

Name: Angie Stanford

Address: 312 48th Street

Rapid City S.D. 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: City Ordinance

Comment:

Thank you to the mayor and those members of the city council who voted consistently to protect the health of our community. As our numbers continue to rise, I ask for your continued support of the ordinance. I know, however, will is deteriorating and citizens want their "normal,"

regardless of the danger this complacency causes. We can't legislate consideration, patience, and common sense, but I appreciate the effort.

Name: Marcia Dunsmore

Address: 3311 Dover Street, Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: closures

Comment:

I was happy to see the suspension of Rapid Ride to keep people safer. I feel the same way about the swimming pools. Asking lifeguards to monitor for social distancing for safety seems an impossible job.

Name: Sybille Hanson

Address: 3411 Meadowbrook Court

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Swimming Pool closure

Comment:

I am strongly in favor of keeping the City's pools closed for the summer. This step helps the community in several ways. We save money, we don't have to worry about community spread of Covid 19 in this area and we do not have to lay off more city employees since most of the personnel is hired seasonally.

Name: Emma Mincks

Address: 4907 Summerset Drive Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Reopening

Comment:

Please please please do not reopen. It is already rising so quickly, and my brother is a nurse who is at risk. You will be killing so many people for no reason. Also close down the restaurants - it's absurd that people are eating in large groups inside during a pandemic. Totally spreading way fast when folks could easily order takeout or delivery.

Name: Karen Pettigrew

Address: 1203 Saint Cloud St.

Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Close swim pools

Comment:

Please close the swimming pools for the summer. The nature of a pool, its appeal to children, and the impossibility of "social distancing" and other disease spread mitigation actions make for easy spread of the corona respiratory virus. Children are susceptible to COVID-19 and for some, the complications can be serious and lasting. Also, children can bring the virus into their homes and expose vulnerable persons there to the virus.

In 1952, 3145 Americans died from the effects of the polio virus. Until there was a vaccine available in 1955, swimming pools and movie theaters were closed throughout the U.S. because these were places of close contact where the virus was more easily transmitted. Please look at our past and do repeat that past practice, until a vaccine is ready for us. Thank you.

Name: Scott Engmann

Address: 610 E Omaha St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mission proposal 112 East North

Comment:

Dear City Council:

I stand opposed to a mission being established at 112 East North St due to safety and access for the following reasons:

1. East North St. is a major 4 lane arterial with high traffic into and out of Rapid City
2. The bend and southwestward grade of the road create poor visibility
3. The sidewalk is right next to the road with no designated pedestrian crosswalk nearby
4. The steep embankment to the north of the property terminates on an active train track not conducive to foot traffic
5. The location lacks adequate parking for future growth of the program in phase II & III

I personally worked for 6 years at 611 Herman St., and witnessed several auto accidents as cars attempted to turn left (North) onto Herman St. off of East North St.

This location is not safe for a mission.

Name: Cody Taken

Address: 2345 s baldwin

Sturgis sd 57785

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Close everything non essential

Comment:

I am writing to ask that you please shut rapid down and stop lifting restrictions. My family is high risk and has to go to rapid for necessities. We need our black hills to all join together and shut everything down so we can protect those we love and continue flattening the curve that is now rising! We have to protect those who need it most because no one is taking things seriously and few are wearing masks. Please require everyone to wear a mask I public to protect everyone!

Name: Callie Taken

Address: 20764 valkyrie way

Sturgis, SD 57785

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Shut the city down

Comment:

Please please consider shutting the city down and not lifting restrictions. I am in sturgis but need to go to rapid for necessities and my family lives there. As we have opened back up, our numbers of covid have risen, I am terrified to go anywhere to get what I need and expose my daughter and myself to covid because I am a single mom that is immune compromised. I have to pick up for my grandma and am scared to see her after and expose her. Please enforce mask wearing and shut down everything non essential! Our community needs it!



Name: Christine Stephenson

Address: 1521 Forest Drive

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Dear Mayor and members of the City Council,

I implore you to implement an ordinance requiring people to wear masks when in public and to restrict grocery shopping to one person per family. This will be difficult to enforce, but it will send a strong message to the community that we are still striving to save lives in Rapid City. These measures have no economic impact and will be a constant reminder to our residents and those visiting that we are living in a pandemic and that this town is currently a hot spot.

Sincerely,

Christine Stephenson

Name: Jolie McCoy

Address: 23917 Sun Country Ln, Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I appreciate the hard work and good guidelines the Council has produced during the pandemic. As a senior with underlying health issues, I would like to ask the Council to require masks as Rapid City businesses as a protection for everyone. Mask use has been spotty the last several weeks and has kept us from feeling safe. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Raymond Tysdal

Address: 8B Glendale Lane,

Rapid City, SD. 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid-19 Ordinance

Comment:

South Dakota is a large, low population state. Little happens to draw tourists here from the end of September to the first of May. 14 million out-of-staters travel here in the summer and shoulder months.

