

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 12:49 PM
To: 'mlnjohanson@mail.com'
Cc: Doris Stokes
Subject: RE: ATTN: Mayor and City Council 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: M Lozada <mlnjohanson@mail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:14 AM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: ATTN: Mayor and City Council Application SP-8415-2020
Importance: High

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Good morning,

I would like to request an extension for public comment on the Devol Crematorium at 10 and 14 East Deer Park Road **Application SP-8415-2020**.

V/R,
Monica Lozada
Gaither Street

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:54 PM
To: 'kalvesmaki@gmail.com'; 'paraskeve@gmail.com'
Cc: Doris Stokes
Subject: RE: No to crematorium application

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From: Joel Kalvesmaki <kalvesmaki@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 10:59 AM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Colette Kalvesmaki <paraskeve@gmail.com>
Subject: No to crematorium application

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Greetings,

I would like you to please not agree to Application SP-8415-2020, the crematorium requested on ##10-14 East Deer Park. As an 11-year resident of nearby Gaither St., I believe this planned addition will have a net negative effect on the residents of Gaithersburg.

At the very least, please extend the public comment period. To make our case, we need time to explain to the City Council why this planned addition is a bad idea, and should be rejected by the city.

Sincerely,

jk
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Joel Kalvesmaki
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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:58 PM
To: 'carolsimsjohnson@gmail.com'
Cc: Doris Stokes
Subject: RE: request for extension of public comment, SP 8415 2020

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From: Carol Johnson <carolsimsjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 11:37 AM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: Doris Stokes <Doris.Stokes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: request for extension of public comment, SP 8415 2020

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Hello, we wish the City to consider our request at the earliest opportunity, thank you
Carol Johnson

East Deer Park United

11 August 2020

Mayor and Gaithersburg City Council
31 S. Summit Ave
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

Submitted by Hand and via Email to: cityhall@gaitthersburgmd.gov

RE: **SP-8415-2020**: #10 and #14 East Deer Park Drive, DeVol's Proposed Crematorium.

Dear Mayor Ashman and City Council Members Laurie-Anne Sayles, Neil Harris, Michael Sesma, Ryan Spiegel, and Robert Wu:

This is a formal request by the homeowners and residents of the East Deer Park neighborhood and surrounding area to extend the period for public comment on the proposed Crematorium, Application #SP-8415-2020, for at least sixty (60) days.

The Applicant is requesting plan approval to significantly expand the funeral home and convert the existing residential dwelling at 14 East Deer Park Drive to provide crematorium services and viewing parlor for the existing DeVol Funeral Home at 10 East Deer Park Drive. A public hearing for the Concept Site Plan application was held by the Mayor and City Council on August 3, 2020. The Mayor and City Council Record is currently open until Sept 2, 2020.

The public notices were displayed on the referenced properties with the minimum amount of notice required by law, that is 14 days. As expressed into the record by members of the public on Aug 3, there are many concerns regarding the proper use of these CD zoned properties as well as health and environmental issues. This neighborhood is very diverse and has dense areas of population, e.g. the apartment buildings in the CD zones along S. Frederick Avenue. Many residents do not have English as a first language, requiring special efforts to inform them. In addition to that, most residents were unaware of the DeVol proposal and subsequent Public Hearing on Aug 3 until the public was informed through word of mouth, Nextdoor Neighbor, and hand distribution of flyers. We strongly feel that many members of the public have not had time to be informed, digest, and research this important proposal and respectively ask for a sixty (60) day extension to the public comment period.

This extension of time to comment is important because a significant number of questions about this industrial land use in a residential neighborhood remain unanswered by the applicant and the City and so the public needs more time to understand what exactly this proposal means to the people who live nearby. For example, given that there is now only one Crematorium in Montgomery County and that cremations are up 50% according to the applicant, how many hours per day will this Crematorium be running? 24-7? Will the City be imposing any limits on

their hours of operation? And what other important issues should the public be informed about? Because we "don't know what we don't know" it is imperative that the period for public comment to discover these important issues be extended for at least sixty (60) days.

Thank you,

On behalf of *East Gaithersburg United*.

B. Carol Johnson

405 Gaither Street

Gaithersburg, MD 20877

and 

Patrick F. Casey CGA

104 East Deer Park Drive

Gaithersburg, MD 20877



Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:26 AM
To: 'mescalley@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Extension of time for Public Comments

Good Morning,

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From: Mary Ellen Scalley <mescalley@gmail.com>
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To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaitersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Extension of time for Public Comments

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attachment Re: DeVol Proposed Crematorium

Thank you,

Mary Ellen Scalley

Mary Ellen Scalley
Gaithersburg City Resident

11 August 2020

Mayor and Gaithersburg City Council
31 S. Summit Ave
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Via Email to: cityhall@gaitthersburgmd.gov

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This is my formal **request to extend the period for public comment** on the proposed Crematorium, Application #SP-8415-2020, for at least sixty (60) days.

As expressed by many residents at the public meeting on Aug 3, there are a lot of concerns about putting a Crematorium in a residential neighborhood. I feel strongly that many members of the public have not had time to be informed, digest, and understand this important proposal and respectfully ask for a sixty (60) day extension to the public comment period.

This extension of time for the public to comment is important because a significant number of questions about this industrial land use in a residential neighborhood remain unanswered by the applicant and the City and so the public needs more time to understand what exactly this proposal means to the people who live nearby. For example, given that there is now only one Crematorium in Montgomery County and that cremations are up 50% according to the applicant, how many hours per day will this Crematorium be running? 24-7? Will the City be imposing any limits on their hours of operation? And what other important issues should the public be informed about? Because we "don't know what we don't know" it is imperative that the period for public comment to discover these important issues be extended for at least sixty (60) days.

Thank you,
Mary Ellen Scalley
City Resident

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:35 AM
To: 'jiyuan0210@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Extention for the deadline regarding the public comment for Devol Crematorium application

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Subject: Extention for the deadline regarding the public comment for Devol Crematorium application

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I, Yuan Ji, a Gaithersburg resident, request for an extension time for the public comment period for the Devol crematorium application.

Yuan Ji
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