Downtown

As a representative of a business located on the eastern area of our downtown, I would like to go on record as supporting the proposed downtown business improvement district.

Many of us believe that the future expansion of the downtown will occur to the east of what now may be considered the central downtown core. For once in our existence, downtown occupants will have the opportunity to decide what improvements we want to make and then have the ability to make them happen. This project is about a lot more than landscaping. This is a real-world solution that will allow us to determine our own future.

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Child care

Representatives of the Rapid City Child Care Providers Association (RCCCPA) attended our June 10 state board meeting in Pierre. This is no surprise. The newly formed RCCCPA has been at every meeting in Rapid City concerning home child care in the past four months even though we were not always invited or expected.

What was surprising was what was accomplished in Pierre. In less than three hours, providers and parents from several South Dakota cities compiled a handout for parents to use in selecting a provider, and established standards for association members. We worked progressively and efficiently because we had a common goal and respect for each other. No one assumed to be an expert in all areas. We were concerned with what would work in South Dakota, not in comparing standards with other states.

Parents were encouraged to express their expectations and needs. Providers were encouraged to offer a safe environment and the best service possible. “Partners in care” will be on our new logo.

Why not try our approach, Rapid City? You may be surprised.

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