorney will be asked to clarify that question as well as asking the Skyline Pres. Group to clarify how much is due and also a record of donations.

The committee agreed to look at the seven-year bonding proposal in an attempt to get the most dollars for the projects. Also, discussed the need to keep the plan “fluid” and to not program all of the dollars in case there would be a project come up that the Council wished to do under 2012. Committee agreed to “lump” parks/recreation type projects to be under the guidance of the Parks/Recreation Department and to “lump” the municipal infrastructure projects to be handled by Public Works. ATTA has not turned in a business plan as of this date.

8/31/05 - Tom Johnson, Ron Kroeger, Karen Olson

Committee reviewed projects – noting the need to hold off on Skyline until more information was received as to ability to pay interest and back taxes. Discussed the Dahl vs. Performing Arts – no action on their request pending the report on the mediation. Concern on the dollars requested by Dahl and whether or not they included monies from the current plan to roll over into Phase 3. The bleachers were discussed; possible funding from Recreation- stressed the need to fulfill the obligation of the city and to meet the needs of the SD High School Athletics and their pressure to pull out the tournaments from

Rapid City. Questions on the housing project, information provided by Barb Garcia is to be reviewed. Discussed the soccer and possible other sites for the fields, suggestion of land near landfill, land north of town and by EAFB. No business plans yet from ATTA.

9/14/05- Tom Johnson, Karen Olson ~ Ron Kroeger and Malcom Chapman absent. Need information from Skyline as to revenue, taxes owed, number of parcels, interest due ability to raise funds on annual basis - Olson will visit with Chuck Tenant to try and get information. Mediation for Dahl/Performing Arts - need to see copy of the mediation report - has been given to the Mayor. Discussed setting an amount and giving both sides a timeline in which to work out issues for arts in the community, all agree with the one year from date of the ordinance. Discussed the soccer request, changing the recommended amount to \$3,800,000 and talked about other sites that could/should be considered. The sub-committee talked about new projects being brought forward by Council members - projects that were not received by the citizens committee. Johnson said that this had always been left as an option for the Council members once the citizens committee had finalized their recommendations and he would expect to have some presented. Committee discussed the need to fund in entirety the request of the Civic Center, which was the reason for the initial tax and 2012. Noting that the Civic Center can not do their requested project with the amount recommended by the Citizens Committee, it is very important to review this and try and fund the full project. Concern was expressed that ATTA has not turned in a business plan, uncertain if Jim Mirehouse has been involved and the management of such a facility.

9/23/05 Attending: Tom Johnson, Ron Kroeger, Karen Olson, Malcom Chapman. Discussed the Horace Mann Pool and what can/can't be done, is there a need for this "neighborhood" pool. Dahl/Performing Arts mediation has apparently failed, agreed that this should not be up to the Council to resolve - agreed to send a letter to both, inviting 2 from each group to come to a meeting at 1:30 pm on Nov 4th - let them know in a crystal clear way that the committee will recommend a certain amount and that agreement must be worked out within one year from date of ordinance. All agreed that there is a great need in the community for other projects and the arts must come together and work something out. The subcommittee talked at length about the Dahl project and the monies in Phase 2 that would be carried forward.

9/26/06 Attending: Tom Johnson, Karen Olson, Malcom Chapman. Olson reported that she had visited with Chuck Tinant regarding Skyline. First Western holds the note, there is back taxes, back interest owed on the note in the amount of close to \$100,000. Committee discussed the fact that back taxes and interest were not eligible under 2012 and the need to make sure that if the note were paid, that monies were available to pay for the taxes on an annual basis. Issues regarding the ownership of the land need to be resolved and some possible uses for the land such as open classroom with various organizations. ATTA presented a copy of their preliminary business plan this morning to the committee members and Mayor Shaw.

10/04/05 Attending: Malcom Chapman, Karen Olson, Tom Johnson

Discussed process for the Oct 11th meeting with the Council, agreeing to no new outside projects, if the Council member has something that is not on the agenda or if there is a project that was previously presented but not recommended for funding could be discussed. At this meeting, the committee met with representative of the Dahl and Performing Arts for the purpose of giving them advance notice of the recommendation of this committee - that being that \$6.5 million would be recommended to be set aside for a period of one year in which time the arts community would need to come together with a proposal and if at the end of one year from the date of the ordinance approval, there was no agreeable plan, the monies would revert to other projects.