The Civic Center Group recommends the Fairgrounds site for an arena-type facility. The subcommittee on the site of the facility recommended an arena type which could accommodate seating up to 12,000 for athletic events, could be adapted for rodeo, ice shows, or the theater arts and seat at least 6,000 in one banquet room with seating for another 1,000 in another room simultaneously.

Barbara Gomendy, chairman of the subcommittee, said it was their recommendation that banquet service include only a "holding" kitchen to be used by caterers, not a "production-type" kitchen which would add to the construction and equipment costs. The facility would be similar to one proposed several years ago by architect Ralph Craig, but also would include the new convention center at Harrisburg, N. D., as a guide.

The site was considered the most attractive of the sites in the north of Rapid City between Ellsworth and North Streets, but did not come to a vote when the committee passed the fairgrounds location by a tie vote.

Mayor Allmon said the recommendation will be passed on to the county council for further consideration. If the county council approves the recommendation, the commission will have the option of expanding or contracting with the city council for the project.

Chairman Harold Buckingham, commission chairman for the city council for the last six months, was present to support the recommendation.

In a resolution adopted at its regular monthly meeting, the advisory group said it approved the action by the Board of Magistrates, adopted last week, because it would mean moving the Agriculture and Construction District to the north of Rapid City to allow for the expansion of the convention center.
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Arena Type On Fairgrounds Site