

Name: Mark Kivi

Address: 3725 BROOKE ST rapid city se

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Aquatic center reopening

Comment:

It is my understanding that reopening the aquatic center is delayed based on fiscal issues rather than covid19 issues. Ymca is open, so not sure what is causing delay for the aquatic center reopening. Many of us depend on non weight bearing exercise for various reasons. I would like a reopening plan addressed and hope it is in the very near future.

Name: Stephenie Campbell

Address: 624 Hearst Ave

Lead, SD 57754

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Swimming pool

Comment:

Please open the pools for our swim team children. They need to keep swimming. It is a way of life and something that their bodies and minds need in order to stay healthy during this difficult time. We will follow rules in order to stay safe!

Name: Duncan R Olney

Address: 4020 Canyon Dr.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

When will the pools open for lap swim and exercise only? People need a non-weight bearing form of exercise for those overweight and that have joint issues. Could there be a joint proposal between Swim Teams (3 teams providing LG and maintenance functions) and the city to lower the cost of operation of the outside 50 M pool at Roosevelt (not using any of the indoor facilities)?

Name: Robert Gladstone

Address: 23208 Black Forest Place

Rapid City, SD

57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Dealing with COVID-19 as a business

Comment:

I support Rapid City's Plan to Ease Restrictions for businesses in the Rapid City area. The number of COVID-19 cases is expected to peak in South Dakota by mid-June so there will be more cases in Rapid City over the next month - however that should not stop the easing of restrictions for businesses. With the summer tourist season fast approaching, businesses need to open and stay open with guidelines in place.

Name: Kirk Spell

Address: 1259 Settlers Creek Pl

Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Pools

Comment:

Pools should open for the summer. UV kills the virus and chlorine kills everything. You can easily change max capacity

Name: James Matkins

Address: 1210 Penny Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: City Pools

Comment:

Please consider opening our city swimming pools. Swimming provides people a safe escape from COVID stress. Our youth swimming teams are willing to provide lifeguards during the times the swim teams are swimming. We already have a plan in place for social distancing plus exercise strengthens immune systems to help fight off illnesses. The outdoor pool is huge and offers plenty of space for social distancing and up to 20 swim lanes for everyone to use. Please, I ask that you allow the swimming pools to open. Thank you!

Name: Melissa Miller Kincart

Address: 9213 Emerald Ridge Road

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I am understanding that the city doesn't intend to open any of the pools until September, and that this is budget reduction rather than social distance precaution. Cities across the US as part of their re-open plan, do plan to open their pools. Please open the outdoor pool at the Roosevelt Center as a training facility for the two local swim teams. My son is competitive swimmer finishing his junior year and is in the recruitment process to swim in college. If he is to forgo summer training this will be devastating to his future. The teams aren't asking for anything more than to train, per their agreements, in an appropriate social distance fashion. They are willing to assume the costs of the lifeguards. Missing a whole season will be so detrimental to our athletes' futures. I urge you to please work with our teams to support these athlete with reasonable plan to allow them to train during this pandemic.

Name: Tony Young

Address: 307 E Enchanted Pines Dr

Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: City Pool

Comment:

Please consider opening pools, we have risks everyday we accept. Opening the pools does not mean those with worries or at high risk have to come. We can all decide for ourselves. Have legal make a waiver, those that want to swim sign and let's get going. Numbers would be limited and we could have a sign up of some sort to schedule numbers that plan on coming. Lots more details I know would be needed to organize scheduled times but it could work. Sure would be nice to get some herd immunity before school season rolls around again.

Name: Falon Young

Address: 307 E Enchanted Pines Drive

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: City Pools

Comment:

I am writing you to urge the council to open the city pools in Rapid City. I feel that just because the pools are open, does not mean that people have to go. People need to be responsible for their own risks. I believe that there are opportunities available for social distancing while allowing the pool use for swimming. My children are part of the GREAT swim team and we find that swimming is a big part of keeping them healthy. There are ways to open your pools and still be compliant with the mayors recommendations. You can open the pools- make your patrons sign up for the time slot they want to use-- very strict so that there is no overlap. Keep the locker rooms closed. You could also just open the outdoor pool? Just the lap pools? Please consider opening the pools soon! Thanks!

