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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee

Cc: File 09EX023

FROM: Mary Bosworth PE, Engineering Project Manager

DATE: March 10, 2009

RE: Appeal of Denial of Request to Waive the Requirement to Install Sidewalks along Elk Vale Road (adjacent to the former site of All Decked Out)

A request was submitted by Dream Design International on February 2, 2009 to waive the requirement to install sidewalks along Elk Vale Road. The request is associated with Preliminary Plat No. 09PL003 to create an approximate 5 acre lot at the northwest corner of the intersection of Elk Vale Road and Homestead Street (former site of All Decked Out). Elk Vale Road is located along the eastern lot line of the proposed lot.

Section 16.16.090 of the Rapid City Municipal Code states that sidewalk shall be constructed on both sides of all public streets. Elk Vale Road is on the State Highway System and is identified as an arterial street on the Major Street Plan. The intersection of Elk Vale Road and Homestead Street is a signalized intersection. There are existing and proposed sidewalks along Homestead Street east and west of the intersection. At the time the lots to the south and east of the proposed lot were platted, the developer signed a Waiver of Right to Protest the installation of sidewalks along Elk Vale Road. This area is located in a rapidly developing portion of Rapid City. Recent development to the east of the intersection includes a school, bank, grocery store and residential homes; development to the west includes residential, commercial and industrial properties. Staff has had conversations with the South Dakota Department of Transportation Regional Engineer and DOT indicated the installation of sidewalks along Elk Vale Road is warranted.

Due to the location of existing development on both sides of Elk Vale Road, and sidewalks along Homestead Street which provide access to Elk Vale Road, installation of sidewalks along Elk Vale Road will ensure the safety of pedestrian traffic in this area.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends denial of the request to waive the requirement to install sidewalks along Elk Vale Road



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