

In a special session lasting four and one-half hours, the Rapid City Council approved a list of community and City recommendations for allocations from the City's Vision Fund for the 2019 three-year cycle on Thursday, January 31st.

Vision Fund Citizen Committee Chairman George Grassby and Mayor Steve Allender gave presentations and there were comments from the public to go with considerable dialogue and discussion from the Council.

1. Citizen Committee projects receiving Council approval included:
2. Abbott House (\$190,000)
3. Youth and Family Services (\$1,95 million)
4. Rapid City Club For Boys (\$810,000)
5. Rapid City Collective Impact-OneHeart (\$3.9 million)
6. YMCA (\$1.1 million)
7. Destination Rapid City (\$3.99 million)
8. Black Hills Works (\$450,000)
9. Main Street Square (\$187,500)
10. Black Hills Sports, Inc. (\$2.3 million)
11. Harney Little League (\$100,000)
12. ELEVATE Rapid City (\$2 million)
13. Canyon Lake Activity Center (\$50,000)
14. Rapid City BMX (\$78,000)
15. Rapid City Softball Association (\$386,000)

City projects accepted for Vision Fund allocations were: Dinosaur Park upgrades (\$1.6 million); Military Appreciation Park creation (\$390,857); and City Hall Building Renovations (\$4.5 million).

The nine-member Vision Fund Citizen Committee has been meeting since early October, vetting 22 community proposals. The process included reviewing follow-up information from applicants on the proposals, conducting two days of public hearings where each applicant was invited to present their project, attending several site tours of project locations, reviewing the complete history of Vision Fund project requests and funding dating back to 1995, and reviewing associations for each project to the goals and values presented in Rapid City's Comprehensive Plan especially the Plan's Seven Core Values.