The Governor did not shut down the state for the virus, only asked folks to use common sense. What you need to know is that not every citizen agrees that she did enough. Rapid City did more, thank you.

There are already several anecdotal stories of visitors ignoring owner-posted limits to several Black Hills businesses indicating that one of the reasons they are visiting here is the lack of official shutdown and rules and that they can do what they want.

As of today (May 22) 127 cases of the virus have been identified in Pennington County with 3 deaths. I support the City of Rapid City's ordinance on Covid-19 and urge the Council to continue it.

Name: Lyn Tysdal

Address: 8 B Glendale Lane

RC, SD. 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: Covid 19

Comment:

Know that you all are appreciated as you make hard decisions for the good of Rapid City!

PLEASE mandate that all residents and tourists wear masks! This is considered best practice in keeping us all safe.

Thank you!

Name: Riley Jungwirth

Address: 3414 hall street

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: COVID 19

Comment:

I'm a concerned citizen and in the past reopen phase our case numbers have grown exponentially I believe we should halt opening up more or close restaurants and bars back to curbside only. I am afraid that our numbers are gonna grow to much

Name: John Halverson

Address: 412 42nd Street

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

If there was a worse time to lift restrictions, I don't know when it would be. With the rapid rise of confirmed infections showing Covid-19 has a foothold in the community, now is the time to act to protect the community. I do not want our community members facing sickness and death just to fill bars, restaurants, and other public places. Please make serious science based decisions rather than bending to the shouts and cries of ill informed people upset over temporary inconveniences.

Name: Carmen Abernathie

Address: 10530 Nemo Road

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Playgrounds and businesses

Comment:

Please consider lifting restrictions for the playgrounds, and let parents decide whether to let their kids play or not. Please open public restrooms as well and have the water and soap to wash hands. I would also like to see restrictions for small businesses lifted as the businesses will not be able to make it with such stringent recommendations. The well-intentioned 2 week shut down in March has gone too far; people losing jobs and income and small businesses will lead to far more devastation than this virus that has led to fear and restrictive policies. I know this is a hard time, and I thank you for your work regarding these things.

Name: gordon abernathie

Address: 10530 Nemo Road

Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: closures

Comment:

I have great concern that prolonged closures of local businesses has a grave impact on employment as well as the survival of our businesses. Quarantine of healthy individuals is an error in management of public health concerns. Infected individuals and their contacts is the appropriate management of this contagion. We have moved from major health concerns to a concern of the economic survival of individuals and families and businesses. Additionally, the closure of restroom facilities in public areas could impact public health matters in other ways. Hand washing with restroom openings could be advantageous in maintaining hygiene and avoidance of the virus.



Name: Alisha Abernathie

Address: 10534 Nemo Road

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I implore you, for the sake of the community, to reconsider opening the playgrounds at parks. So many children need the outlet for physical and mental well-being. While we have a beautiful area in the Black Hills to get outside, many children live in apartments and do not have a yard. Or perhaps they have parents who work and are unable to take them for hikes. The CDC has just released a statement that covid-19 is less transmissible via surfaces than was originally believed. Add that to the proven fact that it also dies extremely quickly in sunlight and the parks seem a perfectly safe place to be. Please allow the children of this community to enjoy being children. If the issue is maintenance of the parks, perhaps you could call on the community to adopt certain parks. Let the citizens prove that we can govern our own actions and make wise decision. Do not let fear, from covid-19 or political backlash govern your decision.

Name: Jacqueline Burcham

Address: 4020 Sunset Drive Rapid City

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Reopening

Comment:

What I was afraid would happen if we reopened too soon, is happening. I have noticed some of the businesses not complying at all with the recommendations, and we are seeing an increase in cases all over Pennington County. Places you hoped were safe, like my Mom's assisted living center. And I expect there will be an increase in public outcry if we were to close again. People like the gal that sits behind the folks that take risks to come and speak, while she sits and rolls her eyes. Please don't let people's demands allow you to vote to further unravel our community's health. This. Is a global pandemic. Please take this seriously, and keep Rapid City safe from Covid.

Name: Jessica Kelly

Address: 2309 S Valley Dr, Rapid City, SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid

Comment:

Open the city, end all restrictions. We flattened the curve and to continue beyond what was agreed to originally is a complete push at our liberties. I respect all those who feel like they need to wear a mask or keep apart from others and I will accommodate people in that way where needed. Our facilities are not severely impacted however, for example our respirator use isn't remotely strained according to the State Health Department report. Let's move on with life by living it!

Name: Madonna Goodart

Address: 817 11th St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

As our restrictions have eased, our numbers of positive cases are increasing. At a bare minimum we need to respect and care for each other by wearing masks. We are NOT in the same boat. We are NOT in the same storm. We all need to respect that. Your vulnerability is not the same as mine, and vice versa.

The stricter we are now about being careful, the sooner we can gain some semblance of our community life back. Our kids need to go back to school in August. Can we make that our top priority? Just by wearing a mask when out in public, we can make that happen. Aren't our kids worth that?

