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BY: *gjr*

Mr. Horton,

Following Tuesday's Town Council meeting, I would like to comment on a few of the changes suddenly being proposed which differ from the original intent as detailed in the advertisement for applicants (copy attached).

The original advertisement specified that the applicant must be a resident of Chapel Hill. Although I believe I understand the reason for opening it up to non-residents, I feel strongly that the proviso should be made that non-resident applicants must be either an owner/manager of a business in Chapel Hill or an owner of property in Chapel Hill. Non-residents without one of these vested interests in this issue should not be a part of this committee.

Additionally, I am concerned about the focus of the committee. As stated in the original advertisement the focus was to be the petition to rename Airport Road. I agree with Councilman Kleinschmidt that the council seemed to be losing this focus and unless this committee remains focused on that issue, nothing will be accomplished. Please remind the council members of that.

Also, please inform the council members that I and others I have spoken with hope that the committee design will remain true to that proposed in the advertisement. Committees are never extremely efficient methods of accomplishing anything, but a committee larger than 20 members will be so unwieldy as to be totally unmanageable. Surely the council has an excess of applicants for many of its committee openings and successfully appoints some and not others without anyone feeling 'disenfranchised'. If the council is careful to appoint a true cross-section of the community and opinions I believe they can limit the participants to 20 without a great deal of upset.

Thank you for hearing and passing on these concerns,

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