June 13, 2022

To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
From: Jeff Biegler, Parks and Recreation Director
Subject: Recommendation of Acceptance of Johnson Ranch Park

As part of the design of the residential subdivision known as Johnson Ranch, a parcel of land was set aside for the purpose of providing a park, with the intention of developing and turning over the park to the City upon completion of the subdivision.

Recently, two members of City Council approached the developer and asked him to include an adjoining vacant lot with the area set aside for the park, creating a larger space for nearby residents to enjoy. The developer agreed to include the adjoining parcel with the stipulation that the City, not the developer would be solely responsible for development of the park.

I have made the two Council members aware that the City Parks and Recreation Department welcomes a park in this subdivision, but does not currently have funding for development of this parcel. We have estimated the cost of installing irrigation, and hydroseeding the area at approximately $70,000. The Council members have agreed to identify a funding source in order to develop the area into a City park.

The legal description of the combined parcel is:

Lot 57R, Block 2 and Tract BR-1 of the Johnson Ranch Subdivision, T1N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, SD

This item is being placed on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board agenda for June 16, 2022 as a first step in the approval process. Your recommendation will accompany the item as it proceeds to the June 29, 2022 Legal and Finance Committee for review and on to the city Council meeting of July 5, 2022.

We respectfully request your recommendation that the City accept the parcel as described, for use as a City park and for the City Council to identify a funding source for the development of the park.