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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

Jerold & Lisa Douglas
636 Adams Street
Rapid City SD 57701
North Rapid Block 10, Lots 17 & 18

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**Rapid City Growth
Management Department**

RE:06SR073

November 17, 2006

To:
Growth Management Department
300 6th Street
Rapid City SD 57701-5035
cc
Pennington County Commissioners
City Counsel Members of Rapid City
Sheriff Don Holloway

To all concerned:

We will not be attending another redundant meeting involving the use of the property at 703 Adams Street Rapid City for a "Secure detention facility in addition to the existing work release facility on (that) public property".

Last year many residents expressed their displeasure and objections to this requested use of the Work Release Property. The City compromised with the County and allowed a one year temporary facility after getting the assurance of Sheriff Holloway and Ken Davis that the new jail construction would be completed adequately in one year so that further housing of inmates would not be necessary at the Work Release Facility.

Here we are, one year later. The County is again asking for a review to allow a secure detention facility in our neighborhood. The same objections we all originally had still stand:

1. Possible devaluation of our property with no corresponding equalization adjustment relevant to our taxes..
2. Potential for harm to persons and property.
3. Request for security fencing around the facility perimeter.(denied)
4. Request for additional lighting of the facility. (denied)
5. Request for more than two additional guards at the facility (denied)

Our further attendance at a City planning meeting or City Council meeting is unnecessary and useless. The County can (and will) override the City to suit its purpose.

The failure of Ken Davis and Delores Coffing in their re-election bid to the board of County Commissioners speaks volumes. Perhaps the voice of North Rapid has finally been heard and some part of that voice speaks of the unwanted jail in our safe and secure

neighborhood. Perhaps this is part of the peoples' wish to reclaim North Rapid as a great place to live. We think so.

Here we have a huge safety comfort level with wonderful Police cooperation and an active Neighborhood Watch program. The last thing any of us want or need is a jail that overlooks our neighborhood, the Civic Center and Central High School, combined with County Commissioners who have not yet listened to our plea

Send the jail back to 2nd and Joe where it belongs.

Sincerely,

Some North Rapid Citizens and Voters

Bill Barley
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Gerald & Lisa Douglas 636 Adams RCSD 57701
LeMarlene LeCompte 624 Adams St, RC 57701
De Joan Vittinger " " " " "
Mitchell & Charlotte Hildebrand 730 DILGER AVE - RC 57701
Claude Saldanha - 803 Dilger P.O. ⁵⁷⁷⁰¹ 718-3803
Benedicta Saldanha - 803 Dilger Ave. RC. 57701
Alan L Benz 825 DILGER AVE RC. SD 57701
Albert J Anderson 810 N. 7th St R.C. S.D. 57701
Donna M. Anderson - 810 N. 7th St R.C., SD. 57701
Marlyse Johnson 806 N. 7th St. Rapid City, SD. 57701

November 21, 2006

Growth Management Department
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701-5035
Attn: Planning Commission

Re: Work Release Facility/11-6-19 SDCL Review

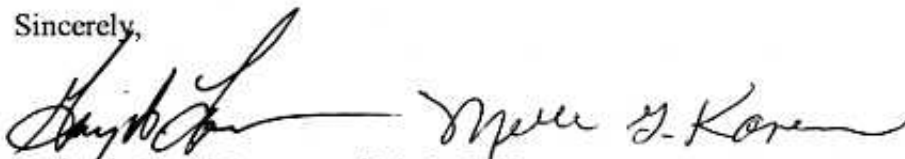
Dear Commissioners:

We would again like to register our opposition for the occupancy of the Adams Street Work Release Facility located in North Rapid City at Lots 1 thru 18, Block 18, North Rapid Subdivision, Section 36, T2N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota.

We opposed the use of this property as a work release facility a few years ago and we adamantly oppose the use of this facility as a secured detention facility at this time or any time in the future. This neighborhood is in somewhat of a transition with some new properties being built such as motels and apartment buildings and is generally a medium density residential district and a jail facility of any kind is not appropriate and unfair to the surrounding property owners. The current occupancy has diminished the value of properties in this area and if a secured detention facility is allowed to continue it will further diminish the property values in this area. There are many other locations that the City, County, and State can place these facilities if an effort is made in the best interest of all citizens of our area.

Thank you for your attention to these matters we would appreciate your support on this issue.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Gary Larson and Merle G. Karen. The signature of Gary Larson is on the left, and the signature of Merle G. Karen is on the right.

Gerhardt (Gary) Larson and Merle G. Karen
Allan Avenue Property Owners

CC: Rapid City Common Council