It is our opinion that reverting evening time/lane space back to City Programming in January 2020, per the current Facility Use Guidelines, would benefit the citizens of Rapid City as well Aquatic programming and revenues.

Additional Programming that has been requested to return or add:

**Extended Space for Open Swim & Family Swim:** Currently, the leisure pool holds Open Swim and Family Swim during the weeknights and patrons are not allowed to utilize the lap pool area due to use by swim teams and lap swimmers in lanes. The Swim Center had two diving boards open for use in the evenings from 6:00pm-10:00pm from 2004 until 2008. Patrons no longer have that option available to them due to lap lanes reserved for swim team use. This has dramatically dropped participation by preteens and adults due to not having the diving board open or adequate space for lap swimming during the evening months from September - May. This facility was to be a host to all ages and lack of this space/time has greatly limited our patrons in this age bracket. Extra lane space during week nights from 6:30pm-8:45pm would increase attendance/revenues and bring in more memberships.

**Adult Beginner & Stroke Improvement:** We have been asked to offer evening courses as that is a convenient time for most adults leaving work to attend swim lessons (also convenient if they have children in the group lessons going on at the same time in the evenings).

**Additional Water Exercise Programming:** We have been asked to provide more than what we currently offer which is two evenings per week for water exercise.
**Additional Lifeguard Training and Water Safety Instructor Training/Lifeguard Instructor Training:**

Staff would like the opportunity to offer Lifeguard/Water Safety Instructor training on weeknights. Currently, classes are offered only on the weekends because of the limitations in pool space during the week. Because of this scheduling we have missed potential participants who may not be available due to outside activities or traveling on the weekends. The opportunity to offer a variety of times and classes for training throughout the week would ensure that our aquatic facilities have staff trained and ready for the summer months before opening dates of the outdoor pools.

**Water Polo:** We would like to have an introduction to Water Polo Class to help build upon our semi-formal group that currently meets on Saturdays. Ideally, we would to be able to add a class during the week for this program. Lack of space in the lap pool currently prevents that from happening.

**Ups of Downs Swim Lessons:** The Swim Center currently offers a specialty swim lesson program for children with Down’s syndrome during summers only due to lack of space inside during the winter. In the past we attempted to fit the class into one lap lane during the winter but it did not work well for the needs of the participants. We would like to bring the lessons back during the winter and offer the class year-round.

**Diving Lessons:** This class is currently only offered in the summer. We have not been able to offer this class during the school year due to lack of space. At least 3 lanes of space is needed to have adequate landing space for the diving board.

**High School PE:** We are currently working with Rapid City high schools to offer semester long swimming, lifeguard and water safety instructor courses to their students. The preferred time to benefit students and make best use of lanes is between 2-5pm. After passing the class and upon employment, the students would have time to work shadow shifts as lifeguards/swim instructors which would allow them time to learn and be mentored by current staff. Schools would be a Priority 2 group; however, since we would be instructing these courses, it would fall under Priority 1 (per Facility Use Guidelines).

**Jr Lifeguard and Swim Instructor programs:** 11-14 is an age group that is missed for activities in the area for aquatics. Participants that have passed all levels of the swim program, but are too young to take the lifeguard course or teach swim lessons, could participate in Junior Lifeguard Course or Swim Instructor training. Space in the lap pool would be needed during the after school timeframe for students to participate. Students could be mentored until they are of age to work for the City which is 14 years of age.

**Master Swim Evenings:** We have had patrons request an evening Master Swim class session for those that cannot attend during the week day schedule. At least 2-3 lanes would be needed in the lap pool to accommodate this activity.
***Swim Teams do have the option of Saturday morning practices; one team is currently taking advantage of this timeframe. We would be able to work with the current schedule to make changes to accommodate both teams on Saturday mornings from 8am-10am.

***Suggestions for swim teams: work together to raise funds to cover the 50 meter pool adjacent to the Roosevelt Swim Center. This would allow for 22 lanes during the winter months and no changes to their schedule would be needed due to lack of indoor space. The lanes in the 50 meter pool would be adequate to hold the current swim team schedule and would provide opportunities to build up our lap swimming community, water polo group, and provide additional lanes as needed. Having the 50 meter pool covered would allow expansion in other areas which are needed due to the closing of two pools in the community; the School of Mines pool was closed and Rapid City Regional removed their warm water therapy pool. More people are being referred to the Swim Center for water therapy however space is not always available in the evenings. The Aquatics Department will need more time to schedule activities during the day as we continue to make more connections in the area of physical therapy for both adults and children. We could make a big impact by having the 25 yard pool temperature brought up for therapy use. Those with arthritis in exercise classes would benefit in the warmer water and the depth of the 25 yard pool. As you can see, the 50 meter being covered and of use to us year round would benefit the entire community by allowing us to grow current programs and develop programs currently in our conception notebook. We continually look for ways to serve our community.

***Other programs that utilize our facilities are: Scuba Diving, Kayak/Canoe/Paddle Board programs all of which are popular sports in our community and again limited to weekends only due to space issues.