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TO: Rapid City Planning Commission

FROM: Tamara M. Pier

RE: File# 02PL085

Canyon Lake Heights Subdivision

Preliminary Plat

DATE: August 29, 2002

I have been retained to represent several landowners who have property adjacent to the proposed subdivision on Cliff Drive and Miracle Place. (See attached petition.) They have several concerns about this proposed subdivision of the current Lot 3 of Block 15 Canyon Lake Heights Subdivision into four lots. The main concern the neighboring landowners have is the impact that subdividing one lot into four lots has on traffic flow, fire protection, and the quality of life for the neighborhood. The specific issues this group of neighbors has are as follows:

- 1) <u>Subdivison Variance</u>. A subdivision variance was granted to Dean Kelly Construction at the layout plat stage. When the neighbors were notified of the request for this variance, the attached site plan showed only the current Lot 3 use not the contemplated uses of Lots A, B, C, & D. (See attached notice.) There is some question as to whether the notice was adequate considering the fact that the neighbors were only notified that the zoning district was LDR; however, the ordinance states that "[s]uch certified mailings shall include both the date set for hearings and <u>contemplated uses</u>." RC Municipal Code, Section 16.24.040 Since the neighbors were not aware that the contemplated use was four lots instead of one, they did not initially object to the variance being granted so that the applicant would not have to install curb, gutter, sidewalks, or connect to City water. This variance was reconsidered at the July 15, 2002 meeting, the neighbors were given an opportunity to state their objections, and the variance was again passed by the Council.
- 2) <u>Special Exception</u>. Now, in addition to the subdivision variance, the applicant has requested a special exception to the Street Criteria Manual. According to the Street Criteria

Manual, the access for Lot D should be from Miracle Place, lesser order street, rather than Cliff Drive. Due to the fact that the driveway for Lot D would need to cross a major drainage easement to take access onto Miracle Place, the applicant wants to instead take access onto Cliff Drive. This would eliminate the need for costly paving and driveway development improvements across the major drainage easement, but it would create a safety hazard because of the access from Lot D directly onto Cliff Drive and its proximity to existing streets. Cliff Drive is a narrow, street with steep grades and no shoulders or guardrails. It was initially constructed when the subdivision was a part of the County and does not meet the City's Street Criteria Manual's standards for its classification as a subcollector street. As a result of the threat to public safety the granting of this special exception would create, the neighboring landowners request that this special exception be denied.

3) Lots. The neighbors are also of the opinion that the proposed Lots C & D are not appropriate for the location of the subdivision or for the type of development and use contemplated. See, RC Municipal Code, Section 16.12.190. In reviewing the applicant's preliminary plat, it is to be noted that a large portion of both Lots C & D are major drainage easements. (See attached copy of preliminary plat.) Although the proposed lots certainly meet the square footage requirements for the LDR zoning district, they are inappropriate because of the drainage easements and street access problems they pose. The adjoining neighbors realize that the owner of this lot has a right to develop the existing lot, but believe that a lower intensity of use through fewer lots would be more appropriate to the area.

SUMMARY. The fact that the applicant needs to apply for a variance to the subdivision standards and for a special exception to the Street Criteria Manual to make the development of the four lots economically feasible speaks to the inappropriateness of the location of the subdivision. The proposed subdivision is located in an area with substandard infrastructure for streets and water service. It is located in a moderate to high Wild Fire Hazard Area with no water service but wells. In addition, a major drainage easement encompasses a large portion of two of the proposed lots. Based on the above issues and those addressed in the neighbor's petition, the adjoining neighbors request that you recommend denial of the special exception to the Street Criteria Manual and preliminary plat.

