



Series 1: Establishing a Common Foundation

July 2013

Introduction

This document presents a summary of responses from the first series of Plan Rapid City community engagement activities in July 2013. The series included the following community engagement events:

- Leadership Worksessions (July 15 & 16)
- Movie Under the Stars Booth (July 15)
- Advisory Committee Meeting (July 16)
- Teen Input Event (July 16)
- Community Input Event (July 16)
- Online Vision Survey (July)

Each of the events included background information on the Comprehensive Plan process and a discussion of issues and opportunities related to the draft Community Profile.

Leadership Worksession

Meeting Notes – July 15, 2013

10:45 am – 12:00 pm – City/School Administration Building

Community Profile / Issues & Opportunities

- Transportation inventory maps need to show the railroad more clearly (especially the Intermodal map – show using a railroad symbol)
- Need a plan for adding sidewalks in key locations
- Senior transportation
- Affordable and workforce housing
- Student housing (on campus/off-campus)
- Civic Center expansion – economic impact of Civic Center, fiscal issues
- Backfill/infill, reinvestment and redevelopment critical as the City grows
- Need to address retrofitting/reusing old historic homes (especially converting homes along corridors to commercial and other uses)
- An understanding of the costs of the City to provide services would be beneficial in decision-making (e.g., economic analysis of some sort)
- Reinvestment will make the community healthier and wealthier
- Changes needed in the health delivery system as the community grows
- Topography/geography of community creates differential costs for development
- Would be helpful to have a fiscal comparison with other communities (e.g., revenues, fees, etc.)
- Capital Improvements Plan is a key action strategy
- How can the community improve wages for the food, accommodations, and service industries (livable wage, not minimum wage)? Culture change needed to increase tipping – need to focus on improving the culture, not forcing the issue.
- Skills gaps exist – jobs are available but not trained workers. Need to coordinate with educational providers, provide more vocational training.
- Long-term care needs of seniors
- Parks and Recreation section should include some basic Level of Service (LOS) analysis, plan should look at parks expansion needs, cemetery capacity (Parks Planning a key element of Comprehensive Plan effort)



Community Engagement

- Public needs to have the baseline information as a foundation for the vision discussion
- Need to provide opportunities for people to provide feedback individually/personally as well as at large meetings
- Hold events at the senior centers (3)
- Explore ways to involve young families and professionals (age 20-40)

Movies Under the Stars Booth

White Board Photo Vision – July 15, 2013

6:00 – 8:00 pm – Downtown

Introduction

The following responses were written by participants on white boards, representing their vision for the future of Rapid City. Several photos of the ideas collected are included.

I Imagine Rapid City...

- More downtown improvements!
- Downtown is the best thing-- a destination
- Great old downtown buildings
- More cultural events
- Like Community Events/street dances and medieval
- Street construction needed at night and around the clock
- Awesome parks!
- Drivers need to be more friendly to bicyclists
- More water parks like this! City pool
- Keep the trails system
- Take me out of flood zone
- Less fragmented health care more choices!
- Enlarge downtown east to west boulevards!
- With big houses
- Love downtown/presidents
- Need-road improvements, better jobs/wages
- Movies under the stars, friends, bunnies!
- Expand downtown events! And community events!
- Other gathering places in downtown—expand revitalization towards post office
- Common ground, outdoor gathering place for Native American community
- Six Flags Rushmore
- Art centric community where racial reconciliation has been achieved and there are well-paying jobs for anyone that wants one
- More downtown parking!
- More help for 40-somethings (rent-housing)
- More bike routes/walkability/connected routes!
- Recycling for all!
- Expand on the arts!
- Continue to grow the arts (e.g. Main Street Square events)



