WEADOWWONT OFCHAPEL HILL

AGENDA #3a(3)

Community Association

May 12, 2006

The Honorable Mayor Foy and Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Meadowmont Community Association Board of Directors, together with the Boards of the Hilltop Condominium Association, the Summit Park Homeowners Association and residents on Sprunt Street and Meadowmont Lane, all located in Meadowmont, have been discussing concerns related to the lack of parking along West Barbee Chapel Road, Sprunt Street, and Meadowmont Lane. In all cases bicycle lanes preclude legal parking on both sides of these streets. This lack of adequate on-street parking severely limits the ability of the residents living on these streets, as well as those living in Oval Park and Circle Park, to accommodate guests.

Recent accidents in Chapel Hill in which walkers and bicyclists have been severely injured or killed have made us acutely aware of the dangers related to vehicular traffic and those who prefer to travel on foot or on a bicycle. We concur with the Town Council's emphasis on making our community user-friendly for both walkers and bicyclists, and are supportive of bicycle lanes as a method of minimizing the threat of future accidents. However, our observations have been that virtually no bicyclists use the bicycle lanes in Meadowmont during the evening hours or at night.

May we respectfully request, therefore, that the Town Council wave the no parking ordinance from dusk to dawn throughout the week on West Barbee Chapel Road between Route 54 and Weaver Mine Trail, on Sprunt Street between Old Barn Lane and Weaver Mine Trail, and on Meadowmont Lane between the entrance to the Rizzo Center and Park Bluff Drive. If, in the opinion of the Council, it is necessary to keep the bike lanes open 24 hours per day, we ask that you consider allowing parking on one side of the streets in question from dusk to dawn.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Questions concerning this request may be addresses to any of the following:

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