Rapid Citizens greet guests from Wadgassen, West Germany

A host of hostesses and dignitaries turned out at the Rapid City Regional Airport Thursday to greet the band arriving from Wadgassen, West Germany, for the Dakota Days Band Festival. Officials pictured from left are Wadgassen Bürgermeister (mayor) Albin Trovani; Rapid City Mayor Don Barnett; Dr. Paul Raines, Twin Valley and Pratt Bittman of the Dakota Days German committee; Highway Director Jack Allmon representing Gov. Richard Knoll; and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Olsen who were dressed in German attire.

West German visitors arrive for Dakota Days 6-2-72

Thursday afternoon 88 visitors from Wadgassen, West Germany, arrived in Rapid City on two flights for the Seventh Annual Dakota Days Band Festival. They will be staying for 12 days with host families.

At the airport the group was greeted by Dr. and Mrs. Paul River, Carol McCall and Frank Bethman of the Dakota Days German committee; Highway Director Jack Allmon welcomed them on behalf of Gov. Richard Knoll; Mayor Don Barnett presented a flag and a handmade plaque to Wadgassen Bürgermeister Albin Trovani, and gold jewelry and flowers were presented on behalf of the city by children of Dr. and Mrs. Raines and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Olsen who were dressed in German attire.

Chamber President Tom Lake also welcomed the group and Dakota Days band conductor Dr. Paul Raines and Yvon Christensen of the Confederated International Societies of Popular Music, Luxembourg, were introduced.

After the welcoming ceremonies the visitors were introduced to their host families who took them home for an American meal.

Through the weekend the Wadgassen band will take part in all Dakota Days activities. Monday they will visit Lead and Deadwood and Tuesday they are in our Yard and the Badlands.

West Germans reported a few language problems but they are pleased with their guests.

Sidewalks discussed in Ward 5

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The Rapid City City Council meeting program ran into anticipated opposition Thursday night during a Fifth Ward meeting called by Mayor Don Barnett. The meeting was prompted by the mayor's request that the city have sidewalks to be built adjacent to the new health care center.

The mayor explained that the sidewalks would be built along Canyon Lake Drive, a heavily used thoroughfare that is lacking curb and gutter. Mayor Barnett said the city plans to install sidewalks from the South Drive to the closed Canyon Lake School.

If the plan is approved the city would also add the curb to the streets around all alleys in the area.

Mayor Barnett stated that the project would cost approximately $300,000 and that the city would need to find other sources of revenue to fund the project.

Civic Center group to be announced Monday by Barnett 6-2-72

_names of individuals who have agreed to serve on the Civic Center corporation will be announced Monday morning, according to Mayor Don Barnett.

Barnett said Sunday, "In the past six weeks we have done a tremendous amount of work and have finalized our plans for establishing the Civic Center corporation which will be announced Monday morning."

Barnett said he has appointed Rapid City attorney William Peterson to serve as legal counsel for the corporation which will be formed early next year.

Barnett said the first meeting of the corporation will be held Monday morning. Among the first tasks of the corporation will be selection of an architect for the center.

Following completion of the preliminary master plan, the corporation will move to the initial steps of acquiring land necessary for the center.

Parking, housing resolutions

Several resolutions calling for the establishment of a downtown parking district were discussed at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on the basis of a motion by Mayor Barnett. The resolution was passed unanimously by the commission.

The resolution calls for the establishment of a downtown parking district to be located on the site of the former State Highway Commission in Rapid City. The district would be bounded by the south side of the city, the east side of the city, the north side of the city, and the west side of the city.

The resolution also calls for the establishment of a district committee to be appointed by the mayor and the city council.

The district would be limited to on-street parking and would not include any off-street parking facilities.

The resolution was presented to the City Council for consideration at its next meeting.