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**From:** [Ted & Sharon Ruffedt](#)

**To:** [councilgroup@rcgov.org](mailto:councilgroup@rcgov.org)

**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2005 8:01 PM

**Subject:** North Rapid Work Release Facility

Ladies & Gentlemen,

*It is my understanding that the County has filed a use on review for a change of use, for this facility. At some point, this will come before you for approval or disapproval. On behalf of many in our neighborhood, I believe I'm quite safe in saying that it be our desire for this matter to be given a vote of disapproval. The reasons are many and I also believe, quite obvious to all of you.*

*We too, understand and commend the County for wise and prudent use of facilities and our issue is not with that, rather, the placing of a "jail", smack in the middle of a residential area. This is just plain and simple, foolishness and I think none of you would appreciate having such, in your residential areas either.*

*Several years ago when this was approved for a work release center, I believe we were told that the use would never change. Times do indeed change and for our part, we have not forgotten what was said then. And it seems that while the County "jumps" through the hoops in these matters as we all must, it's also quite likely that a down vote from the Common Council, will be challenged, as it was then, and they, the County, will go ahead anyway. Then we wonder why their seems to be apathy and indifference among the voters and such low turnout at the polls. One only need be on the receiving end of these sort of things and it gives you a rather gloomy view of the "process" we call, government.*

*Please do whatever you can to stop this foolishness, in it's tracks. Thanks You,*

*Ted G. Ruffedt, Sr  
825 Farlow Ave*

September 14, 2005

To: City of Rapid City  
 Growth Management Department  
 300 Sixth Street  
 Rapid City, South Dakota 57701  
 Attn. Karen Bulman

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Rapid City Growth  
 Management Department

Re: 11-6-19 SDCL Review  
 Special Planning Commission Meeting  
 on September 20, 2005 at 7:00 PM  
 Review: Detention Facility - 703 Adams Street, Rapid City

I am not able to attend this meeting at 7:00 PM  
 due to my age (I am 86 years old) as I am not going  
 out at night for safety reasons.

I am living totally alone in my House. I am a  
 Veteran's Widow. My husband of 50 years - Arthur Hunsley  
 died 6 years ago and is buried in the National Cemetery  
 in Sturgis, SD. We have been living at 822 N. Seventh St.  
 Rapid City since June 1967. I have no children and  
 no relatives here to help me if I should get hurt  
 by prison inmates

I oppose any Detention Facility (Prison) in my  
 Residential District.

The property value of my House also would go down -  
 in case I have to go to an Assisted Living facility  
 or Nursing Home and need to sell my House and  
 Lots 25-26 - 27-28 North Rapid.

My Property Taxes probably would stay high -  
 despite a prison - and I would get poor.

(over)

Would you want to do this to your mother  
or grandmother?

Please reconsider this plan (Prison) in a  
Residential neighborhood.

If you wouldn't vote for this Detention facility  
in your neighborhood, don't vote for it to be  
in mine.

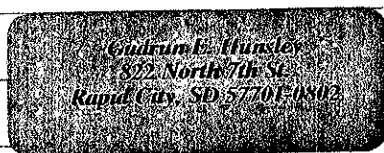
I also opposed this same facility being a  
work release facility several years ago.

Sheriff Holloway came to my home and  
assured me that this facility would never  
be used for anything other than a  
Work Release Facility.

When my late husband and I moved  
to my address: 822 N. Seventh Street, Rapid City,  
the building on 703 Adams Street was some  
kind of a School.

Sincerely,

Andrue E. Hunsley



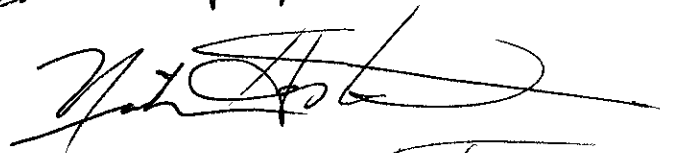
9-15-05:

Henry Martens, 702 Adams, called to state that he is opposed to the addition of prisoners at the work release facility on Adams Street. He has no computer to e-mail and works nights and cannot attend the meeting. He wished to be on record stating his opposition.

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Ref to project 11-6-19 SDC  
not in favor of further expansion  
in this area.

Suggest management of law  
violators, prisoner activity  
be moved <sup>to</sup> the far South Road  
~~79~~, Highway 16, or East High 44.  
Best yet put it up for the people election time  
to vote on.

  
Nick Horvath

Poor Planning!