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TO: THE CITY OF RAPID CITY
GROWTH MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION

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FROM: The Residents of Fairway Hills, PRD

DATE: September 22, 2010

RE: Petition

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To: The City of Rapid City
Growth Management Department
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701-5035

From: The Undersigned Residents of Fairway Hills, Planned Residential Development

Re: Comprehensive Plan Amendment & Rezoning of 3800 Fairway Hills Drive

WE, the undersigned object to the rezoning of the above referenced property, based on the following:

- Once property has been placed in a Planned Residential Development, it should not be permitted to be carved out. Especially given the size of the Planned Residential Development which surrounds the 4.75 proposed General Commercial Development on three sides.
- General Commercial use would be inconsistent, incompatible and invasive, considering the character of this Planned Residential Development of Medium Density Residential zoning, which surrounds this proposed development on three sides. This would be considered a blatant abuse of "pocket" or "spot" zoning. A rezoning from a Planned Residential Development to a Planned Commercial Development is as an extreme change of zoning as could occur.
- It is very unlikely that a General Commercial Development with a two-story retail/office structure could be adequately buffered from the adjacent single family homes. Especially given the fact that ingress and egress will occur on single family residential streets
- Parking lot, building, and signage lighting will generate vast amounts of luminous pollution. A typical non-urban commercial development utilizes 25,000 lumens per acre for parking lot lighting alone. The proposed General Commercial development would need 118,750 to light the parking lot. Iumen is a unit of measurement that is used to express how much illumination a source of light provides. A lumen is about the equivalent of the amount of light put out by a single birthday candle if you are one foot away from the candle. A lamp that puts out 1 lumen of light is as bright as one birthday candle a foot away. Lamps that puts out 100 lumens are as bright as 100 birthday candles a foot away from you.
- The various uses of the proposed development would result in traffic starting as early
  as 7:00 AM and continuing until as late as Midnight. Restaurant deliveries, garbage
  collection and office employees can start as early as 7:00 AM. Many restaurants are
  open as late as Midnight and employees are cleaning long after closing.

- The proposed development has parking for 280 automobiles, which are utilizing a
  Planned Residential Development for ingress and egress. This would not be unlike
  having a development, the magnitude of The Plaza and Office Depot on Omaha
  Street and its traffic in a residential neighborhood.
- The Planned Residential Development was designed and constructed without the usual sidewalks. As a result, people can be found walking up and down Fairway Hills Drive at all hours of the day.
- Proposed rezoning and development will not be consistent with the zoning objectives of a Planned Residential Development.
- The proposed use will alter the character of the Planned Residential Development in a manner which will substantially limit, impair and prevent the use of surrounding properties for the permitted uses listed in the underlying zoning.
- The rezoning and General Commercial development will impede on the quiet enjoyment associated with this Planned Residential Development.
- If General Commercial uses are not permitted in a Planned Residential Development, ingress and egress should not either.
- Access points to the General Commercial development will encroach into the Planned Residential Development by as much as 700' of right of way. To traverse 270° of a parcel from an arterial road in order to gain access is unheard of. This is the approximate frontage of First Interstate Bank on both Omaha Street and West Blvd. Upon acquiring Omaha Street frontage, First Western Bank was unable to obtain their desired access. As a result they purchased the rental yard to their south in order to have a development which met their criteria. The proposed Commercial Development could have acquired the funeral home real estate in order to acquire Sheridan Lake access, yet did not.
- The streets are not adequate to support the anticipated traffic, and the development will overload the streets within the Planned Residential Development. Southbound egress to Sheridan Lake Road can now be challenging, with General Commercial development, it will become impossible.
- Proposed uses which are not otherwise permitted by the underlying zoning on the parcel are not accessory uses within the entire development and should not be permitted.
- The intersection of Sheridan Lake Road and Fairway Hills Drive sits at the foot of a dangerous curve, especially at times of in climate weather. This can be witnessed by the damage to the chain link fence bordering Arrowhead Country Club. 38,000 square feet of General Commercial space and parking for 290 automobiles will not improve these current conditions.

 A Planned Residential Development, providing access to a General Commercial development, will have a negative economic impact on the value of the property abutting the proposed access points.

The purpose of a Planned Residential Development is to encourage development design that preserves the natural features and amenities of a property such as topography and natural geologic features, flora, and significant views. A Planned Residential Development should conform to these general objectives and it should be compatible with the established surrounding land uses, as those surrounding land uses should reciprocate.

Rapid City Code of Ordinances provides the following:

17.50.050 Planned developments-Purposc.

- 1. Planned residential development (PRD): for totally residential planned developments;
- 2. Planned unit development (PUD): for those planned developments in which a mixture of commercial and residential uses are proposed;
- A. A PRD or PDD may be permitted in GAD, PF, LDR-1, LDR-2, MDR, HDR and MHR zoning districts.
  - B. A PRD may include:
    - 1. Single-family detached units:
    - Townhouses
    - 3. Two-family dwellings;
    - Recreational facilities;
    - 5. Mobile and manufactured homes:
    - 6. Other uses, such as child care centers and temporary sales offices, which may be permitted in residential zoning districts; and
    - 7. Multiple-family dwellings.

Rapid City has never permitted a General Commercial development, which fronts a major arterial road such as Sheridan Lake Road, to encroach on a residential neighborhood for ingress and egress, as is currently under application. It's unlikely that any community would. Fairway Hills Drive and Byrnwood Drive are not the obvious access points for a General Commercial development fronting Sheridan Lake Road. It appears obvious by the platting of the lots, the original intent was to provide access to the proposed General Commercial development, via Sheridan Lake Road. It's possible that since the original 1976 Comprehensive Plan, the window of opportunity to access Sheridan Lake Road has been lost. If the proposed General Commercial development is unable to procure its sole and separate access, maybe the project is without merit and should remain Medium Density Residential.

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