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From: [Ted & Sharon Ruffedt](#)

To: 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
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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.

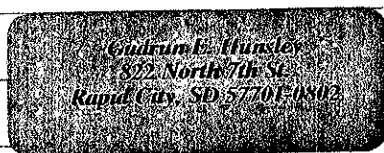
I also opposed this same facility being a
work release facility several years ago.

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



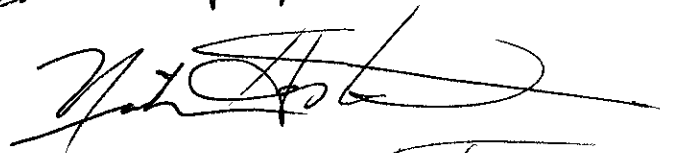
9-15-05:

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.

KB

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 ^{to} 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!

September 22, 2005

Please note that I just received a call from Charles Hylland at 805 Dilger avenue concerning the proposed changes at the work-release facility.

Mr. Hylland indicated that he is strongly opposes the proposal and has specific concerns with the following:

- 1) Does not feel that the outside enclosure area is properly secured for medium security inmates;
- 2) Feels that individuals in the work-release program will be put at risk;
- 3) Does not feel that the one additional staff member is adequate; and,
- 4) Does not feel that the County has shown that they will be able to protect the people in the surrounding neighborhood.

Rise Ficken
Administrative Secretary

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim and Jeannine [mailto:jajal829@rushmore.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 09, 2005 5:48 PM
To: Councilgroup@rcgov.org
Cc: planning.commission@rcgov.org
Subject: Adams street facility

----- Original Message -----

From: Jim and Jeannine
To: ted.rufledt
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2005 3:01 PM
Subject: Concerns of Neighbors of North Rapid City

We would like to thank the Mayor, City Council, and the Planning Commission for letting us express our concerns with the application for the use of the Work Release Facility as a holding facility, minimum security, jail, and work release.

After careful consideration; we believe our best option would be for the planning commission to okay the use of the Adams Street facility with the following stipulations.

1. The Adams Street Facility remain as a temporary facility. Kendra Larson, Chairperson at the time stated in the dialogue before the vote to override the city's denial of original application. This dialogue is on video tape available in Marsia Elkins office.
2. To negotiate a time limit for the completion of the new jail. Example 1 year for the 2 floors not being scheduled for completion this year. Allowing for delays; a maximum of 3 years-completion date of Jan.1,2009.
3. After the new jail is completed; the Adams Street facility would be used as office space by county or something more compatable to the neighborhood.
4. Examples of type of inmates being housed at the Adams St. are as follows-Embezzlement,vehicular homicide, parole violation, forgery,fraud, bad checks, dwi, gambling,petty theft,trespassing, failure to vacate, and public intoxication. We do not feel the above offenses would be a threat to our community.

We do not want to do the Sherriff's job but wish to explain our concerns. These are just examples. The police chief and the sherriff will work out the details as this is their job to protect the citizens of Rapid City.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Neighbors of North Rapid City.

10/10/2005

----- Original Message -----

From: [Ted & Sharon Ruffedt](#)

To: councilgroup@rcgov.org

Sent: Thursday, October 13, 2005 6:11 PM

Subject: Adams Street Jail

Gosh, in a residential area! Doesn't that just have an awful "ring" to it. To say the very least, we are VERY disappointed with what now seems to be the direction that the County will take in this matter.

This is a situation that is quite easy to see both sides of. On the one hand, as I mentuioned in a previous message, the County is to be applauded for wise and prudent use of all facilities as well as dollars, most of which come from the citizens of Rapid City. And the issue is not with those facts. Having lived in "North Rapid" most of my life, the stigma of being "north of the tracks" has never left those of us who choose, for one reason or another, to call this area, home. To further stigmatize this general area by now thinking it's just okay to place a jail here, is really a slap in the face to all of us and further enhances the stigma, that is out there. It's an undeniable fact that their is a perception out there, about "North Rapid". And sadly or so it seems, the elected officials of our County government, really seem to have no problem using this to their advantage. Do any of you think for one moment, if this issue were affecting any other part of this community that it would even have been an issue, this long?

I have heard both sides of this matter and believe that in this case, that we have no so called, political clout within the community and therefore, will, once again, be "dumped" on and further stigmatized, all because of where we CHOOSE to reside.

All that being said, the real losers in this whole matter are really, all of us. It's not uncommon, after any election, for the winners and losers to verbalize, about the low voter turnout. Yes, their is apathy and indifference and some folks just don't care, and isn't that sad? Of course it is. Do any of you think an issue like this may, in some small way, add fuel to the apathy and indifference that is out there? I certainly think it does.

This is the second such "slap" we have taken. Some time back, whomever seen fit, for perhaps valid, but certainly not well thought out reasons, to change the boundries of Ward 4 and place many of us in Ward 5. Laughable!! I sure have many issues in common with folks who live on W. Main, Berry Pine, etc. The one really big commonality is that we live within the same community, Beyond that, I think any of you would be hard pressed to think of any others. I have spoken to several of you about this but once again, It seems that nothing has changed, as it most certainly, should. I know and understand that no matter what ward you represent, that you porbably take calls from persons, not in your geographic ward, as you should. The fact remains however that their are reasons we have wards. And what happened to those of us that were placed in another ward, far removed from the neighborhood concerns of where we actually reside, once again, adds to the apathy and indifference of the general populace.

Whichever one of you said, government is a 500 pound gorilla, you are wrong. It's an 800 pound gorilla!!

Thanks,

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