

Item 14

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Rapid City Planning Commission
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Attn: Bill Lass

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Re: Use on review for Mountain Meadows

Dear Mr. Lass:

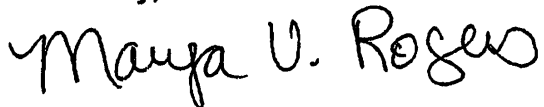
I am writing to object to the proposed oversized garage located on Mountain Meadows which is in Spring Brook Acres Subdivision. It is my understanding that the homeowners have requested the variance in order to build an additional garage for storage.

First of all, I believe this additional garage will be an eyesore and will do nothing but decrease the neighboring home values. Furthermore, Springbrook Acres has a free storage lot available to residents for this very purpose. I am also bothered by the apparent lack of access to this garage. I do not think that homeowners should be encouraged to drive on their lawns in order to access a storage unit.

Also, I would think that the city ordinances requiring a 40 foot paved driveway would apply in this case. I remodeled 2 years ago and did extensive research into this matter. I was forced by the city to spend an additional \$4000 to pave my driveway despite my request for a variance due to the dangerous grade of my driveway. My understanding at that time was that any new garage area would require a paved access. The reasoning for that was an environmental statute. I was told that I would be kicking up dirt and pollution in the air when I went up and down my driveway. I do not see how accessing an additional garage would be exempted from this statute unless a special exception would be made for these residents.

I have lived in Springbrook Acres for six years and have observed that the homes in this subdivision and especially along Mountain Meadows are increasing in value and reflect a pride of ownership that was absent for many years. While I harbor no personal animosity towards the individual requesting the variance, I ask you to consider the aesthetics of the whole subdivision and deny the request for a variance from the zoning ordinances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marya V. Rogers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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