

12 St. Charles St.
Rapid City, South Dakota
August 14, 2002

Planning Commission
c/o Jeff Marino
Planning Department
300 6th Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Commission Members:

This letter is in regard to the requested re-zoning for the block located on the northern side at the east end of Franklin Street (corner of 1st and Franklin). I live on St. Charles Street. My daughter and her family live at 107 Franklin Street. I am opposed to an apartment building being built anywhere in that undeveloped area on the north side of Franklin Street. I believe that the construction of an apartment building would be incongruent with the rest of the neighborhood and would cause potential traffic issues and noise due to the fact that Franklin dead ends at the end of the block in question. On the other hand, I have no objection to one- or two-family dwellings being built on that block. I would strongly oppose any authorization that would provide Mr. Don Ritchie with the option of building an apartment building on any of the lots on that block at any time in the future.

Another consideration for the potential building is the unstable nature of that shale-rich hill. I know this because the hill behind my house, also of shale, has a tendency to move into my backyard when we have sudden, heavy rainfalls. And this movement occurs even though I have significant tree growth and other erosion retardants in place on my hill.

Thank you for your consideration of my letter. I plan to attend the meeting on the 21st, and if needed, will reinforce my opinion at that time.

Respectfully,

Dr. Carman Timmerman

P. S. If you have a doubt that I indeed wrote this letter, please let me know, and I will fax you a signed copy of this document. Additionally, I will be available to sign the letter at the 21st meeting.