
Subject:

FW: Duckhorn/Vinecliff easement proposal update.

Good evening City Council members,

I am Danielle Shafer, resident at 4370 Duckhorn. After the Public Works meeting on Tuesday, our neighborhood got together with Kyle and Lisa and had a good discussion on how to move forward from here. We have made a unified decision and wish to continue with this process. Below are some key points we want you to know and understand why we feel this decision is so important and valid to continue. I know recently Kyle has sent an update email with this proposal, we wanted to follow in showing support.

Our proposal to you is to comply with reasonable regulation of the easement, but our request is to NOT to Vacate the easement but to ask for a REDUCTION. We would like to propose we change the easement to a 10 foot easement, (5ft on each side). We will be presenting this at the Tuesday meeting. Below is the reasoning why we feel this is a fair and reasonable request:

- 1- Regulation:
 - The Criteria Manuel does not designate what an easement has to be.
- 2- Water Drainage:
 - According to a 100 yr flood, all that is needed to accommodate this is 10 feet
- 3- Maintenance:
 - Covenant states-homeowner will maintenance their property in the easement- to include sludge maintenance. We will continue to maintenance our property based on property covenant and required. This covenant will follow with any new homeowner or purchase.
 - With keeping the 10 ft easement this would still allow the city access to complete any further maintenance if needed in the future
- 4-Liability:
 - Keeping the easement in place at 10 ft - the city would still have access to this land in the future.
- 5- Fences:
 - This is a fair compromise for property owners with the hardships we have discussed previously. We will comply with the easement and move fences back 5 ft on center both sides- total of 10 ft to allow proper drainage for water issues and maintenance

Thank you for your time and consideration. As I am sure you are all aware, this is very important to us as citizens of Rapid City. We do take pride in our new small development and want it to be successful. You all have a open invite to come and look at this property, we would be happy to arrange a time to meet and answer any questions if you desire.

Thank you!
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