Name: Kendra Marshall-Wood

Address: 318 Mt Rushmore Road, Suite A, RC,SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Covid-19 response

Comment:

Please consider opening the city pool(s) (outdoor pools) are a very low risk area, chlorine is a proven disinfectant and sunlight/heat will assist. The swim teams have plans in place for social distancing and have offered to provide volunteer lifeguards to assist in payroll expenses. There are hundreds of residents that are unable to get proper exercise without the use of the pools. Handicapped, injury rehabilitation and people with other physical limitations rely on the pools for their well being.

Name: Michael Bell

Address: 617 Dilger Ave

Meeting: City Council

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Agenda Item: CC051820-03

Comment:

Good Evening.

Since the modified reopening of restaurants and other entertainment venues I have been impressed with the level of compliance and the willingness of people to work within the modified guidelines. Though the actual case rate is increasing, that is attributed to a large increase in testing and surveillance and is not nor should it be considered a "spike". Rather, testing is simply finding cases that would not have been found and with the SD Dept of Health greatly ramping up contact tracing, it is likely that we're turning the corner on the virus overall.

Yes, there will be cases, and we must avoid the temptation to shut down again. That is no longer an option and will not help from this point forward. Instead we need to continue to use good hygiene practices, use appropriate social distancing measures, and maintain business capacities at their current level, especially as tourist season ramps up.

Name: Twila Johnson

Address: 3030 Cadillac Dr Rapid City SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid 19 shut down

Comment:

I'm a Health care Administrator and a Rapid City resident and I think it's time for this foolishness to stop. You're violating our civil and constitutional rights and bankrupting our City. All the while under the guise of protecting us. Elderly are shut away from their families and left to die alone. Mentally ill are being done irreparable damage. I know health care worker's on the verge of mental break down due to your policies more than any virus. Walmart is allowed to have A thousand customers while churches are unable to meet or serve their constituents. Shame on you people for taking power that we the people never voted you to have to ruin lives for a virus the CDC says has a 1.4 mortality rate and 98.6 survival rate. That's much less deadly than the flu.

Name: Angie Stanford

Address: 312 48th Street

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

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Agenda Item: City Covid Ordinance

Comment:

As the number of positive cases in Western South Dakota continue to rise, it is essential to stay the course and to be able react quickly as conditions change. I appreciate all the businesses that have sacrificed in order to slow the spread and give our health care system time to prepare.

I worry that the virus of complacency will become more of a threat than Covid, especially when one of the council members has boasted about his lack of fear of getting the virus. Sir, you should, however, be afraid to spread the virus to others. Stay the course and keep the ordinance.

Name: Lane Johnson

Address: 4001 Mountain Shadow Pl.

Rapid City, SD. 57702

Meeting: City Council

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Agenda Item: Public Pools - Scheduling

Comment:

Hello City Council, I am a Great swim team parent who grew up in Rapid City swimming competitively at public pools and went on to swim collegiately. By virtue of the decades of public support to swimming, the city has developed a deep and long line for competitive swimming as an important and critical youth program which runs 10 out of 12 months a year. The summer competitive swim season will be reduced this year but it is ever so important that we create a space where these families and kids can continue their swimming whilst all will atrophy, from city aquatic professionals & lifeguards, to all aquatic programs. PLEASE consider opening Roosevelt 50m pool with bulkhead to effectively create two lap pools. The RC YMCA has shown our community how to effectively manage safe access to pools for Structured lane swimming.

Name: Sherrie Cotts

Address: 214 38th Street

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Please, open the pool to the GREAT swim team. We have a proposed plan to keep our swimmers and the community safe.

Other activities such as Little League have been allowed to resume with modifications. Why not swimming?