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November 22, 2006

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER

Dream Design International, Inc.

REQUEST

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EXISTING

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota, excepting there from Lot A as shown on the plat recorded in Plat Book 17 on Page 167; and Lot 3 (also known as Government Lot 3) of Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota; and A parcel of land located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota more fully described as follows: Beginning at the center one quarter corner of said Section 4, said point being on the westerly line of the Drainage Right-of-way of Block 1 of Rushmore Regional Industrial Park, as shown on the plat filed on September 4, 1974 and recorded in Book 13 of Plats on Page 195, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "RW FISK 6565"; thence, south along the one-quarter section line and along the westerly line of said Drainage Right-of-way in Block 1 of Rushmore Regional Industrial Park, S00°05'03"E, a distance of 271.44 feet, more or less, to a point marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Hanson 6251" thence, continuing south along the one-quarter section line and along the westerly line of said Drainage Right-of-way in Block 1 of Rushmore Regional Industrial Park, S00°03'43"E, a distance of 781.29 feet, more or less, to a point marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "RW FISK 6565"; thence, S89°47'47"W, a distance of 303.32 feet, more or less, to a point on the easterly line of Lot 17 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on the plat filed on April 22, 1988 and recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 21, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "RW FISK 6565"; thence, northwesterly along the said east line of said Lot 17 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, N22°39'36"W, a distance of 46.14 feet to the northeast corner of said Lot 17, said point being coincident with the southeast corner of Lot 18 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown

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on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 21, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "RW FISK 6565"; thence, northwesterly along the east line of said Lot 18 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, $N01^{\circ}44'10''W$, a distance of 58.19 feet, more or less to the northeast corner of said Lot 18, said point being coincident with the southeast corner of Lot 19 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 21, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Renner 2652 & Sperlich"; thence, northeasterly along the east line of said Lot 19 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, $N26^{\circ}46'20''E$, a distance of 44.28 feet, more or less to the northeast corner of said Lot 19, said point being coincident with the southeast corner of Lot 20 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 21, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Renner 2652 & Sperlich"; thence, northeasterly along the east line of said Lot 20 in Block One 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, and along the east lines of Lots 21, 22 and 23 all in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 21, and along the easterly line of Lot 24 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on the plat filed on June 12, 1989 and recorded in Book 22 of Plats on page 195, $N27^{\circ}11'29''E$, a distance of 364.58 feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of said Lot 24, said point being coincident with the southeast corner of Lot 25 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 195, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "RW FISK 6565"; thence, northeasterly along the east line of said Lot 25 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, $N19^{\circ}26'44''E$, a distance of 83.01 feet, more or less to the northeast corner of said Lot 25, said point being coincident with the southeast corner of Lot 26 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 195, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "RW FISK 6565"; thence, northeasterly along the east line of said Lot 26 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, and along the east lines of Lots 27 and 28 all in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 195, $N02^{\circ}40'24''E$, a

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distance of 239.67 feet, more or less, to the northeast corner of said Lot 28, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Hanson 6251"; thence, westerly along the northerly line of said Lot 28 in Block 1 of Copperfield Subdivision, S89°59'08"W, a distance of 109.97 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of said Lot 28, said point being coincident with the northeasterly terminus of Copperfield Drive right-of-way, and said point being marked by a 5/8 inch rebar; thence, southwesterly along the northern terminus line of Copperfield Drive right-of-way, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 195, S71°30'56"W, a distance of 63.28 feet, more or less to the northwest terminus of said Copperfield Drive right-of-way, said point being coincident with the northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block 7 in Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 195, and said point being marked by a 5/8 inch rebar; thence, westerly along the northerly line of said Lot 1 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, N88°29'49"W, a distance of 98.69 feet more or less, to the northwest corner of said Lot 1, said point being coincident with the northeast corner of Lot 3 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 195, and said point being marked by a rebar with survey cap; thence, westerly along the northerly line of said Lot 3 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, N88°42'16"W, a distance of 51.73 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of said Lot 3, said point being coincident with the northeast corner of Lot 4 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 195, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Renner 2652 & Sperlich"; thence, westerly along the northerly line of said Lot 4 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, N88°18'11"W, a distance of 76.36 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of said Lot 4, said point being coincident with the northeast corner of Lot 5 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on said plat recorded in Book 22 of Plats on Page 195, and said point being marked by a 5/8 inch bent rebar; thence, northwesterly along the northerly line of said Lot 5 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, N71°45'04"W, a distance of 72.95 feet, more or less, to the northwest corner of said Lot 5, said point being coincident with the northeast corner of Lot 6 in Block 7 of

