

Jasmine Forbes

From: Michael Sesma
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Stemple, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: Doris Stokes; Jasmine Forbes
Subject: Re: East Deer Park Crematorium -DeVol application SP-8415-2020

Dear Kimberly,
My apology for the reply. It was indeed meant for you. Brain freeze this morning. The rest of the email is correct, especially the part about encouraging neighbors to share their opinions as well.
Best,
Mike

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

From: Michael Sesma
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:40:41 AM
To: Stemple, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [E]
Cc: Doris Stokes; Jasmine Forbes
Subject: Re: East Deer Park Crematorium -DeVol application SP-8415-2020

Stephanie,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the proposal and your opposition to it. Your email will be added to the correspondence on this topic. Please encourage your neighbors to submit their opinions as well.

Best,
Mike

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

From: Stemple, Kimberly (NIH/NIAID) [E] <kstemple@niaid.nih.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:25:20 AM
To: Michael Sesma
Subject: East Deer Park Crematorium -DeVol application SP-8415-2020

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Hello Mr. Sesma,

I would like to make my opinion known regarding the proposed DeVol Funeral Home application to build a crematorium bordering our east deer park neighborhood.

I am not in support of a crematorium being built in our neighborhood. I live at 200 Hutton, right in the heart of the neighborhood and am very concerned because this incinerator will release poisonous chemicals into the air, including mercury, ash and cancer-causing agents. These emissions may cause autism, cancer and asthma when they get into the lungs, especially in children. This site is near many homes, apartments, parks, churches as well as Gaithersburg High School. I am not comfortable with this risk.

Kind wishes,

JoJo

Kimberly J. Stemple, MPH

Program Officer, BEI Repository COR III



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Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:59 AM
To: 'Julie Favin'
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 Council's record for their consideration.

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes

Jasmine Forbes, Planner I
Planning and Code Administration

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

From: Julie Favin <jbfavin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 9:16 AM
To: CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Crematorium

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Hello, I cannot believe that the City of Gaithersburg has so little regard for the lives and health of It's people! Please extend the time for public comment on this issue.

-Julie Favin
218 Tulip Dr

Sent from my iPhone

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:30 PM
To: 'Pamela Lindstrom'
Subject: RE: zoning code

Good Afternoon,

A crematory is not referenced in the City Code. Pursuant to the City Code, a funeral home is defined as:

“Any building in which one or more parlors or rooms are maintained for the temporary resting place of dead human bodies pending final disposition thereof. Such building may also include the following: Space and facilities for the preparation of such bodies for burial or other final disposition; a chapel for the purpose of conducting religious or memorial services or ceremonies (and in which no emergency ambulance service is provided); rooms or space for administrative offices for conducting the business of the home; rooms or space for the housing of equipment, including motor vehicles; living quarters for not more than one family unit who are employees or owners of such funeral home or children of such employees or owners. Emergency ambulance service shall not be provided from the building”.

In the funeral home definition it mentions “other final disposition”. Staff and City ‘s Deputy City Attorney concluded that as long as the crematorium use was included as part of the funeral home which also has viewing parlor rooms as temporary resting places, the definition of funeral home would allow it. A standalone crematorium as a single use would not be permitted.

The property at 14 East Deer Park Drive is zoned CD (Corridor Development). The CD zone permits all uses which are listed as permitted and not solely as special exceptions or conditional uses in all zoning districts unless otherwise prohibited. A funeral home is a by-right use in the C-2 (General Commercial) Zone.

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes

From: Pamela Lindstrom <pamela.lindstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaitthersburgmd.gov>
Subject: zoning code

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Jasmine, where is a "crematory" addressed in the City's zoning code?

I see that a "funeral home" is a permitted use in various zones, but not in residential zones. Where is "funeral home" as a use defined in the zoning code?

thanks
Pam Lindstrom

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 1:38 PM
To: 'Thuan Trinh'
Cc: Councilmember.Katz@montgomerycountymd.gov; Jud Ashman; Laurie-Anne Sayles; Neil Harris; Michael Sesma; Ryan Spiegel; Robert Wu; Dennis Enslinger; Doris Stokes
Subject: RE: No crematorium in Gaithersburg city

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,
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From: Thuan Trinh <trinhqthuan@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 1:04 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>; Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Cc: thuan trinh <trinhqthuan@gmail.com>; Councilmember.Katz@montgomerycountymd.gov
Subject: No crematorium in Gaithersburg city

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Dear all,

The vast majority of Gaithersburg residents did not know the August 3rd hearing on "Devol Funeral Home" was actually a hearing on planning a commercial incineration building/ structure for human bodies, a cremation facility. The Gaithersburg city public hearing announcement board posted on Devol Funeral Home at MD 355 N. does not mention any matter related to a crematorium.

I am against building a crematorium in Gaithersburg city.

Sincerely,

Thuan Trinh

Thuan Q. Trinh, Ph.D.
209 Tulip Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

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PUBLIC HEARING
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

SP-8415-2020
FILE NO.
CONCEPT SITE PLAN

10-14 EAST DEER PARK AVENUE
DEVOL FUNERAL HOME
LOCATION/TITLE

MONDAY
DAY

8/3/2020
DATE

7:30 P.M.

GAITHERSBURG CITY HALL
31 SOUTH SUMMIT AVENUE
www.gaithersburgmd.gov -301-258-6330

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Q.Thuan Trinh

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jud Ashman
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 6:07 PM
To: Sharon Hill; laurie-Anne.Sayler@gaitthersburgmd.gov; Neil Harris; Michael Sesma; Robert Wu; Planning External Mailing; Ryan Spiegel; Jasmine Forbes
Subject: Re: DeVol Crematorium application SP-8415-2020

Hi Sharon,

Thanks for this input. We will add it to our record on this application.

Yours,
- Jud

Jud Ashman
Mayor, Gaithersburg, MD
Founder & Chair, Gaithersburg Book Festival
www.gaithersburgbookfestival.org

From: Sharon Hill <geochief2@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 5:38 PM
To: laurie-Anne.Sayler@gaitthersburgmd.gov; Neil Harris; Michael Sesma; Robert Wu; Planning External Mailing; Ryan Spiegel; Jud Ashman; Jasmine Forbes
Cc: Sharon Hill
Subject: DeVol Crematorium application SP-8415-2020

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Dear City Council members, Major and City Planner,

My family and I have lived in Gaithersburg for almost 40 years. We are located less than a mile from the proposed DeVol Crematorium. Respectfully we request that you do Not approve the application for a Crematorium submitted by DeVol Funeral Home. The environmental toxins that a Crematorium emits are harmful to all of the citizens who would be in the wind pattern vicinity of this "incinerator." My research indicates that there are no Federal rules or regulations currently in place for Crematoriums. They are not part of the solid-waste incinerators category or any other category at this time.

Thank you for placing a priority on the health of the people who live in this area. DeVol Funeral Homes can locate a crematorium in an area of the county that is not densely populated.

Sincerely,
Sharon Blinder Hill
16807 Chestnut Street

Gaithersburg MD 20877