Gimghoul Sidewalk Committee

June 28,2006

W. Calvin Horton Town Manager 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514

Memorandum:

To: Cal Horton

From: The Gimghoul Sidewalk Committee

Mary Ann Kasarda Barbara Schutz Elston Miles

Catherine Williams

Jim Heavner, Chair, Sidewalk Petition Project

On behalf of the residents of the Gimghoul neighborhood whose wish is to petition the Town to build brick sidewalks on Gimghoul Road, we present the petitions herewith.

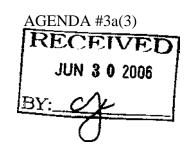
This formal petition process, which resulted in 80% of all property owners petitioning for sidewalks, was preceded by an informal neighborhood survey in the spring that found a general support for brick walks.

In that *unofficial* tally, 80% of the respondents indicated support for sidewalks, expressing differing opinions about how the sidewalks should be configured to deal with special issues where rock walls or trees would seem to present unusual problems. Ten of the forty property owners did not respond to the unofficial canvas.

After your good explanation of the Town's policies was distributed to the neighborhood, much of the concern about the preservation of trees and walls abated.

Then, this *formal* petition to the Town was circulated in late June. To ensure maximum participation, the distribution of the petition was followed by a vigorous effort on the part of this committee to reach all property owners. This extended to those who live in other parts of the world, including Singapore and Hawaii.

As a result, thirty nine of the forty property owners have been contacted. We believe, then, that this is an unusually comprehensive representation of the community's wishes.



Here is the summary of the Gimghoul petitions, which are attached:

Signing the petition to ask the town for Sidewalks	32
Those who declined to sign because of opposition	3
Those who asked to be recorded as "abstained"	3
Those reached but who have not responded	1
Those who could not be reached	_1
Total number of property owners	40

As a percentage, among those who voted, 91% voted yes, 9% were opposed.

All those who voted yes indicated that they would support the configuration" chosen by the most of those who wanted sidewalks. "Configuration," is our word for whether brick sidewalks should be built on both sides of the street, one side of the street, both sides except that sidewalks on the south side would stop at Ridge Lane, or the full length of both sides except for the Newton property, which, with no curb and gutter and a curved rock wall, seemed to present special problems.

Among the thirty two who petitioned for sidewalks, twenty eight, or 88%, voted for sidewalks on the full length of both sides of the street, an overwhelming majority. No other choice was supported by more than two property owners.

The Gimghoul subdivision is one of Chapel Hill's most treasured historic neighborhoods and we trust that the Town will be careful in executing its policies to preserve existing trees, its special rock walls, and the character of the neighborhood.

We understand that there is a system to establish priority for the building of such sidewalks. We believe that Gimghoul likely has the heaviest pedestrian traffic among all residential streets in town with no side walks, primarily because of the number of UNC events, those who use the neighborhood for their constitutionals, and runners.

So, we hope that we will qualify as a high priority neighborhood in your consideration of our petition.

Enclosure: Petitions from Gimghoul neeighborhood

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Sent: Friday, June 23, 2006 5:17 AM

To: malchomenc@hotmail.com

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>To: "maryann kasarda" <makhomenc@hotmail.com>
>Subject: Re: Brick sidewalks
>Date: Fri, 23 Jun 2006 15:38:02 -0400
>To whom it may concern,
>My parents lived on Gimghoul Road for 30+ years, and we have owned a home
>on Ridge Lane, off Gimghoul Road for 12 years. Please take this letter of
>endorsement in lieu of our signature on the petition endorsing brick
>sidewalks on both sides of Gimghoul Road.
>I believe the sidewalks will enhance the enjoyment of this beautiful
>neighborhood for many people, not only the residents of the neighborhood.
>Via this email, we give our proxy in this matter to Mary Ann Kasarda. If
>we were able, we would not only sign the petition, but attend the meeting
>in support.
>Should there be any questions, we can be reached at our home phone (828)
>277-5070.
>Thank you for attention to our proxy petition signature.
>Dr. and Mrs. William W. Wharton III (Will and Elisabeth Wharton)>
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----Original Message---From: Jim White [mailto:xxxxxx@email.unc.edu]
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Subject: Petition

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Address 105 ridge Lane						