

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jud Ashman
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 9:29 PM
To: Carol Johnson; Jasmine Forbes; Michael Sesma; Neil Harris; Robert Wu; Laurie-Anne Sayles
Subject: Re: public access

Hi Carol,

Apparently some of our staff are working late tonight because I already have an answer for you.

We are required by law to provide accommodations to individuals that request accommodation prior to the meeting. Until mid-March, the Agendas included language that anyone requesting an accommodation (such as providing ASL interpretation) must make the request at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, with contact information for making the request. When the Agendas were modified in mid-March for the virtual meetings, our staff were so focused on preparing for virtual meetings, that the inclusion of this language inadvertently slipped through the cracks. We will have it restored.

Here's the language:

To request an ADA accommodation, please email adameetings@gaitthersburgmd.gov or call 301-258-6310 at least two business days prior to the posted meeting.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Yours,
- Jud

From: Carol Johnson <carolsimsjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 9, 2020 5:21:25 PM
To: Jud Ashman; Jasmine Forbes; Michael Sesma; Neil Harris; Robert Wu; Laurie-Anne Sayles
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Hello, my husband is Deaf. I personally know of two other households in the East Deer Park neighborhood where the residents are Deaf. I found it extraordinary that you are having Public Hearings that are inaccessible to these members of the public because you do not provide ASL interpretation or closed captioning. There are also many members of this diverse community whose first language is not English. They naturally might feel there is no way for them to participate. I strongly urge you to find ways to make this a fair process for everyone, with full participation possible.

Respectfully,
Carol Johnson
405 Gaither St

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Hi Carol,

Thanks for the suggestion. We'll add it to our record of public correspondence and I'll share with staff to get their feedback.

Yours,
- Jud

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Mayor, Gaithersburg, MD
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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 10:43 AM
To: 'vassarlaw@comcast.net'
Subject: RE: Crematorium

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. To stay up to date on the status on this application, please view the project page in the following link: <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city/10-and-14-east-deer-park-drive> .

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes

From: vassarlaw@comcast.net <vassarlaw@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 9:04 AM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Crematorium

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I think it is shameful for Gaithersburg to consider a crematorium in a residential neighborhood. They should be put in an industrial area.

Regards,

Tom Vassar

Jasmine Forbes

From: vassarlaw@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Jasmine Forbes
Subject: RE: Crematorium

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Thank you.

I would note that there are apartments across the street have many lower income and Latin families living there. Thus the proposed project would seem to be taking advantage of that community. I would also note that Latin families typically are not active in voicing their concerns out of fear that there may be some backlash if they get involved so please do not interpret their lack of involvement as acceptance of the proposed project.

There is really no need to have that type of expanded facility at that location.

Regards,

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:42 PM
To: 'gaithersburg@icloud.com'
Cc: Doris Stokes
Subject: RE: Extend public hearing please

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
Planning and Code Administration

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From: Jin L <gaithersburg@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 9:59 AM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Extend public hearing please

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Dear Mr. Mayor and City Council,

I'm requesting to extend the time for public comment regarding **Application SP-8415-2020**, which is the Crematorium at #10 and [#14 East Deer Park Rd.](#)

Thank you.

Jean Let

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:46 PM
To: 'Patrick@PatCaseyAppraisal.com'
Cc: Doris Stokes
Subject: RE: Application SP-8415-2020, DeVol's application for a Crematorium at #10 and #14 East Deer Park Rd

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To the Mayor and City Council of Gaithersburg, MD,

I am a homeowner and resident of the City of Gaithersburg and live at 104 E. Deer Park Drive.

This email is my formal request to please extend the time period for public comment on DeVol's Application SP-8415-2020, the Funeral Home expansion and installation of a new Crematorium.

It has come to my attention that there is only one Crematorium now in Montgomery County, MD, and so DeVol's Crematorium will be only the second one in the county. Therefore, this facility will be very, very busy and potentially running all day and all night. What's to stop them? I read the application and there are no limits to how long this crematorium can operate.

I believe DeVol's application is inadequate because it does not address this issue or many of the other important aspects of this industrial land use in a residential area. For example, an industrial use is does not conform to the

surrounding residential uses as required by the zoning code. The CD zone permits funeral homes but it does not say it permits a crematorium, which is an industrial use and therefore should be prohibited.

The list of inadequacies and questions without answers goes on and on, and therefore the public needs more time to understand this significant change in land use. For this reason it is imperative that the time for public comment be extended.

Thank you,
- Pat

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