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From: Shaw Jim

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 5:07 PM

To: 'Jackie'

Cc: Council Group; Elkins Marcia

Subject: RE: work release

Dear Jackie:

I too am opposed to expansion of this facility, just as I remain opposed to even the work release program itself in this location. As you know, by law jails are a responsibility of the county, not the city. In addition, under state law, the county commission can overrule the city council in matters such this. While the Council and I appreciate hearing your concerns, and will try to help, you should be directing your comments to the County Commissioners too. They are the ones who will make the final decision.

Thanks,
Jim Shaw

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From: Jackie [mailto:lionsong@rushmore.com]

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 12:23 PM

To: CouncilGroup@rcgov.org

Subject: work release

Dear sirs.

I m a resident of north rapid. I opened a letter from the city informing us of yet another concern for us here in the area. Am I to read this right? They are wanting to put a full fledged jail in the work release facility now? I am unable to attend the meeting as I work nights.

If this is so, then we all want to know why we are being lied to? Are we to sit here and keep on believing that out county's finest is really honest? A few years ago when this was first proposed, the community banded together and said we don't want it. The commission used the word "rescind" the proposal. Then it came back again. We got well over 450 names on a petition saying that we don't want it! Well, guess what? It came anyway. I spoke personally with the atty. He said that it would be a 5 year phase out. Well, guess what? It looks like they want to put a full service jail in now. Right in the middle of a

RESIDENTIAL area. If this is all true, then we have indeed been lied to!

We don't want to hear that there is no money. There is street construction every year that we really don't need. Streets that are in good shape being torn up.

There is a lot of money in this area.

I come from Casper Wyo. It's smaller than Rapid. Why is it that there isn't as much money there as there is here, and yet Casper has a huge facility 8 miles out of town with no houses around? They started out by merging old double wide trailers that they bought cheap, renovated them and made a work release. Now they have that and the new facility which is almost as big as the court house here.

If this goes through and if something were to happen to my family or myself, I am holding the sheriff and the county personally responsible. We are all tired for being manipulated into feeling like we have no voice. Have we yet? No. It's like we have not been heard. They do it anyway and the meetings are just a front because the decision has already been made.

Regards, a concerned resident of North Rapid.

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From: Jim and Jeannine [mailto:jajal829@rushmore.com]

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2006 7:58 AM

To: Councilgroup@rcgov.org; planning.commission@rcgov.org

Subject: In Reference to 11 6 19

In Reference to 11-6-19 SDCL Review Lots 1 thru 18 Block 18 North Rapid Subdivision, Section 36, T2N R7E, BHM Rapid City , Pennington County, South Dakota

Dear Sir:

We would like to thank the Mayor, City Council and Planning Commission for letting us express our concerns with the application for review of the Work Release Facility as a secure detention facility in addition to the existing work release facility on public property.

The present zoning of the above property is classified as Medium Density Residential District. Keeping this in mind, it is not the ideal location for a facility of this kind. Not only is it in a residential neighborhood but the proximity to one of the largest Schools in Rapid City along with the Civic Center Complex where thousands of adults and children attend different events every year. Exposing these unknowing visitors to possible dangers if there was such a thing as an escape by one of the inmates is wrong But beyond our control at this time as the County overrode the City when they voted down this location as a work release facility. Kendra Larson was the County Commissioner Chair at the time of the override and she stated at the time of the vote that this was a temporary solution to the overcrowding of the jail. Documentation is available upon request. I believe there is still a copy of this vote on a tape at the Growth Management Department.

If the tape is not on file there please contact Jim Albers at email address jajal829@rushmore.com

This being said and after careful consideration we believe our best option to find a permanent solution to this problem would be to allow this facility to be used temporarily as a secure detention facility with the following stipulations.

1. The Adams Street Facility remains as a temporary facility.
2. A review is made on a yearly basis and progress report is made as to attempts being made to remove this facility from the Adams St. location.
3. Negotiate a time limit for the completion of the new jail. Example 1 year for the 2 floors not completed at this time. Allowing for delays: a maximum of 2 years- completion date of Jan 1 2009.
4. Types of inmate housed at the Adams street facility should not include sexual, predators, murders or parole violators.

Last but not least this will allow concerned citizens to search for matching funds or grants to help the County fund some or all of the cost of relocating of the work release facility.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectively

The Neighbors of North Rapid City

North Rapid Civic Association Board Members

Jim Albers , President