

## Gregory Mann

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**From:** Sidney Katz  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 9:04 PM  
**To:** Tony Tomasello; John Schlichting  
**Subject:** Fwd: storage facility

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** <[calmwind65@aol.com](mailto:calmwind65@aol.com)>  
**Date:** March 28, 2014 at 8:30:14 PM EDT  
**To:** <[skatz@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:skatz@gaithersburgmd.gov)>, <[hmarraffa@starpower.net](mailto:hmarraffa@starpower.net)>, <[jashman@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:jashman@gaithersburgmd.gov)>, <[cdrzyzgula@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:cdrzyzgula@gaithersburgmd.gov)>, <[msesma@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:msesma@gaithersburgmd.gov)>, <[rspiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:rspiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov)>  
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**From:** Michael Sesma  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:51 PM  
**To:** calmwind65@aol.com  
**Cc:** Sidney Katz; Henry Marraffa - External; Jud Ashman; Cathy Drzyzgula; Ryan Spiegel; Tony Tomasello; John Schlichting  
**Subject:** RE: storage facility

Dear Carolyn and Mitch,

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Best wishes,  
Mike

Michael A. Sesma  
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**Subject:** FW: Do we really want a storage facility on First Field Road?

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**From:** Fred Marks [fred@fmadirect.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 3:14 PM  
**To:** Sidney Katz; Henry Marraffa - External; Jud Ashman; [cdrzyzgula@gaitthersburgmd.go](mailto:cdrzyzgula@gaitthersburgmd.go); Michael Sesma; Ryan Spiegel  
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# Zone change may make way for sto

## ■ Applicant wants rezone from commercial to urban employment

BY JENN DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Plans for a new self-storage facility in Gaithersburg could solidify if the city rezones land near Quince Orchard Plaza.

Gaithersburg's City Council and Planning Commission are considering changing the zone classification for 3.13 acres at 14 Firstfield Road, part of a larger 4.6-acre site. A joint public hearing was held Monday evening to discuss the matter.

Currently, the 3.13-acre portion is part of a general commercial zone, while the rest of the property is labeled as an urban employment zone, according to city documents.

Siena Corp. of Columbia, the applicant and contract purchaser of the property, has requested that the city rezone the parcel, making it an urban employment zone instead of general commercial.

Yum Yu Cheng, an attorney with Bethesda-based Linowes and Blocher, who was representing Siena Corp., said the change would permit warehousing use, which is not allowed under commercial zoning.

Warehouse use is in line with the applicant's interest in placing a self-storage building on the property, she said.

The idea would be to construct a 150,112-square-foot ezStorage facility. It would include 1,100 self-storage units, an office space and a residential unit for the resident manager, according to city documents.

Councilman Mike Sesma questioned if the warehouse use would be compatible with the land use of the surrounding areas.

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**Cc:** John Schlichting; Tony Tomasello; Sidney Katz; Henry Marraffa - External; Jud Ashman; Cathy Drzyzgula; Ryan Spiegel  
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**Sent:** Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:48 PM  
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**Cc:** Tony Tomasello; John Schlichting; Sidney Katz; Henry Marraffa - External; Jud Ashman; cdrzyzgula@gaithersburgmd.go; Ryan Spiegel  
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Anna,

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**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 5:21 PM  
**To:** [csl.ldr@erols.com](mailto:csl.ldr@erols.com); [leusebio@hotmail.com](mailto:leusebio@hotmail.com); [paulb36@rcn.com](mailto:paulb36@rcn.com)  
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I agree with Patsy and Fred Marks. We do not need another storage facility near this neighborhood. Please read what they have to say, and pass this on to other residents in the neighborhood.

Anna Fraker

**From:** [Fred Marks](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, March 28, 2014 3:07 PM  
**To:** [Mark Deuser](#)  
**Cc:** [Bass Carolyn](#) ; [tpmarkey@aol.com](mailto:tpmarkey@aol.com) ; [Anna Fraker](#) ; [Deuser Kathryn](#) ; [Janet Sabins](#) ; [Jaskolski Ray](#) ; [Sabins John](#) ; [Janet Chase](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Do we really want a storage facility on First Field Road?

Here is the e-mail string for the Gaithersburg council copied from the web site.

[skatz@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:skatz@gaithersburgmd.gov), [hmarraffa@starpower.net](mailto:hmarraffa@starpower.net), [jashman@gaithersburgmd.gov](mailto:jashman@gaithersburgmd.gov),  
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If you agree, please pass this on to your e-mail roster to forward to the council.

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