- Keep development around “M” hill to a minimum!
- Local nature access
- Events/Schools/Parks
- Job opportunities
- Community gathering places
- I like the fountains!
- I love Main St. Square!
- Less alcoholism
- Justin Bieber to perform at Main Street
- Everything is almost perfect here!
- More local businesses
- Water parks
- Main Street Square! Would like to see Imax theatre
- Love “M” Hill trail development-keep it up!
- More flowers
- Like it the way it is! Progressive thinking, growth, and more!
- Less expensive food
- Change McDonalds
- More family amenities (children’s museum!) And love downtown square
- Family oriented!
- More, nicer parks
- Lawns to run through
- Neglected Robinsdale Park
- Girls’ softball field
- Balance of parks across the community
- Outdoor pool/rec center like Spearfish
- Need more industries and jobs
- Cleaner environment
- More downtown events
- More wood and silver (cement)
- More nature
- Love downtown architecture! Library/Black Hills
- Amusement Park/ Macys/ Bigger Mall/ M&M World/ Teenager Friendly
- If we had more to do, we would be busier and more people would live here! = stronger economy
- Need more activities for teens downtown!
- Being more teen friendly with job and educational opportunities
- More lighting
- Love Main Street Square
- Year round activities for local families
- A drive-in movie theatre
- More places for teenager to hang out
- Long boarding/skate boarding allowed downtown
- Love the square!
- Fun stuff for kids!
- Water park, water features in parks also

- Don't change Movie Under stars and Thursday nights
- More fun stuff- zoo, amusement park
- More public transportation
- Late night route around downtown, baken park, rushmore mall
- Bigger/taller parking ramp
- Roller skating at square
- Teenage entertainment
- More stuff for teenagers, skyzone, M&M world
- Big ice cream shop in square and zoo
- Ways to deal with alcoholism and downtown homeless
- Pro-chicken
- Like the parks and bike path
- More affordable pools
- I want more events
- Better place for hills alive
- Better location for events
- Do not close streets for events
- Longer hours for bus routes
- More parking at civic center
- Like bike path but add lights
- Drinks allowed at movies under stars
- More residential units with sprinklers in new construction
- To stop discrimination
- Love what has been done with downtown
- I like the neat city parks
- Keep small town feel
- Keep as a good place to raise kids
- Love community events
- I appreciate the Rapid City leadership that helps make Rapid a family fun place to live!
- Great old downtown buildings
- More cultural events

Leadership Worksession

Meeting Notes – July 16, 2013

10:45 am – 12:00 pm City/School Administration Building

Community Profile / Issues & Opportunities

- Affordable vs. workforce housing (including for families and the elderly)
- Difficult to find family rental housing (especially pet-friendly)
- Airport as an economic engine, potential Free Trade Zone (how to move this forward)?
- Need to identify and prioritize infill sites and redevelopment opportunities
 - Mount Rushmore Road corridor
 - Mall
 - Downtown
 - Area between School of Mines and Downtown
- Potential benefits and impacts of oil play in North Dakota
- Annexation plan/coordination with the County (especially Rapid Valley area)
- Tools to promote intermodal transportation network (rail authority, airport authority, etc.)
- Growing demand for biking but negative comments/reactions to cyclists
- How to coordinate transit with/to other communities (regional connections)

Community Engagement

- School of Mines event/involvement
- Black Hills Corp involvement
- Need to include the development community (reach out key leaders and ask for their help)
- Hold an event at the outdoor campus west (Game and Fish Division) to hear from outdoor-oriented people

Advisory Committee

Meeting Notes – July 16, 2013

1:00 – 2:00 pm – City/School Administration Building

Community Profile / Issues & Opportunities

- Ellsworth Air Force Base – acknowledge as an important part of the economic/employment base but also address the uncertainty and need to develop long-term plans if the base closes
- Public transportation needs to connect concentrations of users to destinations (e.g., School of Mines)
- Planning process needs political buy-in but politics/continuous elections can also be detrimental to the long-term needs of the community. Should/could the plan explore changes in governmental structure? (e.g., Plan Fort Collins addressed goals related to a High Performing Community)
- Vision 2020 funding plays a huge role in the development of the community – it is a large source of money

Community Engagement

- Other groups to target for participation
 - Police department
 - Tourism industry
 - Native American
- Provide other opportunities to participate in committee meetings (webinar, teleconference)
- Provide information during/right after School of Mines enrollment
- Link a survey to wireless use at the airport
- Explore holding committee meetings at 7:00 am (with coffee, pastries)

Teen Input Event

Meeting Notes – July 16, 2013
3:30 – 5:00 pm – Seattle’s Best Coffee Meeting Room

Neighborhood

- Most important aspect
 - Location – close to school and work.
 - Safety and comfort with neighbors
 - Build relationships with neighbors, community feeling
 - School locations
 - Easy access to places in town and get out of town
 - Outdoor access
 - No silos of businesses and organizations, collaborative approach
- Improvements
 - Parks for kids in walking distance
 - Safe bike routes, safe connections to bike paths



