Trial of New Downtown Parking Meters

New credit card enabled smart meters are coming to downtown Rapid City as part of implementation of the Downtown Area Master Plan! Prior to making a purchase, the City will be testing parking meter technology from three different vendors in a parking meter pilot project. This demonstration will help the City determine which parking technology solutions will be the best fit for Rapid City based on performance of the technology during the trial period and feedback from the community.

The meters will be installed for a 60-day trial period beginning the first week in August. The meters will be temporarily installed in two locations: the 1st level of the parking garage at 6th and Apolda Street, and the surface parking lot located at 6th and Saint Joseph. The Community Development Department will be hosting a community information meeting on Thursday, September 6, 2018 in the Hoyt Room, Rapid City Public Library from 12:00-1:30 pm and from 4:30-6:00 pm. Please contact the Community Development Department at 394-4120 for more information.

PLANNING A NEW PROMENADE
Public input is being sought for plans to improve a pedestrian corridor, along 6th Street and through Memorial Park, that will connect the Performing Arts Center with the Civic Center. Concepts include public art, event areas, kiosks, landscaping and an improved crossing of Omaha.

Invitation to Black Hills Area Artists

Will you help us imagine and plan for the future?

The Rapid City Community Development Department is developing a conceptual plan for the “6th Street Promenade” between the Civic Center and the Performing Arts Center.

City Planners want to hear from local artists and creative thinkers to generate ideas and imagine possibilities for public art and community collaborations within the corridor. All are welcome!

An initial gathering to discuss these topics is scheduled for Wednesday, August 15 from 3:30 – 5:30 in the Hoyt Room at the Public Library. An RSVP to Sarah Hanzel is greatly appreciated but not required. Contact Sarah by phone at 605.394.4120 or email at sarah.hanzel@rcgov.org.

(p.s. if you can’t make it on this day but want to be involved or learn more we’d still love to hear from you! Please email or call!)
City Continues To Grow – Exceeds 75,000 In Population

Rapid City's estimated population continues to grow. Rapid City has reached the 75,000 mark!

According to the City's Long Range Planning Division, Rapid City's population estimate at the end of 2017 was 75,488, up 2.32% from the 2016 estimate. Every year, the City's Planning Division prepares a population estimate for Rapid City using a methodology approved by the United States Census Bureau. The estimates are based on approved building permits, housing demolitions, the Census 2010 occupancy rate and the Census 2010 persons per household rate for Rapid City and Rapid Valley.

"The population estimate is one of the tools in the City's tool kit used by City planners and officials for planning and development purposes," said Kelly Brennan of the City's Planning Department. "These population numbers can tell us a lot about growth in the community and these trends result in setting planning goals and projects."

The population estimate determined a net gain of 561 households in the City in 2017 with an increase in 1,285 population from 2016, which includes additional population from annexations.

Railroad Quiet Zone

The City Council recently approved the Draft Report of the Rapid City Railroad Quiet Zone Study. The Study identifies options to improve safety and minimize the impacts of train horn noise at multiple railroad crossings in the downtown Rapid City area.

Thirteen rail crossings were assessed through a field diagnostic review, and the Study details proposed crossing improvement scenarios with planning level layouts, construction cost estimates, and potential phasing options for quiet zone implementation.

The four crossing improvement scenarios included in the report are a baseline scenario that implements a quiet zone but requires an annual review, a high safety scenario that provides the greatest risk reduction at the highest cost, and two cost effective scenarios that involve prioritizing improvements for maximum return on improvement investments.

For more information, call 394-4120.

Coffee with Planners

August 2nd & November 7th @ 9 a.m.

Join a handful of roundtable discussions on various topics, to find out what’s going on with current and proposed Rapid City development projects, as well as future city master plans.

RAPID NUMBERS

64% margin of Rapid City residents who voted to approve the new Civic Center Arena

21% increase of building permits issued in first half of 2018 over the same period in 2017

22 acres of park land per 1,000 Rapid Citians, (total of 1,650 acres). Nat.average = 9.5 acres

11 volunteer residents serving as Planning Commission members, meeting twice a month

What are they building there?
Find out about current developments with the Community Development RAP Sheet, listing information relating to ongoing developments, available on the City’s website at www.rcgov.org.

Like our Facebook page at: “The City of Rapid City Community Development” to keep up on the latest!