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**From:** Sandra J.T. Tromba [mailto:taptico@netzero.net]

**Sent:** Thursday, January 15, 2004 7:01 AM

**To:** Kevin Foy

**Cc:** Sandra J. T. Tromba

**Subject:** Renaming Airport Road

**Please do not rename Airport Road.** The financial impact on the individuals living or owning businesses on Airport Road will be significant to some. They will have to fill out numerous change of address cards to any one they have business or personal contact with. The postage alone will be significant some. Also, the banks charge to have checks changed and reprinted. If those address changes do not take immediately, then one's credit report can be adversely effected. Do you want your constituency to have additional monetary and stress problems? Also, does the city actually have the extra money to pay for all the sign changes? Airport Road has been Airport Road for my entire life. Why change something that has worked for and is a known road in Chapel Hill. Also, all maps will have to be changed which will be expensive. Please leave Airport Road as Airport Road.

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**From:** Roland Giduz

**To:** Edith Wiggins ; jim ward ; billstrom@nc.rr.com

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 04, 2004 4:28 PM

**Subject:** re: street naming possibility

I write to you on this matter from the understanding that as members of a Street-naming committee, this matter may come before you. Thank you for your Good consideration of these thoughts.

Chapel Hill has since 1928 had an historic Airport Road named for something unique to Chapel Hill. This name stands for an important facility and tradition here. The suggestion has lately been made to re-name it Martin Luther King Jr. Road just like so many other roadways around the country.

The martyred spiritual leader is indeed worthy of recognition. My suggestion is that the major new north-south roadway to be built parallel to Airport Road through Carolina North memorialize Dr. King. It will be the principal thoroughfare from Estes Drive all the way through Carolina North toward Interstate 40 Highway.

That boulevard would have more symbolic meaning. The University is to begin construction on its grand new Carolina North campus when the Airport is closed at the end of this year. How fitting it would be for an institution that teaches tolerance and learning to this boulevard named for a leader who lived and died for those values. In doing this, the Airport Road, which has historic meaning for Chapel Hill, would retain that name.

***Roland Giduz***

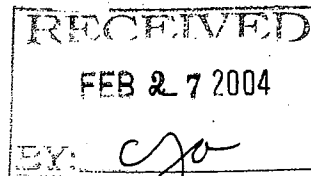
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DAVID R. WORK  
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CHAPEL HILL 27514-5423

February 26, 2004



There has been significant publicity in the media lately about the proposal to rename Airport Road after the Civil Rights Leader, Martin Luther King. I believe this is a well intentioned but misguided proposal.

The primary reason for my opinion is that the current name, Airport Road, is natural as the street runs by Horace Williams Airport. It is also established historically in the mind of every person who has lived in Chapel Hill. The fact that the airport may close in the future will not erase that memory.

Changing its name to honor Martin Luther King, I believe, would have the same effect which occurred in Manhattan when Seventh Avenue was renamed Avenue of the Americas. Every local person still calls it Seventh Avenue which is its natural description and rejects the official name.

I believe the same thing would happen if Airport Road were renamed for the Civil Rights Leader. People would continue to use the Airport Road label thereby snubbing the memory of Martin Luther King. Some would take every opportunity to use the Airport Road designation as an affront to his name. I believe that would be a classic case of unintended consequences.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David R. Work". The signature is fluid and matches the typed name below it.

David R. Work

P.S.—Please place my name on the notification list for this subject.

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BY: *cy*

620 Airport Road - Unit 303  
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514-5932  
March 22, 2004

W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager  
Town of Chapel Hill  
306 North Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

Dear Mr. Horton:

I have been a resident of Chapel Hill, specifically as Gables' Units Owner for twelve years. During these twelve years my real estate tax payments have been sizable. Indeed, increasing steadily during that time. I live alone, I have no family members attending the public school system nor am I into crime to make demands on the police department. Quite frankly, I often question what compensation I receive in return for my taxes.

May I suggest that you carefully weigh my situation as well as every other resident, professional and commercial taxpayer with an Airport Road address. Each of us will suffer considerable monetary costs, time-consuming inconveniences and confusion that the current proposal to rename Airport Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard would create.

It is a fact that in Chapel Hill real estate taxes are your primary revenue source. Certainly the Airport Road folks contribute immeasurably to your annual budget and the local economy. We, as citizens, have every right to demand the Chapel Hill governing body protect and defend us, and focus on our

enormous fiscal contributions as you deliberate  
this proposition. Let the old adage be your  
guide: "If it ain't broke, don't try to fix it!"

For these reasons I vehemently oppose this  
ill-advised, nonproductive ~~proposal~~ charge my  
address. I have no objections to your selection of  
an appropriate venue to honor Dr. King - a  
memorial park, a recreational playground or a civic  
center, if you please, one that should not entail  
major turmoil for so many citizens.

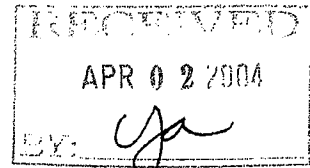
I appreciate very much your consideration of  
my personal position. May I ask you to share  
this letter with the Mayor and Council. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mary Louise Cowdick

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March 31, 2004

Mr W. Calvin Horton  
Town Manager  
306 N. Columbia Street  
Chapel Hill N.C. 27514

Dear Mr. Horton

Recently I became aware that the Town Council has received a request to rename " Airport Road ", presumably because of the planned closing of the airport.

I am the owner/taxpayer of 6 rental properties along this road and a name change would obviously entail measurable upheaval and expense, both for my renters and myself.

More important however will be the impact on the commercial value of this real estate. It is not uncommon for geographic or historical features, with a street named after these, to have changed or become no longer relevant. In such cases, and this also applies to Airport Road, the established name may have become an identifier and symbol with a commercial value of its own, irrespective of its historical origins

I am really concerned that a name change of Airport Road will affect the value of my possessions negatively and I would be grateful for this consideration to be brought to the attention of town council members and officials which are involved.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance,  
Sincerely,