

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:41 AM
To: 'madeline.brincka@verizon.net'
Subject: RE: Application SP-8415-2020

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



Jasmine Forbes, Planner I
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From: Madeline Brincka <madeline.brincka@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:03 PM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@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>; 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>
Subject: Application SP-8415-2020

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As residents of the Deer Park community, we are writing to request that the period for public comment on the proposed crematorium (Application #SP-8415-2020) be extended for at least sixty days.

Madeline and Lawrence Brincka

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:48 AM
To: 'ceweinberg@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Please extend public comment period for Application SP-8415-2020

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From: Carla Weinberg <ceweinberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:00 PM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Please extend public comment period for Application SP-8415-2020

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Please extend the public comment period for the DeVol **Application SP-8415-2020** because my neighbors and I have not had enough time to research the safety and health effects of having a crematory so close to private homes. DeVol made no attempt to contact the community and give us a chance to ask them questions at the August 3rd hearing. There was no outreach to the large Spanish-speaking community. A notice buried in the legal pages of the Washington Post and two signs posted only 2 weeks before the hearing are inadequate. People who live on nearby streets may not even have seen the signs posted at 10 and 14 E. Deer Park.

Thank you.

Carla Weinberg

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From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Richard Lindstrom
Subject: RE: Crematorium on Deer Park

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

From: Richard Lindstrom <dick.lindstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 1:52 PM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Crematorium on Deer Park

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Dear Mayor Ashman and Councilmembers,

I request that the City extend the time allowed for citizen response to the crematorium proposal. You and DeVol have had since February to consider this, while we neighbors had two weeks or less before the Council session to react and raise issues.

Sincerely,

Richard Lindstrom
421 Gaither Street

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:04 AM
To: 'maggiealwaysshines@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: Public comment extension - DeVol

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From: Maggie Hou <maggiealwaysshines@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 4:19 PM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Public comment extension - DeVol

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Hi,

This is Maggie Hou, I am a resident of Summit Hall Reserve, I am writing to request the city of Gaithersburg to extend public comment on **Application SP-8415-2020**, which is the Crematorium at #10 and [#14 East Deer Park Rd.](#)

We need more time to raise awareness of our neighbors regarding this matter, and we need to make sure they understand the potential damage to our property value and air pollution once crematorium gets approved.

Thanks,

Maggie

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Patrick** <collegeallstar@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 9:50 AM

Subject: Re: Public comment extension deadline is tomorrow

To: Suzie Ward <psaward@msn.com>

CC: johudson@erols.com <johudson@erols.com>, J. Jackson <jestellj@gmail.com>, M Lo <sugatena@hotmail.com>, Colette Kalvesmaki <paraskeve@gmail.com>, Pamela Lindstrom <pamela.lindstrom@gmail.com>, Shanika Whitehurst <swhitehurst@gmail.com>, Carol <carolsimsjohnson@gmail.com>, Richard Lindstrom <dick.lindstrom@gmail.com>, Joel Rockwood <Joel_Rockwood@apsva.us>, Betty Rockwood <brcurly@yahoo.com>, Madeline Brincka <madeline.brincka@verizon.net>, Joel Kalvesmaki <kalvesmaki@gmail.com>, David White <davewhite4@gmail.com>, Judy Christensen <jchris43@gmail.com>, Katie Weigandt <Katiemweigandt@gmail.com>, JoJo <kstemple@niaid.nih.gov>, chocice47@gmail.com <chocice47@gmail.com>, Chazz <galacticfunkboots@yahoo.com>, Carla Weinberg <cweinberg@gmail.com>, EVporsche@gmail.com <EVporsche@gmail.com>, csluton@yahoo.com <csluton@yahoo.com>, Ivy J <jiyuan0210@gmail.com>, Lynn Nash <Lynn.slepski@outlook.com>, HelaiSc@aol.com <HelaiSc@aol.com>, Gaithersburg@icloud.com <Gaithersburg@icloud.com>, raamcook@gmail.com <raamcook@gmail.com>, Mescalley@gmail.com <Mescalley@gmail.com>, Johanna ambrogi <Johanna_ambrogi@yahoo.com>, kenvideo@verizon.net <kenvideo@verizon.net>, Rob Bindeman <rob@bindeman.com>, maggiealwaysshines@gmail.com <maggiealwaysshines@gmail.com>, Walter U. <sabineandwalt@gmail.com>

Good Morning Everyone,

It is Tuesday morning (8/11) and because we have a 99.9% 'YES' vote to submit the letter requesting an extension of the public comment period for the Crematorium, Carol Johnson and I are drafting and submitting that request today.

Also, because I believe the city will continue to ignore our concerns and is, in fact, actively trying to thwart our efforts, I am now asking everyone on this list to also please submit your own personal request to the Mayor and City Council to extend the time for public comment. More is better and it cannot hurt. Our requests must be submitted electronically (via email) and must be received by the city before close of business today, Tuesday, August 11th.

Please send your email request to extend the time for public comment

to: cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov, attention: Mayor and City Council.

Your request does not need to be long or fancy, one sentence will do, but be certain to include reference to **Application SP-8415-2020**, which is the Crematorium at #10 and **#14 East Deer Park Rd.**

The online link to the Crematorium application is <https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city/10-and-14-east-deer-park-drive>

Please do this right now while you're thinking about it - it will only take a couple minutes and time is of the essence.

Thank you!

Patrick F. Casey CGA

Certified Real Property Appraiser

Office 301-975-9797

On Tue, Aug 11, 2020 at 7:44 AM Suzie Ward <psaward@msn.com> wrote:

| Yes. File for an extension.

Suzie Ward

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 10:10 AM
To: 'collegeallstar@gmail.com'
Subject: RE: This is a request to extend time for public comment on SP-8415-2020, DeVol Crematorium

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From: Patrick <collegeallstar@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:06 PM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
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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@gaithersburgmd.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***,

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Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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and
Patrick F. Casey CGA
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Gaithersburg, MD 20877