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Subject: Please Consider My Thoughts

Hello Mayor Hanks and Council Members,

Thank you for serving our community. I respect your efforts and I also empathize with the tough decision component of these efforts. Your willingness to serve is appreciated by many people, although I'm sure that at times you do not feel appreciated

I write as a neighbor to Peter Schmid and also as a resident of Rapid City for 67 years, many of those years living in the West Boulevard area. This historical area merits the attention it receives! I applaud the attention to standards, maintenance and preservation. About Peter Schmid's home? Having spent family time in that home prior to Schmid's ownership I am aware of the house needing serious improvements. Peter has chosen to raise his family and make the necessary investment to upgrade his home. I drive by multi times a day and it is a real pleasure to see the addition and the improvements the Schmid's have made, increasing value to the neighborhood. It's difficult for me to understand the seriousness of a few inches--a window issue as I understand it--when it is not offensive, not even noticed by just about everyone, and when the windows are clearly compatible with the style of the home. If there is some violation of code, then it seems the answer is to waive it and allow a variance under all the existing circumstances. Although I may be over simplifying, my point is made.

Because you have many other items on your agenda of a more serious nature, I hope you will agree to allow Peter to get on with the house and with his life.

Thank you for reading this. Please know that Peter did not approach me to contact you. I simply feel it is the right thing to do.

Best Regards to Each of You,

Judy Olson Duhamel