

MOTOR SERVICE CO.
402 St. Joe P.O. Box 1686
Rapid City, SD 57709-1686

If it is inconvenient for you to appear at the meeting, you may file your comments by letter. In the letter give the street address and legal description of your property, and the purpose for which it is now used, and any comments on the granting of the Use On Review. Letters may be mailed to the Rapid City Planning Department, 300 6th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. You may call 394-4120 if you have questions.

June 18, 2001

City Planning Department
300 6th St.
Rapid City, SD 57701


Planning Department:

As the owner of IN 07E SEC 01 RAPID CITY ORIGINAL TOWN OF RAPID CITY
BLOCK 86 LOT 31-32 PIN 37 01 I32 010
IN 07E SEC 01 I32 009 ORIGINAL TOWN OF RAPID CITY BLK 86 LOT 29-30
PIN 37 01 I32 009

THE BUILDING AT 402 ST. JOSEPH STREET IS USED FOR AUTOMOBILE SALES &
REPAIR. THE LOT AT 404 ST. JOSEPH STREET IS FOR DISPLAY AND BARKING
FOR USED VEHICLES.

AS THE OWNER OF THE ABOVE PROPERTY I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ALLOWING
A SO-CALLED MISSION IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AT 405 ST, JOSEPH.

SIGNED,


JOHN E. MORRISSON

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WHAT'S NEXT??

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JUNE 8, 2001

MAYOR JERRY MUNSON
 300 6th St.
 Rapid City, SD 57701

JUN 15 2001
 Rapid City
 Planning Department

Dear Mayor Munson:

On the other side of this is a copy of a hearing for a Use On Review to allow a MISSION in the Central Business District. This building is the Tip Top Motel property that was recently purchased by the N.A.H.A.

Motor Service Co. has been on the corner of 4th & St. Joseph since 1929 when my late Father, Edgar Morrison had it constructed that year. Dad died Christmas eve 1960. I have been paying the taxes since 1961. Since then I have paid over \$100,000 in taxes in this ridiculous town, where our property taxes keep going up with the majority of these used to support the "FUN AND GAMES" SCHOOL SYSTEM, WHERE THESE IDIOTS WORSHIP THEIR ALMIGHTY GOD: SPORTS!!!

I save copies of the LETTERS in the RC Journal. I have one from a retired High School Teacher, Evelyn Coffey. She was trying to tell the simple people in this town about the "FUN AND GAMES" SCHOOL SYSTEM, WITH THE OVER-EMPHASIS ON SPORTS, AND THE UNDER-EMPHASIS ON EDUCATION. This is a direct quote from Evelyn Coffey. Another teacher in Eastern SD., Velma DeVries did a study on the number of students in her area in relation to the number of ADMINISTRATORS. A few years later in the same district, she found out the student registration had gone up a small amount, while the ADMINISTRATORS had increased over a thousand percent. BUREAUCRACY RULES! It's like this everywhere. I have saved these letters, and can show them to anyone.

This correspondence is related to the above request for a zoning change to allow the MISSION in the central business district. Of course it is doubtful the people on the so-called "PLANNING COMMISSION" own any business, or they would not be where they are. I would really like to ask every one of these people if they would like to see a MISSION across the street from their homes. Also it would be very interesting while everyone was present to call every REALTOR in this silly town, and ask them if the placement of a MISSION across from any business property would not have a NEGATIVE affect on the value or desirability of the property. I DEFY ANYONE IN THAT BUILDING AT 300 6th ST TO TELL ME IT WOULD NOT AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY!

I did not attend the meeting on June 7. A few years ago I learned FIRST HAND how the Planning Commission operates. I have lived at 510 Columbus since 1931. Over the years we observed that that Zion Lutheran Church began taking most of the homes on the North side of the alley. They made their parking lot where the homes were. Years ago when the church was also a SCHOOL, the kids would play ball in the lot. They broke the windows in our garage so many times, Mother had a carpenter board up the windows. This is obvious if you drive along the alley. Then my first problem with these silly bible thumpers really started. I found out that "church" was buying the house East of me at 508 Columbus. I checked with ANDY HOFFMAN, the realtor, and found out they had one more day to pick up their option. The price was \$40,000. I told Andy if they did not, I would buy the house. Unfortunately they did.

So the so-called "church" put in a day care center for children. Well, I did not really object to that, because at least it was not a private business. BUT!!! then two startling revelations occurred. I found out from JIM KORTZ, who at that time was a member of that church, that their GRANDIOSE plans were to take all the homes East of me including 508, and enlarge their parking lot. Then the next fact was that they were not keeping the house up to code for the use as a day care center. So now comes my experience with the Planning Commission. The neighbors and I get certified mail notices like this one, for a use on review to sell the house at 508 Columbus to the AAL LUTHERAN INSURANCE CO. Now what they do, they schedule a meeting at 7 am. This is clever, as not everyone likes to get up real early to come to a meeting at that time in the morning. I got a phone call from another State from the woman who actually owned the house at 406 Columbus. She asked my opinion about this and I said I was not in favor. She said she would send a letter to the City expressing the same opinion. Also, my neighbor next door to the West, Stacy Davis was against putting a business there. BOTH OF THESE LADIES SAID THEY WOULD HAVE GLADLY BOUGHT THAT HOUSE. BUT!! I went to that meeting, as did Stacy. It was a complete "set-up". They even had some sort of committee there in addition to the Council and one of these clowns was a REALTOR.

Anyway, Jerry, I'm going to give a copy of this over at City Hall. As you can see, it will come up before the Council Monday evening at 7 pm. It is amazing how much property has been bought by the N.A.H.A. The old Pontiac building on 2nd street on main, the former Hills Tire on 5th and main. Also another motel in the Western section of town.

The Mission on 1st and Main is approximately one block North of St. Joe. Ask CHRIS SCHMID about the problems behind Schmid Insurance, because of these characters. Ask Gil Raben about what goes on in the alley behind his building.

This is enough for now. In the near future I will inform you about my experience here at 402 St. Joe, where I have been here for 50 years with roughly one month off in the interim. My experience with that ridiculous "City Hall" is a matter of public record. I'll show you the papers on the "EASEMENT OF NECESSITY, PARKING DISTRICT #1". That cost me \$9,555.00 and they did not keep their word. Also I'll tell you about a local former business man who told me now the City screwed the Downtown Association out of a large sum of money.

I'll check with you later.

Sincerely,

 John Morrisson