

Memorandum #09-75

To: Doug Russell, City Manager
 From: Dave Mingo, Community Development Director
 Date: April 22, 2009
 Subject: Consideration of Support for the Keep Yankton Beautiful Project at 100 Broadway Ave

Keep Yankton Beautiful (KYB) is proposing to purchase the property at 100 Broadway Avenue if they are able to secure grant funds and work through the transfer details with the Department of Transportation. If successful, they propose to demolish the house on the site, landscape the property and turn it over to the City for perpetual maintenance as public space / entrance feature location. The attached letter from KYB's Executive director, Carmen Schramm outlines the process and request. KYB officials will also be in attendance at the meeting to further explain their proposal.

As a part of the grant application process, KYB needs a letter of support from the City. Approval of this memorandum would authorize the Mayor to sign the attached letter of support. Approval would also provide KYB with a clear indication that the City is willing to accept the property upon completion of the project and maintain it on into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

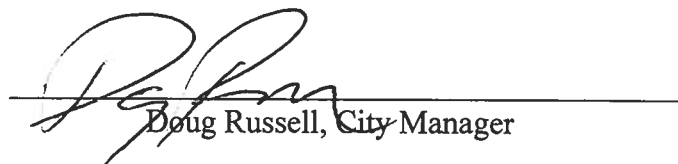


Dave Mingo, AICP
 Community Development Director

Recommendation: If the proposal is approved, it is recommended that KYB work with the Park Advisory Board through the landscape design process.

I concur with this recommendation.

I do not concur with this recommendation.



 Doug Russell, City Manager



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April 20, 2009

Yankton Board of City Commissioners
City of Yankton
416 Walnut Street
Yankton, SD 57078

Dear City Commissioners,

This letter is to inform the City of Yankton that Keep Yankton Beautiful, Inc. will be applying for a grant from the South Dakota Housing Development Authority under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) on April 30, 2009. The project name for this grant will be the "Discovery Bridge Corridor Revitalization Project".

The following items will be included in the grant budget request to achieve the goal of making this entrance into Yankton a visually appealing and identifiable greenspace landmark for the community:

- 1) Purchase the property at 100 Broadway Avenue currently owned by the South Dakota Department of Transportation
- 2) Demolition of the structure on the property, disposal of debris and fill dirt for landscaping
- 3) Complete renovation of the property with landscaping and "Welcome to Yankton" signage
- 4) Donation of the land to the City of Yankton Parks & Recreation Department upon completion of the revitalization project for perpetual maintenance

Keep Yankton Beautiful, Inc. would begin this project upon awarding of the grant and have the project completed within the required 18 month timetable. The complete grant budget request for this project will be \$98,300.00.

Keep Yankton Beautiful would greatly appreciate a letter of support for this project to be included in the grant application. Please contact me with any question concerning this project. I can be reached at (605) 660-1078.

Sincerely,

Carmen Schramm
Executive Director
Keep Yankton Beautiful



City of Yankton

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April 27, 2009

Dear Sir / Ma'am:

I Daniel L. Specht, Mayor of the City of Yankton, South Dakota am writing on behalf of the Yankton City Commission in support of the following proposed project:

Discovery Bridge Corridor Revitalization Project

The project is being proposed by *Keep Yankton Beautiful* and if completed would be a tremendous improvement to the entrance of the primary business corridor in Yankton. The City Commission discussed this project at our public meeting on April 27, 2009, and we are excited about the possibilities that access to funding assistance would have on the project coming to fruition. The Commission also indicated that we are willing to maintain the site upon completion of the improvements.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important community development project.

Sincerely,

Daniel L. Specht, Mayor
City of Yankton, South Dakota