Transportation

- Most people have to drive
- More safe in car than in bus or walking or biking
- Hard for some to get to school on bus, was an idea to use school id as a free bus pass
- Most teens car pool but mostly everyone has a car
- Some will bike to work if have to or its convenient
- Need more bus stops or seemingly more convenient access
- If bus is provided will teens and people use it? Stigma of bus riders. Status statement to have car
- Social network use of cars for teens if you do not have one
- No safe routes for bikes and perhaps pedestrians to high school unless you live really close
- Ways to make it more attractive or convenient/available to take alternate modes for teens, especially for those who do not have options. Can teens help change this?
- Lack of transportation options for some reduce opportunities for involvement
- Make it “cooler”
- Wireless Internet on bus, and bumping beats

Economy

- Hard to get a job. Options are fast food, day care, retail, tourist related jobs,
- Some work year round, some summers
- Summer jobs are almost all retail
- Some travel to Keystone and other areas around to work summer jobs
- Most teens have a job
- All about connections to get a job

- Would prefer to apply in person instead of internet
- Not many prospects for jobs after college
- Terrifying thing to find a place to live that has jobs
- Easier to find jobs – We need teens ads, need more job advertising
- Didn't even know current job was hiring
- Teaching jobs available, business jobs not here
- Graphic design job not here
- How do I find a job, how do I know what types of jobs are here?
- 8th grade had a job fair but wasn't helpful
- A college fair for high school juniors was a good event, can they do the same for businesses and senior students
- Only option is to keep job or go to college, perception
- Colleges does outreach events at school but participation is low, need to give an incentive or mandatory
- Beyond the Books – opportunity to do career exploration or service for credit, at all three high schools. Students find out too late. Provides career services and education.
- Best way to get students early on. Orientation for high school classes and opportunities. Hard to get kids to be focused on the opportunities. When is the correct year?

Downtown

- Didn't know about downtown, became aware because of new developments
- Its ok, shops are fun, walking downtown are fun, nothing is here (attract)?
- Like downtown, main street square made it a great spot. Would live downtown if I could.
- Always hear our downtown is awesome
- Would love to live somewhere with a downtown
- It's a bit too small compared to others
- Wouldn't walk around by myself, because of image issue not safety
- Different shops might make it better. Would love an Old Navy downtown. Girls are more interested to shop downtown.
- Need a store that appeals to both boys and girls
- No guys downtown, why? They do go to the concerts, but it has to be a band that appeals to both
- Boutique clothing not for all and expensive
- Mall used to be cool. Mall is hangout for kids who don't know where to go, 14 year olds
- We go to Rushmore Crossings, because the shops they want are there, don't want to go to the mall. No point in having the mall, but only for JC Penney. They should be in one place. Mall is the cheap option. It sucks. Revitalize the mall, its inconvenient.
- Arcades are for little kids. There is nothing for guys anywhere.
- Boys are hiking, biking.
- Hot spot for teens is midnight bowling. There should be a downtown bowling alley downtown, and outside. Needs to be in a better area.

Parks

- More lights in the parks and bike paths
- Not safe at night
- Easy trails and hard trails, make it more fun for all

- Mark trails to warn of changes
- Boys disc golf
- Disc Golfing is hot!
- The downtown disc golf course on Omaha is boring and packed
- People do illegal things on courses, need to be less hidden. The creek is hard to avoid.
- Trails are confusing need markers and maps
- Nighttime disc golfing not possible. Need lights for nighttime

Other issues and Ideas

- Town needs more lighting everywhere
- Downtown is for girls
- Teens will go tourist places but would rather not
- Summer nights has a beer garden not for teens, then 14 year olds, and bands are not great. Not much to do at summer nights for teens. Nothing to interact with. Cool for younger teens.
- There are two bands playing now. One side for teens oriented with activities and one side for beer garden.
- There should be music playing downtown all the time.
- Art Alley is scary during summer nights, would be cooler for teens because of creepy. People are dirty. No lighting in Art Alley. Rumors of shootings.
- A lot of 14 year olds smoke cigarettes
- Pizza lab dance in Deadwood. It's a wealthy kid thing. Not welcoming for all. Need that in Rapid City. Need a common area, centrally located.
- More opportunities for teen boys
- Need more free teen activities in a central location

Keypad Polling Results (Attached)

Community Input Event

Meeting Notes – July 16, 2013

6:30 – 8:00 pm – University Center

Downtown

What aspects of downtown Rapid City are most important to you?

