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August 24, 2006

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**No. 06PL127 - Preliminary Plat**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	Renner & Associates for Royal Nielsen
REQUEST	<b>No. 06PL127 - Preliminary Plat</b>
EXISTING LEGAL DESCRIPTION	A portion of Lot 15 Revised, Hills View Subdivision, located in the NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 5, T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota
PROPOSED LEGAL DESCRIPTION	Lot A, formerly a portion of Lot 15 Revised, Hills View Subdivision, located in the NE1/4 SE1/4, Section 5, T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota
PARCEL ACREAGE	Approximately 0.596 acres
LOCATION	West of Hillside Drive and North of SD Highway 44
EXISTING ZONING	General Commercial District (Pennington County)
SURROUNDING ZONING	
North:	Suburban Residential District (Pennington County)
South:	Suburban Residential District (Pennington County)
East:	Suburban Residential District (Pennington County)
West:	General Commercial District (Pennington County)
PUBLIC UTILITIES	Rapid Valley Sanitary District
DATE OF APPLICATION	7/28/2006
REVIEWED BY	Vicki L. Fisher / Todd Peckosh

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Preliminary Plat be continued to the September 7, 2006 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant to submit additional information.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The applicant has submitted a Preliminary Plat to create a .596 acre lot leaving a 6.655 non-transferable balance. In addition, the applicant has submitted a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to reduce the easement width from 49 feet to 25 feet and to waive the requirement to install curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light conduit, water, sewer and pavement along a proposed private access easement. (See companion item #06SV049.)

The property is located west of Hillside Drive and north of S.D. Highway 44. Currently, two single family residences, three storage sheds, a garage and a commercial shop are located on the proposed non-transferable balance. The proposed .596 acre lot is void of any

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structural development.

**STAFF REVIEW:**

Staff has reviewed the Preliminary Plat and has noted the following considerations:

**Private Access Easement:** The applicant has submitted a copy of an Exhibit "A" showing a proposed 25 foot wide private access easement extending west from Hillside Drive across a lot located south of the subject property to serve as access to the proposed lot. Currently, several mobile homes are located on the adjacent property. It appears that the existing driveway within the mobile home court is being proposed as an access street to the subject property. The existing driveway has been constructed with an approximate 24 foot wide graveled surface. The proposed easement extends beyond the existing driveway for a distance of approximately 60 feet. A dirt trail exists in this portion of the easement. The proposed private access easement is classified as a lane place street requiring that it be located in a minimum 49 foot wide right-of-way and/or easement and constructed with a minimum 24 foot wide paved surface, curb, gutter, sidewalk, street light conduit, water and sewer or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be obtained.

The Pennington County Fire Department has indicated concern that the proposed access easement will not provide adequate fire apparatus access to the proposed lot. As such, a structural site plan must be submitted showing the location of the existing mobile homes and parking along the proposed access easement to insure emergency response access and to demonstrate that a street may be constructed as identified above. Staff is recommending that the Preliminary Plat be continued to allow the applicant to submit the structural site plan as identified.

**Water and Sewer:** The property is located in the Rapid Valley Sanitary District service area. Currently, a six inch water main and an eight inch sewer main are located in the Hillside Drive right-of-way. To date, the applicant has not submitted water and/or sewer plans showing the extension of services to the subject property. As such, staff is recommending that the Preliminary Plat be continued to allow the applicant to submit water and sewer plans prepared by a Registered Professional Engineer showing the extension of sanitary sewer mains, water mains and service lines for review and approval or a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations must be obtained. The plat document must also be revised to provide utility easements as needed.

**Drainage:** A drainage plan in compliance with the Perrine Drainage Basin Plan must be submitted for review and approval. In particular, the drainage plan must demonstrate that the design flows do not exceed pre-developed flows or on-site detention must be provided. In addition, the plat document must be revised to provide drainage easements as necessary. Staff is recommending that the Preliminary Plat be continued to allow the applicant to submit a drainage plan for review and approval as identified.

**Exception:** On August 16, 2000, the City Council approved an amendment to the Street Design Criteria Manual stating that "...a street shall not provide exclusive access to more than forty (40) dwelling units. A second street access shall be provided when more than forty (40) dwelling units are exclusively accessed from a street". Currently, Valley Drive serves as exclusive access to several lots located north of S.D. Highway 44. The proposed Layout

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Plat will result in a total of 89 lots with one point as access. The plat document must provide a second street connection to the development or an Exception to allow 89 dwelling units with one point of access in lieu of 40 dwelling units as per the Street Design Criteria Manual must need to be obtained. Staff is recommending that the Exception be obtained or the plat document be revised as identified prior to Preliminary Plat approval by the City Council.

Master Plan: The applicant has submitted a Master Plan of the 6.655 acre non-transferable balance showing the parcel as one commercial lot. This appears to represent the existing use but does not address future subdivision and/or street and utility access through the site. As such, staff is recommending that a Master Plan be submitted for review and approval showing potential future development in lieu of the existing development.

Plat Labeling: The Register of Deed's Office has indicated that the plat heading must be revised to read "(formerly a portion of Lot 15 Revised, Hills View Subdivision.....)". Staff is recommending that the plat document be revised as identified prior to submittal of a Final Plat application.

Staff is recommending that the Preliminary Plat be continued to the September 7, 2006 Planning Commission meeting to allow the applicant to submit the information as identified above.