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MEMORANDUM

From: Brad Solon, Building Official
To: Rapid City Planning Commission
Date: January 13, 2009
Subject: Name a portion of unnamed right-of-way Merillat Lane

This request is to name a portion of un-named right-of-way located east of the recently named Merillat Lane and adjacent to Biernbaum Subdivision.

This road provides access to four businesses currently. The businesses have been using South Highway 79 as their address. However, due to reconstruction and the development of the frontage road by the South Dakota Department of Transportation, the businesses no longer have direct access from the highway. Growth Management Staff received complaints from the Emergency Services Communication Center staff regarding the lack of road names and street signs in the area resulting in delays in emergency responses.

This proposal would require the four businesses to change their addresses. Staff contacted the property owners via mail and has spoke with three of the property owners via telephone. Masco Builder Cabinet group, formerly Merillat Particle Board Plant, objected to the name. Cretex expressed a preference for a more generic name and not the name of a business or product. Pacific Hide and Fur indicated that they would provide comments when their manager is available.

The policy has been to extend the road name from the adjacent portion of road. In this case, that would result in the Merillat Lane name be extended on this portion of road right-of-way. However, the road name was only recently identified as part of the platting of adjacent land. However, at this point in time no one is currently using the Merillat Street address. The Planning Commission has the option of re-naming the entire road or of extending the Merillat Lane name.



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Staff has received no comments on the proposed Merillat Lane name from the Emergency Services Communication Center staff, Rapid City Fire Department staff and the Police Department staff.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that this item be continued to the February 19, 2009 Planning Commission meeting to allow the landowners to identify a possible street name for re-naming the entire roadway.