- Safety during all hours
- Parking
- Retail shopping, national chains like Dillards, Macy's and Nordstrom
- Science Center for children e.g. Spectrum (Missoula) or Brookings, SP

What improvements would enhance the downtown area?

- Visual appeal from SDSM&T moving downtown; connecting
- Transit systems to ride from airport to downtown
- Parking (more free spots, for quick errands)
- Out to lunch concept (Bus that delivers 11-2pm)
- Visual appeal from downtown – West main toward Baken park
- Downtown apartments – housing



Economy

- Tax increment is the only tool for developers. Disappointed about the negative attitude recently about using TIF.
- Use TIF or other tools to build affordable housing. Subsidize cost of development in targeted area.
- Doing less development because City is less supportive of developers. Agriculture role in Rapid City economy. Highlight importance.
- County used to allow for property tax to be phased in (Abatement)
- Transferring what's going on in Rapid City into schools (e/g/ service learning)
- Leadership Rapid City
- Neighborhood-oriented committees may encourage participation
- More appreciation for agriculture
- Historic resources need to be acknowledged and carried forward (e.g. ranching history)
- Opportunities for interpretation of resources, interactive activities/exhibits, and engaging youth

Are there any economic hurdles to living or working in Rapid City?

- Limited senior management careers
- Limited shopping variety downtown (Macy's, Dillards, Nordstrom)
- Need Southwest flights—e.g. expanded air service
- Bus shuttle between Campus and Downtown with other areas to allow for movement during lunch. Quick trips.

- Limited planning for future business—need to target opportunities provided by proximity of Rapid City to Bakkan, e.g., attract and accommodate businesses that provide oil field support services
- Mixed neighborhood concept (housing types, service for seniors, youth, etc.)

Neighborhoods

What aspects of your Rapid City area neighborhood are most important to you?

- Scenic settings + View (✓✓)
- Bike/walking path along main street (✓✓)
- Historical preservation of homes

What change(s) would improve your neighborhood?

- No school presently –need one
- Only one park (not completed)
- Complete park –more recreational opportunities
- Neighborhood square to reduce transportation issues downtown (e.g., more gathering places within individual neighborhoods to encourage walk and bike access rather than everyone driving downtown for events)
- More attention to age demographics and services (All neighborhoods)
- Moratorium on expanding quarries
- More community gardens

Can you think of any improvements that are needed in other area neighborhoods?

- Install storm sewers in North Rapid neighborhoods (especially around the North Maple and Adams Street areas.)
- Trees/Agriculture look

Parks and Natural Environment

What aspects of parks and the natural environment are most important to you?

- Preserve Natural Beauty (✓)
- Maintain clean air (✓)
- The Prairie is my garden with native plants
- Farmers Market
- #1 Farmers Market

Are you aware of any City efforts to conserve natural resources (e.g., water, air quality, etc.)?

- No
- No – lots of dust/noise from quarries affects air quality
- Quarries destroy natural forests

What improvements would enhance the City's parks and natural environment?

- Equal distribution through city of resource protection
- Education programs in schools
- West side has more parks
- North side needs more parks/recreation/resources
- Valley needs more parks recreational resources

- Expanded farmers markets – maybe add one at mall
- Community gardens
- More support for farmers markets

Transportation

How do you move around town on a typical day?

- Drive into downtown Rapid City from Radar Hill Road, or walk as doable.
- Drive – not safe to bike in all areas
- Ditto re: biking not safe in all areas. Bike trail –N. Haines is my dream.

What improvements would make it easier for you and your family to get around Rapid City?

- Sidewalks along Deadwood Ave. and Plaza Drive
- Bicycle parking for daily in-town commuting
- Consistent transportation route from Main Campus to Downtown Campus School of Mines (Bus fare, monthly pass)
- Tie Deadwood Ave. to Sheridan Lake Rd.
- Build where roads are feasible
- 1 cent for every transportation dollar spent on bike/ped. routes??

