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To Whom It May Concern on the Rapid City Community Planning & Development Services  
Department:

I'm writing to express my displeasure and skepticism regarding Rippin' Rapids' last-minute plans to include a Statue of Liberty replica at their water park now under development.

I must say that it seems questionable to me that the developers are trying to bring this in under the radar. The park is already well behind schedule, and the site is an eyesore.

Is the purpose of erecting it to draw attention to the business from passers-by on Interstate 90? If so, I believe this violates local sign ordinances. No surprise there, since Boston's Restaurant frequently uses an air-filled flapping figure to draw attention to it after resuming the "Boston's" franchise, well after their re-opening Dec. 6, 2013, in excess of Rapid City's sign ordinance 15 days' use maximum.

What guarantees does the company offer that the lighting will not adversely affect the surrounding area?

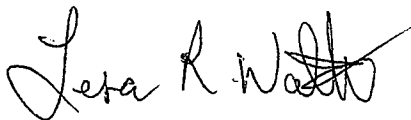
I live in the area, and I am NOT looking forward to seeing that spectacle ablaze every night through my living room window, which faces in that direction and looks out over the area.

Frankly, the sign posting a development plan amendment ought to be posted at the site, hoisted 40 feet high and lit at night so that resident can have a good idea of what will be contributing to the expanding light pollution in that area.

As far as I'm concerned, this ought to go to a vote of the full city council, considering that the developers are trying to slip it in under the deadline and on the QT.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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