



Black Hills Farmers Market

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To City of Rapid City Parks and Recreation Department:

The Board of Directors for the Black Hills Farmers Market requests that the city park located at 145 East Omaha Street in Rapid City be officially named “Market Park.” This location has a history of being an open-air market within Rapid City for many years. The Black Hills Farmers Market relocated here in 2017 and has plans to continue to use this location for the foreseeable future. The feedback for this location from customers and vendors has been overwhelmingly positive. Officially naming this park “Market Park” is natural to the identity of this park.

In addition to providing high-quality food for customers, the Black Hills Farmers Market greatly adds to the Rapid City community. Our market currently hosts 44 area farms, ranches, and small businesses. Each week throughout the summer, a local non-profit organization is featured in our Community Booth. The market holds many events throughout the season, partnering with experts and small businesses in the area such as Rapid City Public Library, Sol Yoga, and Pennington County Master Gardeners. Customers come to the market not just for food, but for the social connections of getting to know the vendors or bumping into an old friend.

These are just a few examples of how Black Hills Farmers Market benefits the city of Rapid City. Continued hosting of BHFM at this park and naming the location “Market Park” support the continued growth and success of the market.

Respectfully,

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