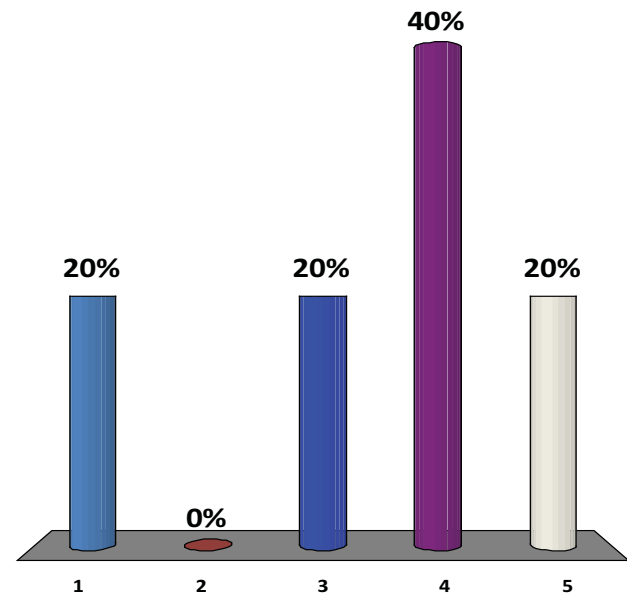
Other Topics and Feedback

Are there any other issues or topics that you think Plan Rapid City should address?

- Expand downtown square idea to neighborhood squares
- Fragmented health care system – competition not cooperation
- Health services needed for growing community –perhaps another hospital or geriatric services
- Improve I-90 to Civic Center with Blvd + beautification (Like Rushmore Rd. proposal)
- Review drainage tax policy –larger parcels (undeveloped) actually help resolve issues
- Address homeless issues
- Kids’ health and poverty a growing problem – Kids Count Data available online, by County
- Need to retain an authentic feeling and local businesses throughout the community to attract visitors (many currently don’t visit Rapid City because of abundance of chain restaurants and stores)

How long have you (or your family) lived in Rapid City?

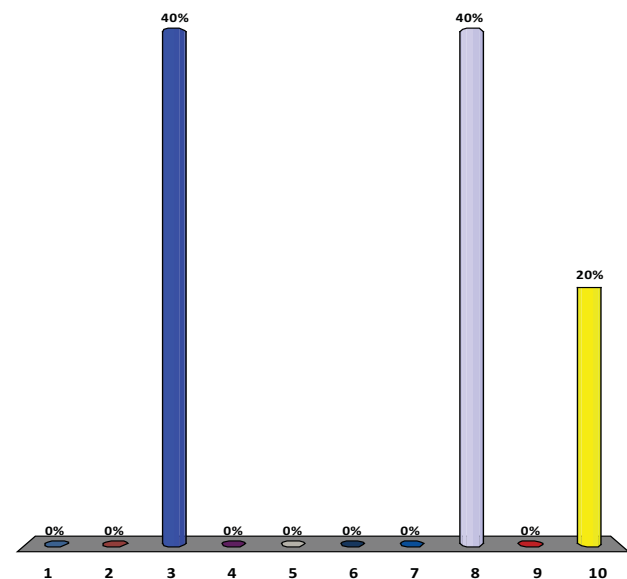
1. Less than 1 year
2. 1-5 years
3. 5-10 years
4. 10-20 years
5. More than 20 years



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Why do you and/or your family live in Rapid City? (Select as many as apply)

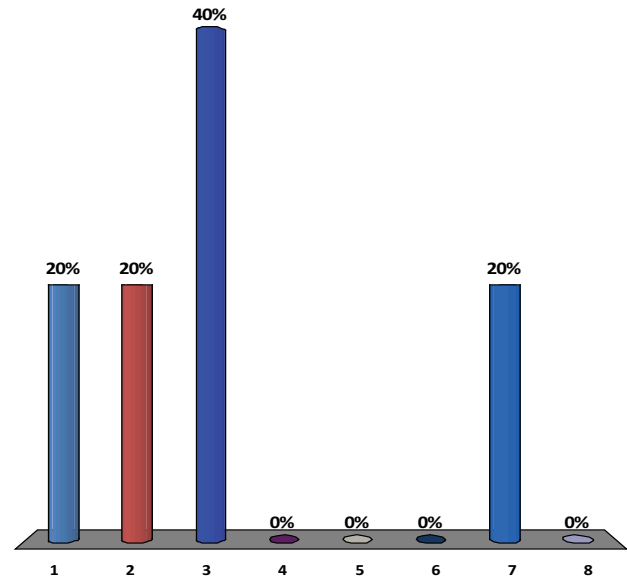
1. Parent grew up here
2. Good place to raise a family
3. Availability of jobs
4. Overall cost of living
5. Safe community
6. Housing choices
7. Schools
8. Parks, trails, and recreational opportunities
9. Continuing education opportunities
10. Other



