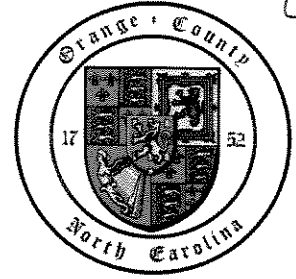


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May 21, 2007

Mayor Kevin C. Foy
Town of Chapel Hill
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Kevin:

In view of the comments recently attributed to you in the Chapel Hill Newspaper, I am sending you a copy of the letter that I sent previously related to the issue of siting the men's shelter and the future use of the old post office site. I want to re-emphasize that when the BOCC last discussed the siting decision of the shelter on county property, the board decided that such a decision could not be made until we were certain that an alternative to placing the future southern court/justice facility on county property at Homestead Road was available. The only alternative we discussed was the Old Post Office site, which is owned by the Town of Chapel Hill.

It was at that point that the board instructed me to write to you requesting the Town inform us of the availability of the Post Office site for future court/justice uses by the County. We continue to await your formal response from the Town on this matter.

If we receive an affirmative response from the Town, we will employ a professional to assess the site to determine if it will meet our long-term needs for a court/justice facility. If it meets that need, only then can the County consider permitting the IFC to locate a men's shelter at the Homestead Road site.

Sincerely,

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chairman

Cc: BOCC
Laura Blackmon, Manager
Ann Henley, Chair, IFC Board

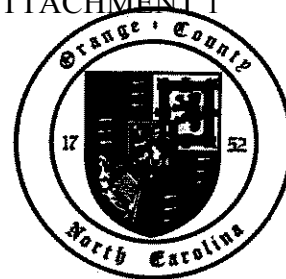
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Feb 28

Mayor Kevin C. Foy
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Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Kevin,

As you know from your conversations and site visits with Commissioner Jacobs and others during the past several months, the County may be interested in pursuing the Old Post Office as the site for future justice facility expansion. Our staff has reviewed the plans provided by your Public Works Department and determined that the building would need to be expanded in order to address the long term needs of the Courts.

At the BOCC's January 30 worksession, we asked staff to conduct additional analysis regarding the extent and cost of renovation to utilize the interior space, as well as to give us some indication of the cost and expansion capabilities on the site. Before we invest the time and expense of retaining the professional services necessary to create that information, it would be helpful if the Town could give us an indication of your intentions regarding the long-term use of the building, particularly in light of the recent request by the Children's Museum.

The Commissioners are trying to move expeditiously and an understanding of the Town's commitment to the long-term use of the Old Post Office for court facilities is, of course, an important factor in our planning. Should additional information from the County facilitate your prompt response, please contact the Manager or me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Moses Carey, Jr.".

Moses Carey, Jr.
Chair

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