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Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on the plat filed on August 14, 1995 and recorded in Book 27 of Plats on Page 17, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Hanson 6251;" thence, northwesterly along the northerly line of said Lot 6 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, and along the northerly line of Lots 7 and 8 in said Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, as shown on the plat filed on August 14, 1995 and recorded in Book 27 of Plats on page 17, N71°30'00"W, a distance of 236.99 feet, more or less to the northwest corner of said Lot 8 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, said point being coincident with the northeast corner of Lot 9 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision as shown on said plat recorded in Book 27 of Plats on Page 17, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Hanson 6251"; thence, westerly along the northerly line of said Lot 9 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, and along the northerly line of Lot 10 in said Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, N89°59'43"W, a distance of 169.90 feet, more or less to the northwest corner of said Lot 10 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, said point being coincident with the northeast corner of Lot 11 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision as shown on said plat recorded in Book 27 of Plats on Page 17, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Hanson 6251"; thence, southwesterly along the northerly line of said Lot 11 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, and along the northerly line of Lot 12 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision as shown on said plat recorded in Book 27 of Plats on Page 17, and along the northerly line of Lot 13 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision as shown on the plat filed on December 21, 1995 and recorded in Book 27 of Plats on page 64, S67°59'57"W, a distance of 210.58 feet, more or less to the northwest corner of said Lot 13 in Block 7 of Copperfield Subdivision, said point being coincident with the northeasterly terminus of Summerfield Drive right-of-way as shown on said plat recorded in Book 27 of Plats on Page 64, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "RW FISK 6565"; thence, westerly along the northerly terminus of said Summerfield Drive right-of-way, S89°57'45"W, a distance of 60.03 feet, more or less, to the northwest terminus of said Summerfield Drive right-of-way, said point being coincident with the northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block 8 of Copperfield

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Subdivision as shown on said plat recorded in Book 27 of Plats on page 64, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Polenz 4208"; thence, westerly along the northerly line of said Lot 1 in Block 8 of Copperfield Subdivision, S89°39'20"W, a distance of 116.98 feet, more or less to the northwest corner of said Lot 1 in Block 8 of Copperfield Subdivision, said point being located on the west 1/16th section line of said Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Pennington County, South Dakota, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "Renner 2652 & Sperlich"; thence, northerly along the 1/16th section line, N00°02'44"E, a distance of 262.82 feet, more or less to the ¼ section line and the northwest corner of the NE¼ SW¼ of said Section 4, T1N, R8E, and said point being marked by a rebar with surveyor cap "RW FISK 6565"; thence, east along the ¼ section line, N89°48'42"E, a distance of 1328.91 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

**PROPOSED
LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Lots 1 thru 13 of Block 1; Lots 1 thru 25 of Block 2; Lots 1 thru 41 of Block 3; Lots 1 thru 24 of Block 4; Lots 1 thru 16 of Block 5; Lots 1 thru 20 of Block 6; Lots 1 thru 17 of Block 7; Lots 1 thru 16 of Block 8; Lots 1 thru 32 of Block 9; Lots 1 thru 36 of Block 10; Lots 1 thru 20 of Block 11; Lots 1 thru 38 of Block 12; Lots 1 thru 15 of Block 13; Lots 1 thru 39 of Block 14; Lot 1 of Block 15; Lot 1 of Block 16, all located in Section 4, T1N, R8E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota

PARCEL ACREAGE

Approximately 90 acres

LOCATION

East of Valley Drive; west of Concourse Drive

EXISTING ZONING

Limited Agriculture District (Pennington County) - Low Density Residential District

SURROUNDING ZONING

North: Limited Agriculture District (Pennington County)
South: Low Density Residential District
East: Light Industrial District
West: Limited Agriculture District (Pennington County)

PUBLIC UTILITIES

Rapid Valley Sanitary District and City sewer and water

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DATE OF APPLICATION 10/27/2006

REVIEWED BY Vicki L. Fisher / Todd Peckosh

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to waive the requirement to allow a lot twice as long as 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 Layout Plat to subdivide the subject property into 276 single family residential lots, 64 townhome lots and one multi-family lot. The applicant has indicated that the development will be known as "Copperfield Vista Subdivision. (See companion item No. 06PL177.)

The property is located at the northern terminus of Copperfield Drive. Currently, the property is void of any structural development.

STAFF REVIEW:

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

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 Layout Plat identifies that 56 of the lots will have a length twice the distance of the width.

Twelve of the lots are located along the terminus of cul-de-sac streets. Due to the design of cul-de-sac streets, there is limited lot frontage along the roadway. The balance of the lots is located along the western and eastern portion(s) of the property. A water easement and a gas main easement, respectively, are also located along the rear lot line of these lots. No structural development is allowed within the easements. As such, the lots have been configured to incorporate the easements into the lots with building envelopes closer to the proposed street(s). 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 November 22, 2006 Planning Commission meeting if this requirement is not met. Staff has not received any calls or inquires regarding this proposal.