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What are the things you enjoy most about living in Rapid City? (Select as many as apply)

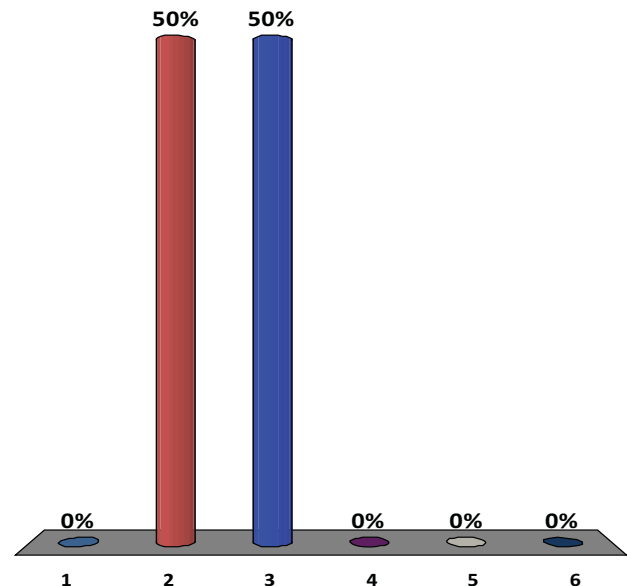
1. Access to outdoor activities
2. Scenic quality of the community
3. Parks, trails, and recreational opportunities
4. Community events and activities
5. Youth oriented events and activities
6. Your neighborhood
7. Proximity of friends and family
8. Other



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Do you plan to stay in Rapid City after high school?

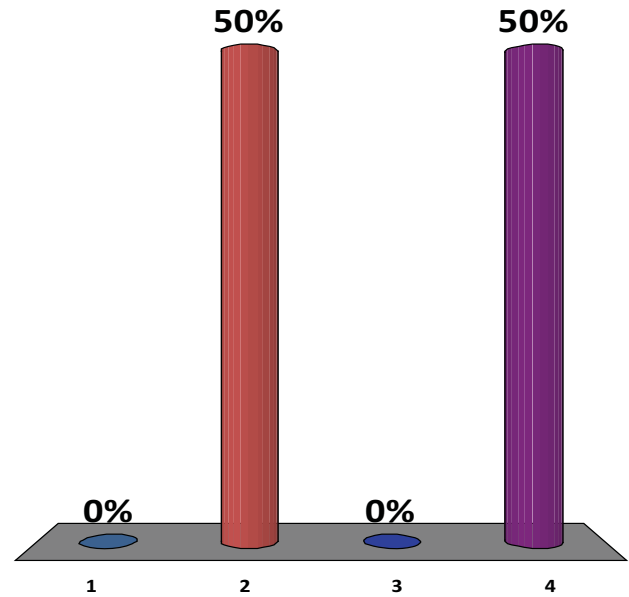
1. Yes, I plan to begin work locally following graduation
2. Yes, I plan to attend college locally
3. No, I plan to attend college out of state
4. Not applicable, have already completed high school
5. Not sure yet
6. Other



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If you plan to attend college out of state, do you plan to return to Rapid City eventually?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Maybe
4. Not sure





Vision Survey Results

SurveyMonkey- Open from July 10-September 15, 2013

What aspects of your Rapid City area neighborhood are most important to you?

