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From: "Mary K Kelley" <marykkelley@juno.com>
To: <CouncilGroup@rcgov.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 14, 2006 8:13 PM
Subject: 716 Fairview Street

> Dear Mayor Shaw and Members of the Common Council:

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> This letter pertains to item #6 and item #28 on the proposed
> Agenda for the Council Meeting of May 15, 2006. I am asking you to
> VOTE NO on these requests to rezone the property located at
> 716 Fairview Street from Residential to Commercial.

> I have owned my home located at 1314 Seventh Street since
1982.

> During that time, I have seen many changes in this neighborhood. It
has

> never been a fancy neighborhood, but most of my neighbors and I work
hard

> to maintain our homes and property. Many of us believe that the
proposed

> Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Rezoning would produce a substantial
> negative impact on this neighborhood. A

> letter to that effect was submitted to the Planning Commission prior
to

> their consideration of this matter.

> Please look closely at other commercial operations located
> along Mt. Rushmore Road. It appears to

> me that this request would extend commercial zoning deeper into the
> adjacent residential area than it has

> encroached elsewhere. Some may regard this as progress, but I am
> concerned that it would be a bad

> precedent, and bad in the long run for this entire area.

> I am aware that the applicants are proposing to raze the
home

> currently located on the property

> in question in order to provide parking for an addition to their
existing

> office building located at the

> corner of Fairview and Mt. Rushmore Road. I am told that the
applicant's

> response at the Planning

> Commission to concerns raised in our letter was that the proposed
parking

> expansion would not

> significantly degrade quality of life in this area. My position is
that

> extending commercial zoning nearly

> halfway into the block will cause unwanted traffic through this

> neighborhood, even if the initial reason for

> the action is merely to allow for another few thousand square feet of
> asphalt. I am also concerned that

> once the area is zoned for commercial use, many other types of
commercial

> activities are also permitted

> (not just this parking lot). I believe this is likely to be my only

> opportunity to express my objections

> to this trend, so I want to be as clear as I can be that I am opposed
to
> the request. I am asking you
> to VOTE NO. Please, do not approve the Rezoning. Thank you.
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> Sincerely,
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> Mary K. Kelley
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> Rapid City, SD
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kobi Ebert [mailto:kebert@rushmoreradio.com]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2006 8:38 AM

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Subject: Rezoning request on Fairview St.

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am appealing to you to vote no on the request of the Black Hills Health and Wellness Center to rezone a portion of the 700 block of Fairview Street.

The area that Dr. Scherr is requesting to have rezoned is directly to the east of his clinic on Fairview Street. Black Hills Health and Wellness is located at 1220 Mt. Rushmore Road.

My concern is that if the area is rezoned, it will create a very secluded parking spot for Rapid City "cruisers," as they will be hidden behind the clinic. I am not against kids joy riding but there have been numerous instances, even a murder in the parking lot of the Mt. Rushmore Road Safeway, where there has been trouble when these youth gather. I am also concerned that Fairview might become part of the cruising route, which has potential to be dangerous. Fairview only runs one block to the east of Mt. Rushmore before you must turn south on Seventh St. I have witnessed one accident where a motorist driving over the speed limit north on Seventh. When the vehicle rounded the corner at Seventh and headed east on Fairview it plowed into a parked car on the north side of Fairview.

This is a very small neighborhood. Building a parking lot behind the clinic removes two homes where there are currently only seven on that side of Fairview.

Please take a look at this area for yourself and vote no on this rezoning request.

With Respect,

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----- Original Message -----

From: Gregory S. Scherr <chiroman@rapidnet.com>

To: <councilgroup@rcgov.org>

Sent: Wed, 31 May 2006 19:54

Subject: Fwd: Rezoning of 716 Fairview street

Dear council and Mayor.

Dr. Biberdorf and I have met with the neighborhood this evening for about an hour and a half. We have addressed their concerns and showed them the blue prints for the plans. Most were very relieved to hear about the PDF for the rezoning request. They all seemed to have that aspect of their concerns resolved.

There was concerns about late night gatherings in the parking lot that we addressed with them. We assured them that it is our intentions to keep the property well secured. I did not hear any other objections upon conclusion of the meeting.

Most who we met with tonight were pleased with our plans and future development.

We look forward to seeing you at the Monday night meeting. If there is any way we could request an early agenda schedule for this line item, that would be helpful to us and the neighbors whom plan to attend.

Dr Greg Scherr & Dr. Josh Biberdorf.