February 3, 2020

City of Rapid City
Community Development Department
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Mr. Young,

From a law enforcement perspective, the Rapid City Police Department operates in the role of 24/7 caretakers for the most vulnerable within our homeless population. We get called to resolve situations involving those who are not in a position to properly care for themselves multiple times a day, and at all hours of the night and day. In many cases, their circumstances are perpetuated by mental health and substance abuse issues. In a short term sense, our officers are out there to ensure these vulnerable members of our community remain safe on a daily basis. In a larger sense though, we want to work to make sure there are easily accessible resources for these individuals to address the root issues which keep them from leading more stable lives.

It’s clear that no one organization will solve homelessness in our community, but for the first time ever, Rapid City is seeing a major collaborative effort to consolidate resources in order to have a more directed and targeted approach to provide solutions for those wishing to break the cycles of homelessness.

We have an opportunity to turn a corner, and ensure those that are most vulnerable be cared for in a better way. The RCPD is in full support of One Heart. The vacation of the alley will create a safer environment for pedestrian and vehicular traffic. We encourage approval of the application for amendment to the planned development.

Sincerely,

Karl Jegeris
Chief of Police
February 3, 2020

City of Rapid City
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

RE: Major Amendment to the existing Planned Development of the One Heart Campus

Dear Community Development Department,

This letter is to express my support for One Heart Campus proposed amendment. This amendment would allow for the rezoning and alleyway changes necessary to make the campus work.

The One Heart Campus offers transitional residential home support services. It is one of the only organizations of this kind in west river South Dakota. As Pennington County Sheriff, I believe it is a critical and essential entity for our area. The One Heart Campus will provide the needed services and solutions for some of the most vulnerable of our community. It will not only provide people a safe place to live, but access to support services designed to start new, safe productive lives.

Thank you for your consideration of the One Heart Campus proposed amendment. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kevin Thom
Sheriff
February 4, 2020

This letter is to support the OneHeart project in our community. This project will help address long term homeless issues and allow people to move forward in their lives. We will be partnering with One Heart to provide Financial Literacy classes. Money and Credit skills will allow these people to be successful long term.

Housing is stability in life. Without resources to eliminate barriers for people, the problem will continue to get worse. We are excited to be a part of the project and look forward to helping those of our most vulnerable citizens.

If you have questions, please contact me. Again, thank you for this opportunity to be a part of something in our community that will truly make a difference in people’s lives.

Terry Mills
Community Outreach and Education Manager
Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Black Hills
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605-348-4550 ext. 114
February 5, 2020

Dear Rapid City Planning and Zoning Department,

This is a letter of support for the Planned Development Amendment requested for the OneHeart campus. They are needed to help move the project forward so all of us can help our friends and neighbors in poverty find a place to achieve self-sufficiency. The Planned Development Amendment includes: rezoning a section of the campus, and for vacation of the alleyway that runs the length of the campus. As one of the proposed providers who will partner on the campus, we look forward to working on the campus and hope you too will support the proposed Planned Development Amendment.

Catholic Social Services in only a couple of blocks away from the OneHeart Campus. We know confident that these changes will do little of negatively impact our neighborhood and we are confident that having these services available will be transformational for many throughout our community.

Sincerely,

James T. Kinyon

James T. Kinyon, MS, LPC-MH, LMFT, QMHP
Executive Director
Catholic Social Services
February 6, 2020

Charity Doyle  
Executive Director  
OneHeart  
803 St. Joseph Street  
Rapid City, SD  57701

RE: Letter of Support

Dear Ms. Doyle,

I am writing to show my support for the request to the City of Rapid City Community Development Planning department to assist with the rezoning for the OneHeart transformation campus and for the vacation of the alleyway that will run the length of the campus.

The OneHeart campus will provide a place for hope and healing for those guests who are motivated to move out of poverty and into a better quality of life.

As the community mental health center in this area, BMS, will be providing services to adults with severe mental illness, children with severe behavioral disorders, and other individuals with less severe mental illness on the campus.

The requested changes are necessary to continue to move the operational vision of the campus forward to support individuals and families in reaching their full potential.

Most Sincerely,

Linda Reidt Kilber, CEO
February 12, 2020

Rapid City Planning Department
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Planning Department Officials:

OneHeart wonderfully represents all that is good about Rapid City and carries forward the vision of the late Ray Hillenbrand for Rapid City to be known as the most caring community in the nation. The very idea of bringing area agencies together under one roof to provide services designed to empower self-directed lives for all who desire to thrive will undoubtedly have a multigenerational positive impact on our community as a whole.

As such, the YMCA is proud to be one of those agencies coming together to make this collective impact. And it is for this reason that I strongly support the effort to make whatever major amendment or necessary rezoning to vacate the alleyway that runs the length of the OneHeart campus, thereby creating a full containment of OneHeart services for this special population.

All of these changes will go a long way toward making the property align with the OneHeart program of being person-centered, trauma-informed and recovery-oriented care in a safe space so that each adult resident can create a self-directed income plan, housing plan and live clean and sober.

Thank you for your kind consideration. Please feel free to contact me at 718-9622 if you have any questions or need any further information.

Sincerely,

Roger Gallimore
Executive Director