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Subject: Council agenda item 51

Good day,

I am writing this e-mail as a representative of SymCom, Inc. Item 51 on the August 15 Council agenda is of great concern to SymCom as we believe that we have been unfairly targeted to install the sidewalk in question. We ask that this agenda item be tabled.

Several reasons are apparent for our belief that we have been targeted. Most important is the **Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan** recently published. The in-depth study of the Rapid City pedestrian and bicyclist needs, reported on the entire city, and identified over 30 priority projects to build sidewalks and/or bicycle paths. None of those priority projects was for sidewalks in the area of the SymCom building. The study did show a long range plan to build a bike path along Disk Drive, but no sidewalk improvements.

Secondly, there are many property owners and thousands of feet of street front property in the area of the SymCom building, yet only the SymCom property and two small adjoining properties are the subject of item 51.

One other important matter that I ask you to consider is the fact that SymCom bought the building less than a year ago. At that time the building had been vacant for over two years and was becoming derelict. Our company goals are to grow our electronic manufacturing business in Rapid City, to create truly new jobs in the community and to make the old Sanmina building a vibrant manufacturing center. So far, we have spent a very large sum of money starting to accomplish those goals. However, our budget is limited. Therefore, we can either spend money on a very expensive sidewalk that, in our opinion, is neither a priority for the City nor ourselves, or we can spend the money creating jobs and bringing new outside money into the community. If we are forced to spend our expansion money on a non-priority sidewalk, the city and we will both suffer the consequences.

I invite each of you to call me to visit about this project and to arrange a tour of our facility which will allow me to personally show you the impact of the sidewalk project. Please call me, George Dunham, at 342-4174.

Again, I ask you to table item 51 on the August 15 Council agenda.

Sincerely,
George Dunham