

Robert Ellis, Public Works
City of Rapid City

RE: Proposed sidewalk along Parkview Drive

Dear Mr. Ellis:

South Robbinsdale is one of the fastest growing communities in Rapid City. Steady home-building and a soon-to-be booming commercial district has a huge appeal to both young families and retirees. As such, we have a significant amount of pedestrian and bicycle traffic in this part of town, specifically, up along Parkview Drive between Minnesota Street and 5th Street.

During the summer months, it is a frequent daily occurrence to see young children biking unaccompanied down the center lane of Parkview on their way to or from the swimming pool owing to a lack of sidewalks in this area.

There are still empty home lots along Parkview, the result of which is a sidewalk that is non-contiguous in multiple places on both the east and west sides of Parkview. In looking to improve public safety in this area with the least amount of impact to area residents, it would appear that ordering in a sidewalk on the west side of Parkview Drive in between the Enger home at 4311 Parkview and the curb at E. Enchanted Pines Drive would be the easiest solution. While the majority of this land is owned by the Rapid City School District, it is possible that a small portion is owned by the residents of 4311 Parkview. Attached are photos of the area so you can get a general idea of what a project of this nature might entail. A rough walking estimate indicates that approximately 1100 feet of sidewalk is needed to give children a safe alternative to riding in the middle of the street.

With Sincerest Thanks,

Charity Doyle
Ron Weifenbach
Gary Brown

Attachments:

- Aerial map of area
- Photo file





Pseudo-panoramic view from the south, moving toward the north. This area is owned by the school district and runs in between E. Enchanted Pines Drive and the Parkview Pool. Estimated to be roughly 1100 feet from existing sidewalk north of Enger house to curb at E. Enchanted Pines Drive.



Approach to Enger house
(NE of softball fields)



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Enger house: 4311 Parkview
Drive



View looking north showing
treaded path.



View to south, path between
utility boxes.