

New pamphlet describes proposed civic center

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A one-page, four-fold pamphlet giving facts and figures about the proposed civic center for Rapid City is ready for distribution. Mayor Don Barnett will hand them out during the public forum meeting Tuesday night.

The pamphlet was prepared and paid for by the mayor and a group of volunteers for the Rapid City Civic Center. Barnett emphasized that no tax dollars were spent in the preparation and printing of the pamphlet.

The pamphlet contains facts the public should know concerning the location, uses, type of buildings, land development, costs and the city sales tax revision proposal which will be voted upon during the annual municipal election April 11.

It also contains a map of the area showing the location of the two buildings — a civic center and a civic arena — and the proposed development of the area in a park setting.

The civic center, or meeting facility, would be located on the north side of Omaha between Eighth and Ninth Streets and south of Rapid Creek. The civic arena would be located on the north side of Rapid Creek, directly north of the civic

center, with the Rapid Creek Civic Park development between the two buildings.

Barnett points out this is as much of a picture as can be shown until the voters authorize the city sales tax revision proposal. If the voters approve, additional revenues from the sales tax can be used to hire an architect to design the two buildings.

Estimated cost of the civic center itself is about \$1.5 million, the arena about \$1.7 million and approximately \$750,000 for land acquisition for the entire \$3.95 million project. The civic center building would be on two levels with banquet facilities to seat 2,000 to 2,500, a theater seating 2,400 and flexible rooms and storage space for exhibits.

The arena is planned to seat from 10,000 to 12,000, depending upon the type of event scheduled.

The public forum on the civic center is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the National College of Business gymnasium on Fifth Street. It is sponsored by the Spirit of '76 Committee, a subcommittee of the Rapid City Bicentennial-Centennial Committee.