

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 10:15 AM
To: 'Elaine'
Subject: RE: DeVol Funeral Home

Good Morning,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the public record for this application. If you wish to participate in the public hearing, please visit the City's virtual meeting page at <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/virtual-meeting-information>

Regards,
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From: Elaine <eyp101@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2020 9:08 AM
To: MCC Services <mccservices@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: DeVol Funeral Home

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you in regards to the incinerator proposal for DeVol Funeral Home. I live nearby and I am against this for being implemented. This is harmful to the residents in the community. This area is heavily populated so breathing in these chemicals isn't ideal to the community that has family and kids nearby. Not to mention, down the road there's a high school and a elementary school. Please take this into consideration and decline the incinerator.

Thanks,
Elaine

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 10:19 AM
To: 'ariondcarr@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Crematorium

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From: ariondcarr@gmail.com <ariondcarr@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2020 5:41 PM
To: MCC Services <mccservices@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Crematorium

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Hello my name is Arion, I am a resident at 102 east deer park drive. I am emailing regarding the crematorium deVol funeral home want to build. Me and my wife strongly disapprove of this. Also spoke with my neighbors and they agree we should not have any chemical pollution so close to our homes. They have a small child and voiced His concern about this matter. Also I think it's a little disgusting to have to drive by that and see it every morning on the way to work. Not something the community should have to deal with. They should move it to an industrial area. Thank you for your time.

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 10:22 AM
To: 'Jennifer Matysczak'
Subject: RE: Opposition to crematorium addition

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Matysczak <fishvet03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: MCC Services <mccservices@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Opposition to crematorium addition

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Hello,

I am concerned about the possibility of a local crematorium because of its potential impacts on the health of people in the community. We do not live in Gaithersburg but are nearby in Derwood and do not want our family, especially our child, exposed to harmful chemicals that may be added to the air that comes our way.

Jennifer Matysczak

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 11:13 AM
To: 'Pamela Lindstrom'
Cc: Richard Lindstrom; Carol; Monica Sanchez; Joel Rockwood; Eric Rockwood; Suzanne Ward; Judy Christensen; Dennis Enslinger; John Schlichting
Subject: RE: other crematoria nearby, public information process and the public hearing process

Good Morning,

Staff did some research and there are no other crematoriums nearby. In the City Code, there is no requirement that our notifications to be put in other languages. Per our typical public hearing process, City Staff will do a brief introduction of the application and the Applicant will start their presentation. I'm not sure how long the Applicants presentation is going to be. During public comments part of the meeting, each person is given three minutes to provide testimony. If anyone that wants to participate the public hearing, please register on the City's virtual meeting page at <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/virtual-meeting-information> .

Regards,
Jasmine

From: Pamela Lindstrom <pamela.lindstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 2, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Richard Lindstrom <dick.lindstrom@gmail.com>; Carol <carolsimsjohnson@gmail.com>; Monica Sanchez <MSanchez@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Joel Rockwood <Joel_Rockwood@apsva.us>; Eric Rockwood <eric.rockwood52@gmail.com>; Suzanne Ward <psaward@msn.com>; Judy Christensen <jchris43@gmail.com>
Subject: other crematoria nearby, public information process and the public hearing process

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Jasmine, Please answer these questions before the public hearing -

1. where are other crematoria nearby. I know the one at Pumphreys in Bethesda, but are there others?
2. Did you or the applicants inform the neighbors who speak only Spanish?
3. what is the process for the public hearing ?

How long will each of the presentations by the applicants be? How long will the staff's presentations be? How long do we the semi-organized concerned citizens have to speak?

thanks
Pam Lindstrom

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 4:11 PM
To: 'Patrick@PatCaseyAppraisal.com'
Cc: Jud Ashman; Laurie-Anne Sayles; Neil Harris; Michael Sesma; Robert Wu; Dennis Enslinger; Doris Stokes
Subject: RE: My Objection to the DeVol Funeral Expansion and new Crematorium

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the public record for this application. If you wish to participate in the public hearing this evening, please register on the City's virtual meeting page at <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/virtual-meeting-information>.

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From: Patrick@PatCaseyAppraisal.com <Patrick@PatCaseyAppraisal.com>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 3:59 PM
To: MCC Services <mccservices@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil Harris <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: My Objection to the DeVol Funeral Expansion and new Crematorium

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Hello Mayor Ashman, Gaithersburg City Council and Planning Department,

This is my request to speak and, more importantly, to be heard at the Public Hearing scheduled for August 3, 2020 on the proposed **DeVol Funeral Expansion and new Crematorium**.

I am also writing to you to register my very **strong objection** to the proposed DeVol expansion and additional **“Crematorium”**. “Crematorium” – such a nice, fancy word for a big oven for burning-up dead people.

I am the homeowner and resident who lives at 104 East Deer Park Drive – four homes away from this proposed large new Crematorium and the proposed huge expansion of the existing DeVol funeral facility.

This proposed facility is, for all practical purposes, in the East Deer Park Residential Neighborhood – East Deer park is **not** an industrial park, and a Crematorium is NOT a compatible nor appropriate land use within or even near a residential neighborhood. This is where we live and where our children go to school – it is our home and our community. And I cannot imagine a more inappropriate or unlawful land use for a residential neighborhood than the burning of dead bodies where our children play and go to school. This furnace for dead bodies is also less than 400 yards from our neighborhood (Gaithersburg) high school! How is this a good idea?

This type of land use is specifically prohibited under the Gaithersburg City residential zoning code and why the Gaithersburg City Council and Planning Department think that a Crematorium in a residential neighborhood is a good idea, is beyond my comprehension and frankly, beyond all common sense. How did a facility for the burning of dead bodies in a residential neighborhood even get on the drawing board? Please don't try to tell us that this is a permitted use in the 355 corridor zone because a Crematorium is clearly an industrial use and does NOT belong anywhere near a residential neighborhood or high school.

By the way, as you should know, we already have one Crematorium within fifty yards of our neighborhood. The *Thibadeau Mortuary Service*, at 124 East Diamond Ave in Old Town is adjacent to our East Deer Park Neighborhood, and it is less than 2,000 feet away from the proposed DeVol Crematorium according to Google maps. Thus, this proposed DeVol Crematorium will be the second Crematorium in the East Deer Park Neighborhood. How many places to burn up dead bodies does our East Deer Park Neighborhood need? What's next? A Rendering plant?

We don't need it, we don't want it, and it is an inappropriate land use in our residential neighborhood, so please deny the proposed DeVol Crematorium and expansion of the existing Funeral Facility.

Thank you,
Patrick Casey CGA
Homeowner and East Deer Park Neighborhood resident.

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