STAFF REPORT April 8, 2004

No. 04VE004 - Vacation of an Access Easement and Utility ITEM 12 Easement

GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER Dream Design International, Inc.

REQUEST No. 04VE004 - Vacation of an Access Easement and

Minor Drainage and Utility Easement

EXISTING

LEGAL DESCRIPTION Lot 2 of Autumn Hills Plaza Subdivision, Section 22,

T1N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South

Dakota

PARCEL ACREAGE Approximately 0.93 acres

LOCATION 5255 Sheridan Lake Road

EXISTING ZONING General Commercial District w/PCD

SURROUNDING ZONING

North:

South:

General Commercial District w/PCD

East:

General Commercial District w/PCD

General Commercial District w/PCD

Low Density Residential District w/PRD

PUBLIC UTILITIES City sewer and water

DATE OF APPLICATION 03/12/2004

REPORT BY Vicki L. Fisher

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Vacation of an Access Easement and Minor Drainage and Utility Easement be approved.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The applicant has submitted a Vacation of an Access Easement and Minor Drainage and Utility Easement request to vacate a 20 foot wide easement as identified located on the subject property. On March 4, 2004 the Planning Commission approved an Initial and Final Planned Commercial Development to construct a 9,000 square foot commercial structure on the subject property.

The site plan also identified that a 4,180 square foot restaurant will be constructed west of the commercial structure as a part of Phase Two of the development. The site plan identified that the proposed restaurant will be located in an existing access and utility easement. As such, the applicant has submitted the Vacation of Easement request as identified.

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The property is located approximately 350 feet north of the Catron Boulevard/Sheridan Lake Road intersection on the east side of Sheridan Lake Road and is currently void of any structural development.

STAFF REVIEW:

Staff has reviewed the Vacation of access and utility easement request and has noted the following considerations:

<u>Access</u>: Currently, a 60 foot wide access easement serves as legal access to the subject property as well as an adjoining lot located north of the subject property. Legal access will continue to be provided to the two properties upon vacating a portion of the access easement as proposed. As such, staff is recommending that the access easement be vacated as requested.

<u>Utilities</u>: The applicant has submitted written documentation from all of the affected utility companies indicating that they do not oppose the proposed vacation request. As such, staff is recommending that the utility easement be vacated as proposed.