

Location of Property: 2901 Chapel Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702

Possible Name of Business: Spirit House Holistic Study Center

Mission: Providing opportunities for small-group and individual study of physical, emotional, and spiritual concepts through a holistic wellness approach centered upon nurturing the community of operation.

*Spirit House will have an extra emphasis on nurturing the health of families.

Proposed plans for the property located at 2901 Chapel Lane:

Mark and Mary Garry would schedule and supervise activities provided through the above-mentioned study center. Activities would be provided on an individual and small group level in a comfortable, home-like environment.

Basic activities to be expected are as follows:

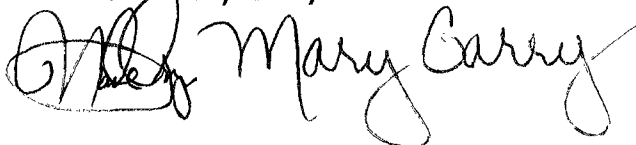
- a. Psychotherapy and Counseling – This would consist of “short-term cognitive therapy” incorporating spiritual exploration. This is specific to counseling and therapy and would not involve any medical treatment plans, procedures, or any other activity that might produce medical biohazards or waste.
- b. Worship Group – This is a small, Christian-based, meditation-style group. It is accepting of all denominations and would be open to anyone in the neighborhood who is interested in attending. It meets Sunday mornings.
- c. Classes and Study Groups – Classes would be taught in a small-group setting and would support the mission of the center by providing information to support physical, emotional, and spiritual wellness.

Class and Study Group examples cross over designated areas of wellness, and might include any of the following topics:

1. Physical Wellness Classes: Nutrition for Young Families, Breastfeeding Education and Support, Yoga, Pilates, Breathing for Relaxation, and HeartMath™.
2. Emotional Wellness Classes: Parenting for Discipline and Respect, Developmental Education for Parents of Young Children, Emotional IQ, Bereavement and Journaling.
3. Spiritual Wellness Classes: Scripture and Literature Study Groups, Meditation for all Levels, and Supportive Activities for Children’s Spirituality.

Thank you for your consideration!

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February 23, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

We are respectfully asking you to consider our attached list of proposed uses for the property located at 2901 Chapel Lane, Rapid City, SD 57702. We have described our plans for a Holistic Study Center and listed the property's proposed variances.

Our plans for the property revolve around a committed desire to give back to our community. The services and classes we plan to provide will be targeted for the average family in this general neighborhood, based upon demonstrated interests and needs. We are excited about the prospect of "working our dream" and providing a family-oriented, holistic study center to our neighbors in Rapid City.

Several items lead us to believe that this would be a positive and successful study center:

Location: The proximity to Canyon Lake Park provides a natural, peaceful setting for education, discussion, meditation, and healing. The surrounding properties house a restaurant and catering business, a hotel, cabins, campsites, a large church community, and city greenway and natural areas. The property's limited contact with other residential properties creates a natural setting for such a center of holistic study and healing.

Building configuration: The building is currently being used as a meeting place for a small congregation, and has been operating under a "Determination of Use" for Religious Activities. It has space already available for a worship/meditation/gathering area, and several smaller rooms that could be used as intimate classroom settings.

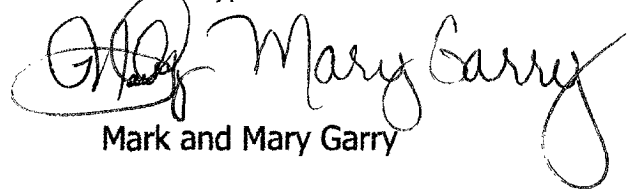
The building also has a small area that could be utilized for therapy. Mark's plan is to continue his present practice elsewhere, but utilize this space to create a part-time therapy practice that would generate income for the center. This would be important for the success of the center, because the other planned activities are more service-oriented than income-oriented.

Commitment: We are personally committed to ensuring the success of this study center. We possess advanced degrees in mental health (Mark is a board-certified psychiatrist) and education (Mary holds a master's degree in Early Childhood Education and Development). In addition, we are parents of our own four children, and feel very strongly that families can and will benefit from a neutral setting for education, support, and spiritual renewal that stands independent of specific beliefs or creed. We look forward to working with our contacts in various denominations to identify those holistic classes and study groups that will be most beneficial to the spiritual and overall wellness of our community.

We hope the work of our study center complements the efforts of other sincere and hardworking agencies in Rapid City - supporting a "ripple effect" in our community. As neighbors increase their ability to "live from their heart", they will, in turn, give back to their community as a whole.

We thank you for your consideration of our request. Please inform us of any additional information we can provide.

Sincerely,



Mark and Mary Garry

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**Proposed Variances
2901 Chapel Lane**

The property consists of an existing structure with landscaping, parking spaces, and business sign location. As it is an existing structure, we are asking for variances on the following items:

- Lot coverage: Coverage allowance to be increased from 30% to the existing coverage of 34%.
- Building setbacks: Setbacks to be accepted per the existing structure. (See attached site plan)
- Parking: The twelve existing parking spaces (see attached site plan) receive a variance allowing access from the alley.

Applicants:
Mark and Mary Garry

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