Artist envisions murals in Rapid City alleys

The murals would line the alley that runs between Main Street and St. Joseph Street, between Sixth and Seventh streets.

Rigione told aldermen that groups promoting downtown Rapid City often said the downtown core needed a center or a focal point. "I believe it already exists, between Sixth and Seventh," he said.

Rigione already has tested his idea, using a slide projector to project large images of paintings and photographs onto walls in the alley. He did it during a Kitchen Sink Gallery show in June and again during "The Poetry Slam" on Sept. 13.

The first mural Rigione proposes would reveal a family looking at an art exhibit. Rapid City painter David Horan will create the image based on an old photograph of a family at an art gallery. Rigione showed aldermen what the photo looks like when he projected it onto the back wall of a building downtown. A Rapid City artist wants the city council to adopt a "mural ordinance" that would allow permanent murals downtown.

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