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Rapid City Growth Management Department

Growth & Management Dept. 300 6th St. Rapid City, SD 57701-5035

Planning Commission Members,

As residents of the area that is involved with granting a variance for 08SV051. We would oppose not putting in a sidewalk. We frequently use the Clark/Forest Hills streets to access the skyline drive area, and feel there is a need for a sidewalk in that area. The side of the street on the south side of Clark would be the most logical place for a sidewalk as it is pretty much level & we already use it without the benefit of a sidewalk.

On a related subject, as the area behind us (who live on 12th St.) has developed, we receive a lot of run off in even a small thunderstorm. It has become so bad that 12th St. runs full curb to curb. We live on the up hill side of 12th in the boulevard addition, lots 9 & 10 in block 30. We have experienced water related issues since we purchased our home in 1981. We have see neighbors on the down hill side (east) have their basements & yards flooded. The alley behind us washes so bad that all the gravel washes down to Fulton & the street dept. has to come & pick it up after every thunderstorm. We feel this is due to the lack of a storm sewer & not dealing with run off issues before development occurs. We are not opposed to development, however we are opposed to development without addressing these particular problems. We have also experienced ground water issues in our back yard & garage due to the "big hole" on the hillside directly behind us on the north side of Clark (we have video tape). Anyway we believe the job of the Planning Commission is to look into these problems & address them before the variances are granted. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve & Pauline Staufacker

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Rapid City, SD 57701-4422