

From: lsayles81@gmail.com
Date: 8/18/20 9:31 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: YASMIN ZEPEDA <zepedayasmin2@gmail.com>
Cc: Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>, CityHall External Mail <cityhall@gaithersburgmd.gov>, Doris Stokes <Doris.Stokes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Re:

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Good morning YASMIN,

Thank you for your message. The record has been extended for 30+ days so the funeral home can continue to engage with neighboring residents.

Your comments have been added to the public record.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns

Best,
Laurie-Anne Sayles
Council Vice President
City of Gaithersburg
240-268-4487 Phone
<http://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/>



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On Tue, Aug 18, 2020 at 9:23 AM YASMIN ZEPEDA <zepedayasmin2@gmail.com> wrote:

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Buenos días por este medio me comunico con la ciudad de gaithersburg para pedirle que no se contrulla el crematorio cerca de nuestros hogares por que tenemos niños y algunos de nosotros niños tienen condición de salud y eso seria muy malo para la salud de nuestro niños por favor agan algo por nosotros niños no dejen que la funeraria Devol contrulla ese crematorio muchas gracias

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:06 AM
To: 'ALAN I ANSELL'
Subject: RE: 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. Please note that the Council's record on this application will close on September 16th. For information about the application, please visit the project page:

<https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/government/projects-in-the-city/10-and-14-east-deer-park-drive> .

Regards,
Jasmine Forbes



Jasmine Forbes, Planner I
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From: ALAN I ANSELL <aiansell@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 6:59 PM
To: Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: SP-8415-2020

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Dear Ms. Forbes:

I am writing to you in strong opposition to Application SP-8415-2020 by the DeVol Funeral Home. While I understand their desire to increase their revenue by adding a crematorium, and agree with them that there is an increasing need for this service which is lacking in Montgomery County, the only reasons I can see for having it located on their existing site are cost effectiveness for them and convenience for their enterprise. I have never heard of mourners attending an actual cremation, or anyone desiring to do so.

I reside diagonally across from DeVol on Barkley Lane, and feel that my neighbors in the area and I will be significantly negatively impacted by locating a crematorium across the street. The schools and parks nearby will also suffer negatively, not to mention the emotional and possibly physical issues that may affect the large number of small children, as well as the elderly, who may soon be facing this process themselves.

This type of facility does not belong in any residential area, as reflected in the current laws, with regard to zoning, toxicity, and licensing.
Please honor the laws and maintain the integrity of this beautiful area. Please vote NO to this application.

Alan I. Ansell
17 Barkley Apartments



4 LEFT SIDE (EAST) ELEVATION
 Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"



3 REAR (SOUTH) ELEVATION
 Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"



2 RIGHT SIDE (WEST) ELEVATION
 Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"



1 FRONT (NORTH) ELEVATION
 Scale: 1/4"=1'-0"

* Proposed trees shown after establishment growth period. Location of proposed trees is subject to final plan approval by the city and may change.

Jasmine Forbes

From: Wallace, Scott C. <swallace@MilesStockbridge.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Jasmine Forbes; Gregory Mann
Subject: RE: DeVol Funeral Home Meeting
Attachments: A-2 Revised Elevation-emailed.pdf

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Jasmine and Greg – the revised elevations plan that shows the chimney for the cremation equipment is attached. As noted on the elevations plan and as we have stated previously, the ultimate design of the chimney is determined by MDE in their permitting process and therefore the design and dimensions of the chimney as shown are subject to change. We will be happy to discuss the methodology the project’s consultant team used to determine the height and dimensions of the chimney shown on the elevations plan at the informational meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.



Scott C. Wallace
Miles & Stockbridge
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Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 10:42 AM
To: 'Jessica Long'
Subject: RE: NO to the proposed DeVol Application SP-8415-2020

Good Morning,

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Regards,
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From: Jessica Long <jllong1201@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 5:12 PM
To: Michael Sesma <michael.sesma@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Ryan Spiegel <ryan.spiegel@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Robert Wu <robert.wu@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Neil Harris <Neil.Harris@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Planning External Mailing <Planning@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Laurie-Anne Sayles <Laurie-Anne.Sayles@gaithersburgmd.gov>
Subject: Re: NO to the proposed DeVol Application SP-8415-2020

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Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

I live in the Deer Park area which is a residential zone. I am concerned that the DeVol crematorium will bring an industrial like zone to my neighborhood. This plan will negatively affect the people I care about - we've been living here 6 years, and have two young boys (3 and 4 years old) who we plan to raise in this beautiful neighborhood. I don't want a tall chimney emitting smoke and chemicals into the air where thousands of residents live, work, and go to school (when it opens again). This parcel is not zoned for industrial use.

I don't want our area changed by more traffic and smoke. I'm very proud to live in our green community in Gaithersburg. Please keep our quality of life in our beautiful neighborhood behind City Hall pristine.

Please say No, and reject this proposal.

Jessica and Keith Long
117 Tulip Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20877
240-801-0417

Jasmine Forbes

From: Jasmine Forbes
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 3:16 PM
To: 'Jeannette Smith'
Subject: RE: DeVol Crematorium and Rosemont community

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. Please note that the Council's record on this application will close on September 16th. For information about the application, please visit the project page:
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jeannette Smith <bookloverjs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:22 PM
To: 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>
Cc: Jud Ashman <Jud.Ashman@gaithersburgmd.gov>; Jasmine Forbes <Jasmine.Forbes@gaithersburgmd.gov>; councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov
Subject: DeVol Crematorium and Rosemont community

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Dear Gaithersburg City Council,

Here attached is a letter, approved by the Rosemont Citizens Association board, opposing the proposed crematorium at the DeVol's Funeral home, application SP-8415-2020.

We thank you for your consideration of our thoughts and views.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Smith

President
Rosemont Citizens Association

Dear Council Member:

The Rosemont Citizens Association* of Gaithersburg, Md., joins with East Gaithersburg MD United in opposing the proposed DeVol application SP-8415-2020.

The Rosemont Citizens Association has a vested interest in this proposal because the association represents households within at least 1000 feet of the proposed crematorium.

Similar to East Gaithersburg MD United, we are concerned that a crematorium at this site would:

- release poisonous chemicals into the air, endangering our health and environment
- ruin the character of our community with a nearby unsightly tall “chimney” and newly industrialized zone
- lower property values
- increase traffic and traffic noise to an already over-congested, overly noisy area.

At this time, not enough is known about the hazards of burning human bodies, especially in residential areas, and, even if information was available, the regulation of crematoriums is insufficient to ensure safe use. These concerns are further compounded by the increase in crematorium use (see <https://qz.com/1880934/the-funeral-industry-continues-to-adapt-to-covid-19/>).

For these reasons, we urge the City of Gaithersburg to reject Concept Site Plan SP-8415-2020.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Smith
President, Rosemont Citizens Association

cc:

The Honorable Jud Ashman, Mayor of Gaithersburg
The Honorable Sydney Katz, Council President, Montgomery County Council
Jasmine Forbes, City of Gaithersburg
Gaithersburg City Planning

*The Rosemont Citizens Association Inc. is a civic organization first formed in the 1960s for homeowners in the Rosemont Subdivision of Gaithersburg in the area bordered by Interstate 370, state Route 355, and Edgewood and Virginia drives.