Case No. 22UR020

Legal Description:

Tract 19 Less Lot H1 (also in Section 35, T2N, R7E), Rapid City Greenway Tract, located in Section 26, T2N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota
Conditional Use Permit Application Attachment

Written Statement for West Memorial Park Bocce Complex

This Conditional Use Permit application is for a private-public partnership for a Bocce Complex in the West Memorial Park open space. Special Olympics South Dakota – Rapid City Flame will provide funding and the Rapid City Parks and Recreation Department will provide support and maintenance for the Complex. The creation of the Bocce Complex in West Memorial Park offers a highly visible park in the center of Rapid City for citizens and visitors to watch, join in, and enjoy a vibrant green space.

A Memorandum of Understanding agreement will be created allowing the youth (Rapid City Flame) and adult (Black Hills Works Storm) Special Olympics organizations priority use for practice, regional, and state Special Olympics events. These reserved times will be agreed to annually and are expected to comprise about five (5) percent of court availability. The courts will be open to the public during non-reserved times. The Parks and Recreation Department have expressed interest in creating bocce classes and leagues. They will incorporate the courts into their reservation system to facilitate community, senior center, and youth center use and leagues.

This application includes plans for 16 bocce courts, 4 gaga ball courts, landscaping, and seating, and references to future park upgrades (shelter, restrooms, lighting).

Individuals in support of this Conditional Use Permit include Rapid City Parks and Recreation Director, Jeff Biegler, and Special Olympics South Dakota CEO/President, Darryl Nordquist, along with many Rapid City and Black Hills locals. The engineering, architectural, and landscape design for this application has been donated by Eirik Heikes, President TerraSite Design.