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- 2. Increased Traffic on Cliff Drive, already an accident prone street.
- 3. Drainage concerns on the front portion of the existing lot.
- 4. Clearing of timber will make the proposed sites inconsistent with other lots in Canyon Lake Heights.
- 5. Chapel Valley residents must have an escape route if their entrance/exit is closed by flood or fire.
- 6. The notice to the adjacent property owners identified one platted lot as a whole so the residents had no reason to think that four residences were planned

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	July 24 2002	Print name: CAROL J. Doyle Signature: Carol G. Dayle	4150 FARVIEW DR.
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	July 28 2002	Print name: James E England Signature: James 12 England	4561 Cliff Drive
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	7-27	Print name: CLIFFOR Dh. BROWN Signature: Clifford L. Brown	4150 Red Rd Dr
	7-28	Print name: <u>BETTU W. DIA MOND</u> Signature: <u>Betty Dr. Diamond</u>	4730 Cliff Drive
	7-29	Print name: Janet L. Bryson Signature: Janet & Bryson	4719 Cliff Drive
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	7-29	Print name: Signature: Signature : Signature	4670 CHAP DRIVE
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	8-2	Print name: Margaret Dahl Signature: Margaret Make	4715 @l;ff Dr
	8/3/2002	Print name: BARRY L. ZIMNEY Signature: Barry Zimnen	4695 CLIFF DR RAPID CITY, SD 57702
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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR A VARIANCE TO THE SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Variances to the Subdivision Regulations are considered at public hearings where questions and concerns by those affected can be heard. To ensure that those in the immediate area of the proposed change are aware of the request, this notice is sent by certified mail to all owners of property within 150 feet (measured by excluding street and alley rights-of-way). While anyone may offer a comment or raise a question at the scheduled public hearing, only those who own property within 150 feet are sent an official notice of the hearing.

If it is inconvenient for you to appear at the meeting, you may file your comments by letter. In the letter give the street address and legal description of your property, and the purpose for which it is now used, and any comments on the Variance to the Subdivision Regulations. Letters may be mailed to the Rapid City Planning Department, 300 6th Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. You may call 394-4120 if you have questions.

You are notified by this letter that the following request for a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations will be considered by the Rapid City Planning Commission on June 6, 2002 at 7:00 a.m. in Council Chambers, 300 6th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota. The Rapid City Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the Rapid City City Council. The Rapid City City Council will consider the request for a Variance to the Subdivision Regulations on June 17, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 300 6th Street, Rapid City, South Dakota. The Rapid City City Council will take the final action on the Subdivision Regulations Variance Request.

APPLICANT:

Doug Sperlich for Dean Kelly Construction

PREMISES AFFECTED:

Lot 3 of Block 15 of Canyon Lake Heights Subdivision and a portion of the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 8, located in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 8 and in the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 9, T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington

County, South Dakota

LOCATION:

South of the intersection of Cliff Drive and Miracle

Place

PURPOSE OF PETITION:

Variance to the Subdivision Regulations to waive the requirement of Chapter 16.16 of the Municipal Code requiring curb, gutter, water

and sidewalk along Cliff Drive

PRESENT ZONING OF PROPERTY:

Low Density Residential District

FILE NUMBER:

02SV025







Renner & Sperlich Engineering Company

616 Sixth Street

Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

605/342-1191

August 8, 2002

City of Rapid City Engineering Division 300 Sixth Street Rapid City, South Dakota 57701

Re:

Request for Variance to Street Criteria Manual Canyon Lake Heights Subdivision Located at Cliff Drive and Miracle Place Rapid City, South Dakota Project #1211.01

Sirs;

Included is our request for variance to the Street Criteria Manual for the proposed driveway entrance to Lot D of Canyon Lake Heights Subdivision. The project is located in the SE1/4 of the SE1/4 of Section 8, and the SW1/4 of the SW1/4 of Section 9, T1N, R7E, BHM Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

A copy of the plan sheets showing lot size and configuration has been forwarded to you under separate cover. Note that we propose to plat a major drainage easement between Lot C and Lot D. While the current configuration of Lot D provides frontage to Miracle Place, a driveway would be required across the major drainage easement. In lieu of taking access from Miracle Place, we propose to provide access to Lot D from Cliff Drive. The driveway entrance can be aligned opposite of the existing driveway, as noted on the plan sheets. Access from Cliff Drive will eliminate the need for paving or driveway development within the major drainage easement.

If you have any questions or require additional information please do not hesitate to contact me at (605) 342-1191.

Sincerely;

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Staff Engineer

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