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From: Sandie Enger [mailto:sandiekota@rushmore.com]

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To: vicki.fisher@rcgov.org

Subject:

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to state that I support the city's position on a 2nd entrance off of Minnesota Street into Parkview Pool and the new ASA softball fields. I live at 4311 Parkview Drive which is sandwiched between the pool and fields. With just the pool I have seen traffic congestion in and out of the parking lot. Especially at closing time...approximately 7:45pm. A second entrance would make traffic flow in and out of the area much easier and safer for pedestrians and bicyclists in the area.

There is also a concern in the neighborhood about security with the amount of late night traffic in and out of the parking lot. This includes drivers that don't stop at the stop sign located at the corner of the parking lot and Parkview Drive, teenagers congregating at all hours of the night, playing loud music, doing donuts with their cars and squeeling tires (often at 2am and especially after it has rained or when the sprinklers have just shut off making the lot wet), drinking and leaving broken bottles in the lot, (my young daughter found a full unopened 24 pack of beer dumped in the lot) and I'm sure there have been many exchanges of drugs in that lot. I only see this problem escalating in the upcoming months with the increase in traffic in this area.

Another concern is the intersection at Minnesota and Parkview. I have on numerous occasions watched as cars drive upwards of 45 mph down Minnesota Street. With the amount of new housing that is going up and which is proposed in the near future, as well as the number of children walking to and from Parkview Pool and now the ball fields, I fear a child will be hit and killed. Many of the neighbors have talked about this issue and hope you will find that there is definitely a need for a crosswalk light at this intersection.

Sincerely,
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