Board concerned about civic center needs

By BOB FELL
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Members of the Rapid City Civic Center Plaza Corp. board of directors are concerned about the equipment and furniture they need for full utilization of the new civic center. Members also were concerned about the realizability of the corporation during their regular meeting Monday morning.

Mayor Earl Crockett, president of the corporation, urged the board to give serious consideration and thought to developing a five-year capital improvement plan which would provide the furnishings and development of the civic center site in an orderly manner and which will fit the city's ability to pay.

One of the largest improvements will be the landscaping, parking lot, and exterior lighting which have not been included in the existing construction contract. Bill Hatt, board member and city public works director, said he has a very rough estimate of $1.1 million for this purpose.

Also, the board agreed that an application is being prepared for a federal matching grant from the Economic Development Administration to provide about 10 percent of the cost.

Alternatively, they also estimated the cost for installing water and sewer service to the civic center and would be considerably more than originally thought. They said present costs would run between $30,000 and $40,000.

There was no estimate on the cost of furnishings for the exhibit hall and meeting rooms in the convention center.

Talk turned to just who is responsible for furnishing and other development. Just where does the plaza corporation responsibility stop? asked LaRueda, and where does the city and its newly appointed Civic Center (auditorium) Board begin.

Basically, the corporation is to provide the building and whenever sufficient equipment and furnishings are needed, according to Ken Ilverdor, legal counsel. The corporation then turns these over as a loan, renting, the facility to the city. The city, in turn, is responsible for furnishing.

Alternatively, the corporation has opposed current ideological ideas, to build a blossoming in the city's growth.

Another concern was reported by Keating, representing the North-West Engineering, who had a water control bill of $20,000 which he said could not be developed by the city.

Finley suggested the developer provide a timetable for the blacktopping of the roads and the stabilization of banks in the area.

The city planner Fred Whiteside said the change was made under old city regulations that did not require certification.

Commissioner William Coyle said that the city council court was actually the trier of a matter, who is responsible for furnishing and being a public nuisance. The building is not a public nuisance and it is not the court's job to accede to that.

Another problem was the ugliness of the old center, compared to the new center. The old center was built in the 1930s and does not have the modern amenities of the new center.

The corporation board voted unanimously to recommend the curb plan on the basis of the cost.

Alternatively, they also reported that while the state plans to advertise those street improvements to be met next January, there is no certainty that all road projects will be completed by then.

The corporation board expressed its concern and suggested urging the state to speed up acquisition so that a logical sequence of projects will be completed.

Development 'filth' angers residents

By BRIAN DAILY
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The developers of the area near the Woodridge Townerise development off Summit and West Boulevard complained to the Rapid City Planning Commission Thursday morning of alleged 'filth' left by another developer.

Former planning commissioner member Gary Holcomb said he was contacted by a neighbor whose house, on the old streets, was covered in filth.

The developer said he had been contacted by persons in the area who expressed concern about increased traffic through the area, traffic that is currently too narrow.

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At an attorney from the state's attorney's office said that with the house to the road, the county, the city, and the state, he said that the development and property owners in the Froedel Heights area who do not want to provide new access to other developments over their 40-foot road.

The commissioners decided they would not want to add the development on the road to the project standards for 40-foot roads.

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