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Mr. Jeff Marino  
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Re: 03SR019  
Canyon Lake Park

Dear Jeff:

Thank you for the information you provided to me today on the above matter. I look forward to hearing from you as to where and when the public hearing will be.

As a resident of 3936 Jackson Blvd for over 25 years, I have a distinct vantage point when viewing the on-goings near the intersection of Jackson Blvd and Park Drive. Over the years, I have seen many tragic accidents and wrecks, due to what I think is poor planning.

Specifically, I bring to your attention the direction of traffic flow through Canyon Lake Park -- going from West to East. This flow pushes automobile traffic onto Park Drive, with most of it going to the Jackson Blvd/Park Drive intersection. In between this outlet on Park Drive and the corner is a pedestrian crosswalk. I have lost count the numbers of the near-death encounters children and adults have experienced while crossing this crosswalk!

I know that the Jackson Blvd/Park Drive intersection is in the planning stages to be redone. I know that at present, the city is doing M&R work in Canyon Lake Park. I know that Park Drive is being redone this summer.

Considering all of this, NOW would be a good time to take some stress off Park Drive and put it up at Canyon Lake Drive (which has a traffic light) by reversing the traffic flow through Canyon Lake Park.

I would be happy to have further discussions with you or any appropriate authority - to expound on the benefits this change could bring. In my years of considering this problem, I really don't see any negative affects.

Thank you for bringing this to the Planning meeting. I look forward to furthering our discussion.

Sincerely,

David A. Schwietert, D. C., DABCI

Cc: Mayor of Rapid City  
Martha Rodriguez  
Bill Waugh