Name: Nicholas Daiss

Address: 1119 11th Street

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Covid 19 response

Comment:

Based on the surge of positive Covid19 cases in RC at essential and non essential businesses our elected leaders should implement more aggressive measures to protect the populace and avoid overrunning the healthcare system. A reinstatement of the previous measures is the least that should be done.

Name: Deborah Gangloff

Address: 1415 Fulton Street

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Opening the City during a contagious pandemic

Comment:

It is lunacy to open the City and welcome tourists when our covid numbers are on the rise. Now it has been discovered that children - some as young as less than one year old - are suffering a mysterious covid-related illness that affects their hearts and other organs. We are still in the discovery stage of this crisis. How many lives are expendable? Be smart. Please.

Name: Jenn Buell

Address: 4023 Prairie View Dr

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: COVID Restrictions

Comment:

Please require people to wear masks while in businesses/shopping. I am a worker in a restaurant and a widowed mom of four. When I wear a mask at work, I protect the customers. But when they don't (other than to eat or drink, obviously) they put me at risk. My kids need me. I've spoken to many grocery workers, restaurant staff, and others working these public jobs who are scared. They need these jobs and are happy to be working. But the risk for us is real. Please require masks. Protect us.

Name: Joyce Payton

Address: 11515 Sheridan Lake Road

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type:

Agenda Item: COVID 19 protection

Comment:

Here we are again. I don't need to tell you how scary COVID 19 is. You already know that. The number of positive cases is climbing, you are all aware of that as well. My husband and I have not done anything but buy groceries and a stop at the hardware store occasionally. We would like to be able to continue do this, a person does need to eat. We are very careful, many others are not. I can't make them wear a mask but you can. Many cities have a mandatory mask ordinance, with fines if not obeyed. I would love to see your leadership put this in order. Thank You.



Name: Joni Bock

Address: 5968 Terra Court

Black Hawk South Dakota

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: COVID 19

Comment:

While I live in Black Hawk, I work and do all personal business in Rapid City. Protect the elderly, they are the most vulnerable. COVID-19 is not a death sentence for the majority. Shutting down our schools, parks, pools, small businesses is killing the souls of the rest of the population. I would not be surprised to see more injuries and deaths related to staying at home vs. COVID. Whether home accidents go up; and unfortunately crimes like domestic violence and child abuse. If one positive thing has come from this; people are washing their hands more frequently and likely all diseases will go down. Don't even mention masks and gloves; I've seen more litter from these than I do wearers. I am also have a compromised immune system; at first I did not take this lightly. I am less concerned now. I

Name: Alison Bridges

Address: 6354 Chantel Circle

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Swimming

Comment:

Opening the outdoor lap pool at the Roosevelt Swim center is essential to the mental and physical health of our swimmers. It has been proven that sunlight not only kills viruses, it also provides Vitamin D which is an effective combative to certain symptoms of Covid19. Additionally, chlorine in the water is effective as a deterrent to germs, virus, etc. Our swim team is suffering and we are feeling the effects every day in our children. Please consider opening the pool.

Name: Jaden Matkins

Address: 1210 Penny Ln. Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

reopening public pools would be beneficial for many people including athletes and elderly, the chlorine kills germs, and if you opened the lap pool only, you would reduce the number of people. once the outdoor pool opens there can be even more social distancing. you can allow teams different times for their different groups and max out their time and how many people in a lane to be extra safe. they want to stay in shape and grow, plus this will build immune systems! thank you!

Name: Kennedy Teeslink

Address: 2828 Harvard Ave, Rapid City, SD, 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: City Pools

Comment:

Hello,

I am writing this in hopes to help persuade you to open the city pools for the summer. I have been a lifeguard for the city for the past 4 years. As a lifeguard, I know the pride that we take in our facility and job. Protecting our patrons is the number one priority no matter where they are in the facility. We have in-services every other week to make sure that we are equipped to handle any situation and maintain the safest possible environment for our patrons. The lifeguarding staff of all city pools could easily and happily be trained in all produces to follow the CDC's guidelines for COVID-19. The CDC states "there is no evidence that COVID-19 can spread through the water used in pools, hot tubs, or water playgrounds. Proper operations and disinfection of pools, hot tubs, and water playgrounds should kill the virus that causes COVID-19". (<https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/index.html>)

Thank you so much for your time.

Full Name: Lisa Evans

Full Address: 3720 W. St. Louis St.  
Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item : LF051320-08

Comment: I urge you to keep in place the existing emergency ordinance for social distancing. Our confirmed positive cases are rising with little continued change in amount of testing. This is happening at the very time our guidelines were relaxed. To relax those guidelines further could be tragic. If you look at the percentage of hospitalizations compared to positive tests, we have a higher rate than Sioux Falls. We also have a community demographic that is at greater risk. If you have been out in town you know that compliance is low and people are not keeping distant or wearing masks. Please choose the path of doing more in the hope that it's overkill, than doing little and regretting it. Our rise and peak is coming and our community needs your guidance to do the right thing.