

From: **Judith Christensen** <jchris43@gmail.com>

Date: Fri, Jul 24, 2020 at 2:28 PM

Subject: Concept Site Plan: SP-8415-2020- 14 E. Deer Park Drive

To: <jud.ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Michael.Sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Ryan.Spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Robert.Wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>

Dear Mayor and Council;

I request that the review and decision on Concept Plan for a crematorium at 14 E. Deer Park be delayed until September to allow the community to learn more about the plan and use as well as how the establishment of a working crematorium may affect the immediately adjacent residential neighborhood and environment. As this is a permitted use in Montgomery County only conditionally in industrial areas and there is only one such facility in the DC and County area, the community is concerned about the reasons for this restriction in other locales. It is an issue that should not be ignored.

Very little time has been allowed between the release of information and the August 3 meeting when the Mayor and Council is scheduled to render a decision. Application information only became available to the public today, July 24 on the City Website, and the meeting agenda and information is not available. The staff report says the property is in the Frederick Ave Corridor and zoned Corridor Development but was formerly zoned RB where it is not a permitted use. There was a reason for the transitional RB zone as there are adjacent residential properties and an established neighborhood nearby.

I noted that the formal notification via the Washington Post Newspaper was on July 16, 15 days ago, and Deer Park neighbors say the sign has been up for about a week. But the City Website did not have information. Most Gaithersburg residents are more apt to go to the City Website for City development information, not the back pages of the *Post*. This is not enough time for the public to read and digest the application and staff report and research zoning and environmental issues. In view of the City's commitment to complete transparency and public participation, not to mention fairness, please postpone this decision until September.

From: **Lisa Schuler** <lisaschuler@starpower.net>
Date: Sat, Jul 25, 2020 at 8:10 AM
Subject: RE: [Oldetowne] Concept Site Plan: SP-8415-2020- 14 E. Deer Park Drive
To: john roddy <ruadhe@gmail.com>, Judith Christensen <jchris43@gmail.com>
Cc: <jud.ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Michael.Sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Ryan.Spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>, <Robert.Wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>

I too would appreciate until the September meeting to better understand the “crematorium within a neighborhood” proposal. Is it possible to post information on the City website, so those who want to learn can?

Many thanks.

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Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 4:32 PM
To: 'jmarchetti@rcn.com'
Cc: Laurie-Anne Sayles; Michael Sesma; Ryan Spiegel; Robert Wu; Neil.Harris@gaithersburg.gov; Jud Ashman; Dennis Enslinger
Subject: RE: "NO" to the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the Council's record for their consideration.

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes



Jasmine Forbes, Planner I
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From: jmarchetti@rcn.com <jmarchetti@rcn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Ryan Spiegel <ryan.spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil.Harris@gaithersburg.gov; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: "NO" to the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020

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Dear Mayor/ Councilman, Councilwoman/ Planner

We live in the Deer Park area which is a residential zone. We are concerned that the DeVol crematorium will bring an industrial zone into our neighborhood and will negatively affect the people we care about. We don't want a tall "chimney" emitting smoke and chemicals into the air where thousands of residents live, work, go to school. This parcel is not zoned for industrial use. We don't want the quality of life here changed by toxic smoke. Please reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

John and Patricia Marchetti

Sent from Windows Mail

Jasmine Forbes

From: Michael Sesma
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 7:50 PM
To: MBANG MALIBANG Pierre
Cc: Doris Stokes; Jasmine Forbes
Subject: Re:

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and feelings on this issue. Your email will be included in the correspondence for this plan.

Best,
Mike

Michael A. Sesma
Council Member, City of Gaithersburg
301-412-4136

On Aug 18, 2020, at 7:24 PM, MBANG MALIBANG Pierre <mbangpierre@gmail.com> wrote:

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Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:18 AM
To: 'Christina Yeji Lee'
Cc: Jud Ashman; Laurie-Anne Sayles; Neil Harris; Michael Sesma; Ryan Spiegel; Robert Wu; Doris Stokes
Subject: RE: DeVol Funeral Home Crematorium

Good Morning,

Thank you for your correspondence related to Concept Site Plan application SP-8415-2020. Your correspondence will be included in the Council's record for their consideration.

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes



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From: Christina Yeji Lee <christina.yjl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 9:53 PM
To: 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>; Ryan Spiegel <ryan.spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: DeVol Funeral Home Crematorium

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Good evening,

I am writing in protest of the DeVol Funeral Home crematorium at 14 E. Deer Park Drive. From my understanding, DeVol is planning to build an industrial incinerator within a residential area. I live minutes away from DeVol Funeral Home and I am aghast that this plan is even being considered. I am highly concerned for the health of everyone living near and around DeVol and also for the students that go to Gaithersburg High School and the elementary schools near this site. Please understand that there are children and families that would be potentially exposed to dangerous substances if this plan is allowed to move forward. Would you allow a crematorium near your home as well?

Sincerely,

Christina Lee
Gaithersburg Resident