

STAFF REPORT

June 9, 2005

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**No. 05SV034 - Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to allow a lot twice as long as it is wide as per Chapter 16.16 of the Rapid City Municipal Code**

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**ITEM 40**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	Sperlich Consulting, Inc. for Doeck LLC
REQUEST	<b>No. 05SV034 - Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to allow a lot twice as long as it is wide as per Chapter 16.16 of the Rapid City Municipal Code</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Located in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4, Auburn Hills Subdivision, Section 13, T2N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	Approximately 2.897
LOCATION	At the west end of Crimson Court and adjacent to Coal Bank Drive
EXISTING ZONING	Low Density Residential District
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	Low Density Residential District
South:	Low Density Residential District
East:	Low Density Residential District
West:	Low Density Residential District
PUBLIC UTILITIES	City sewer and water
DATE OF APPLICATION	5/13/2005
REVIEWED BY	Vicki L. Fisher / David L. Johnson

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to allow a lot twice as long as it is wide as per Chapter 16.16 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be approved.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The applicant has submitted a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to allow a lot twice as long as it is wide. In addition, the applicant has submitted a Preliminary Plat to create nine residential lots as a part of the Auburn Hills Subdivision (See companion item #05PL091.)

The property is located at the western terminus of Crimson Court and is currently, void of any structural development.

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STAFF REVIEW:

Staff has reviewed the Variance to the Subdivision Regulations and has noted the following consideration:

Lot Configuration: The Subdivision Regulations states that "...for lots in residential districts having a width of not more than one hundred fifty feet, the lot length shall not be greater than twice the lot width". The proposed Preliminary Plat identifies that six of the lots will have a length twice the distance of the width.

The lots are located at the western terminus of a cul-de-sac. Due to the design of a cul-de-sac street, there is limited lot frontage along the roadway. The subdivision design as shown on this plat is reasonable for the site. In addition, the lot configuration does not create any significant difficulties for use or maintenance. As such, staff is recommending that the Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to allow a lot twice as long as it is wide be approved.

Legal Notification Requirement: The receipts from the certified mailings have not been returned. Staff will notify the Planning Commission at the June 9, 2005 Planning Commission meeting if this requirement is not met. Staff has not received any calls or inquires regarding this proposal.