- Safety and Family Centered Fun (healthy)
- Safety, Walkable, Pretty
- Sense of history. Pride of ownership.
- People that care about their family and neighbors through helping when needed ie: shoveling snow, picking up garbage, assuring children are not in danger, watching little children so they aren't in the street, have positive things to do, communicating positively.
- Parks and recreation have been a life long interest. I've always loved watching the changing seasons, the wildlife and the recreation that are a park of my neighborhood park. One of my earliest memories is hold the ribbon for the ribbon cutting at Aberdeen's first public pool. In the year's that followed, I've lived in a number of communities, all of which had parks and recreation areas. Both of these contribute significantly to the health and well being of all residents and myself included. Every dollar spent on parks and recreation brings big return. As a life guard at old Roosevelt Pool, I watched children and teens come to the pool every day. for many of these kids, the pool, located in a beautiful park, was literally supervised day care. When my kids were little, walking to the park was often the highlight of the day and brought with it benefits of fitness, awareness, and appreciation of natural beauty. Rapid City's parks have an economic benefit as well. Realtors and home builders know that parks mean dollars and cents to home value. Parks with programming double as juvenile delinquency prevention and fitness centers. With the United States #2 on the population obesity scale, anything that encourages kids and adults to get out and move is important.
- Solid infrastructure and beautiful parks!
- The beauty of the natural environment: surrounding fields, forests, mountains. The relative safety.
- local entertainment options like Movies Under the Stars and Hot Summer Nights.

What change(s) would improve your neighborhood?

- I would like to see the bike path the Rapid Valley area deserves/parks in the Valley area.
- Pretty nice along West Blvd, but some areas don't have sidewalks
- Streets! Parking is huge issue-- 800 block of 11th st is a nightmare when nursing school is in session. Students take all of homeowners' parking and are very inconsiderate.



- block picnics every year to get to know each other may be connected to the area school so activities could also be encouraged for children and youth
- A little less park mowing would be ok with me. Mowing would still take place, but islands of unmowed green could reduce park maintenance costs and yet still provide the visibility that supports park safety. Extending the Skyline Trail south would be a benefit to my neighborhood.
- Add a park in the valley, close to East middle.
- Ban quarry expansions.
- I wish there was a dog park closer to my neighborhood either in the South Side or the Valley

Can you think of any improvements that are needed in other Rapid City neighborhoods?

- Bike Paths that are safe
- Sidewalks everywhere! Extended bike paths will encourage more of us to bike and walk, for transportation and for exercise.
- Again, streets. Potholes are horrible all over this town!
- Improve ability for people to take care of their homes (paint, garbage and junk picked up, weeds growing high mowed). Neighborhood connections made through different way so everyone in that neighborhood knows about the resources that are close to their home.
- More programming at Parkview Tennis would be a big benefit to this growing neighborhood. As a tennis enthusiast I would support reconstruction of Sioux Park's tennis courts. urts.
- Improve streets
- More community gardens. More bike paths.
- Shopping, groceries, or a park in the Valley

How do you move around town on a typical day? (check all that apply)

- Drive- 100%
- Carpool- 11.11%
- Motorcycle- 0%
- Bus- 0%
- Walk- 55.56%
- Bicycle- 11.11%
- Skateboard- 0%
- Scooter- 0%
- Comments: The bicycle community is growing, with bicycle commuting becoming more common place. We need more emphasis on safe riding and safe ways to ride.



What improvements would make it easier for you and/or your family to get around Rapid City?

- Bike path
- count down timers on cross walks on Mt. Rushmore Road ...and get rid of more of those ugly billboards!
- Wheelchair access!!!! There are not enough handicap parking spots... Just because the minimum is met does not mean it's enough. Downtown is a miserable experience for wheelchair users.
- Bike safe routes from bike path to downtown
- More sidewalks. I've noticed that long term people walk more in places with sidewalks
- Construction of new roads, specifically connecting east anamosa to elk vale rd. and completion of homestead st
- More bike paths along major streets and thoroughfares.
- parking downtown can get difficult

What major industries to you associate with Rapid City?

- tourism, agriculture, military, medical
- Health care(RC Regional) tourism.
- Tourism
- Ag, tourism, healthcare, education
- Tourism, construction, retail
- Tourism: Hotels/motels, restaurants
- Tourism

What industries should Rapid City be targeting which aren't here today?

- Wellness Centers
- industries that have better paying jobs and benefits - ? technology, engineering, ??
- High tech, making it possible f or our SDSM&T students and faculty to remain in Rapid City.
- Medical research, manufacturing, and tech industry

Are there are any economic hurdles to living or working in Rapid City?

- Not getting paid enough since their is only one hospital
- Pay scale low, rents are high.
- 1. Low paying jobs, and none to minimal retirement plans from businesses not all but most, unless you are employed by a bigger business or state you don't have much of a retirement.



Even hospital employees don't have much and they are a bigger business here. Business owners don't support their employees wellness (physical, mental, and financial - overall wellness). They don't see the benefits I would suppose. Healthy and prospering employees are dedicated and productive workers! 2. High rental costs - high cost of living

- Planning should be given to routing rail traffic out of downtown.
- Housing seems to be expensive compared to Sioux Falls, huge income disparity between rich and poor
- Rental properties. Compared to other places I have lived, rent in Rapid City is extremely expensive. There are plenty of living options, but very few that are both affordable and of a decent quality. I'm a young adult with a full-time salaried job and still can't afford to live on my own without roommates unless I want to live in a house or apartment that is, for lack of a better term, a dump.

What aspects of downtown Rapid City are most important to you?

- I love main street Square and summer nights I feel like Rapid has made such an effort to improve family fun!
- safe, walkable, beautiful It's wonderful right now. There's lots of activity!
- History. Small business.
- I enjoy the main street market and how it has brought vitality back to the downtown area.
- Everything about downtown Rapid City is important. As downtown businesses prospers, I hope to see more second and third story residential and business use.
- Safety and inviting atmosphere
- Main Street Square, Art Alley, funky shops, the Dahl Arts Center, galleries, the Firehouse... I love what Main Street Square is doing for downtown!
- local shops, Main Street Square and the entertainment it offers, local dining options.

What improvements would enhance the downtown area?

- more residential lodging, and the long- awaited parking structure
- Wheelchair access!!!! Nightmare for wheelchair users!!!!
- Continue with bringing in more culture and arts as well as overall supporting healthy involvement of all families, youth and business working together.
- Returning to two way streets, slowing traffic
- Additional restaurants and something like children's museum.
- Improve the appearance of areas around the edges of downtown
- parking. We love going downtown for Hot Summer Nights, but sometimes avoid it just because of the hassle it can be to get downtown.



What aspects of parks and the natural environment are most important to you?

- I like the outdoor campus
- safety , bike bath
- Access. Sense of security. Beauty -- parks dept does a great job!
- taking care of the parks - keeping clean and maintained. Expanding parks and walkways, bike paths etc. Encouraging outdoor activities.
- Parks and the natural environment benefit water quality, air quality, and quality of life.
- Cleanliness and safety
- Clean, safe (I hope), restorative. We can hike, bike, drive to numerous parks in the area. Appreciate the work of the Rapid City Garden Club and the Master Gardeners to keep the flowerbeds in parks tended and beautiful.
- Quality parks, with nice walking paths, benches and areas to sit in nice areas.

Are you aware of any City efforts to conserve or protect natural resources (e.g., water, air, etc.)?

- watering on odd/even days before 9 and after 6 paving some alleys to alleviate dust
- The tags that are on the grates on the streets to remind us to not toss stuff in there.
- Other than recycling I am not.
- Storm water efforts have been started, but construction of needed and even required retention ponds to manage watersheds into Rapid Creek continue to languish.
- No
- No
- No

What improvements would enhance the City's parks and natural environment?

- too many ducks and yuck at canyon lake ... but everything is beautiful other than the duck poop and stagnant water
- A FENCED dog park-- that is monitored. There are too many irresponsible dog owners that let their dogs off leash-knowing they are aggressive. Braeburn dog park is the worst! The abandoned ball field on Fairmont (next to fire station 4) could be turned into an awesome dog park.
- Not sure other than continuing to expand what we have and getting youth involvement in the planning.
- More of them, specifically on the newer developing parts of town
- Another dog park



Are there any other issues or topics that you think Plan Rapid City should address?

- continue bike paths, bike lanes, sidewalks ...they really add to the quality of life and encourage more of us to commute and exercise in good, healthy, non-polluting, affordable ways!
- Serious lack of affordable, clean and safe housing for families. Many of our families and children are living in motels or in substandard housing and that impacts their whole life and the way they feel. Respect and "open our arms" to all the families and children in our community. We need to make it a priority to welcome children, youth and families into our plan so every voice is heard and plans include those voices. Businesses that are not concerned enough about how their employees are able to care for their families.
- Remove Bill Clayton from office and purchase him a place to live in Oxford, Mississippi. In all seriousness I would like to see annexation of Rapid Valley.
- Snow removal. There have been several occasions I can hardly make it to work at 7:30 in the morning because of snow on the ground and the plows don't plow anything but a few major roads until after at least 8:00