

To:
Planning
Town of Chapel Hill
405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Date: August 22nd, 2006

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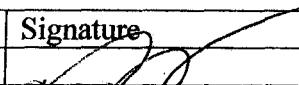

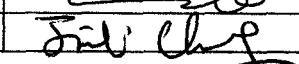

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The following signed parties fully support this petition.

Name Printed	Signature	Address
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R. Diestro		209 New Parkerson Drive
Liqing Li		106 Glenmore
Jinli Chang		108 Glenmore Rd.

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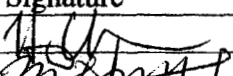
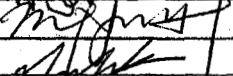
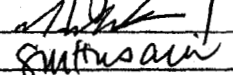
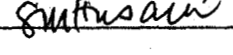
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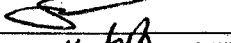
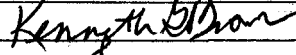

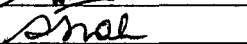
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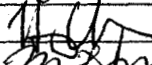
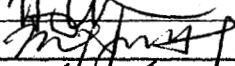
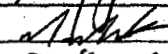
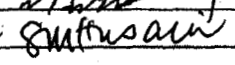
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Dear Mr. Roger Stancil,

I am a resident of 205 new parkside dr., Chapel Hill. I am writing a letter to express my objection to the application of the Freedom House Modification. (File No.7.24..21, 24p..99)

According to the letter from your office, we got to know that Freedom House had applied for Special Use Permit Modification. To approve a Special Use Permit Modification application, the council must find that the proposed development: a) maintains or promotes the public health, safety, and general welfare; b) complies with all development regulations; c) maintains or enhances the value of contiguous property; and d) conforms to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. We think this modification does not meet these criterions.

First, Freedom House will expand itself by adding new buildings, replacing existing building and having more parking spaces. This expansion will undoubtedly result in more traffic and more visitors to the surrounding area. Crossing Stateside Dr. from the Freedom House is Homestead Park, which is a very popular public area. Almost everyday, from morning till dusk, there are a lot of kids playing there, they ride bike or run around the park. We really worry about expansion of the Freedom House would bring safety issues to this area.

Second, it doesn't follow the development regulations. To keep a very good development in a city, the functions between different areas should be coordinated. Since the Freedom House is a special use organization, it is too close to the residential area.

Third, expansion of the Freedom House is to make itself to be more distinguishable in public and more impact than before. Consider the fact that most of neighbors of the Freedom house did not even know what the function it was until they announced the plan of expansion; consider the fact that two house owners whose houses are adjacent to freedom house moved out just after the announcement of expansion of the Freedom House. There is **a high risk of lowering down the house value in the Parkside subdivision**. Someone may state that there is no impact of house values based on the previous sales of house in Parkside. But keep in mind that almost no one knows about the Freedom House's real function; that is even true for the Parkside residents before they moved in their houses and before they received the announcement of the expansion. If the Freedom House makes itself in high profile and everyone in the society knows about its real function, it is very likely that buyers will put the houses close to the Freedom House as their last choice. That will definitely impact the house value negatively in Parkside. Please consider all of this when you review this application.

Thank you very much

Tong Ye 



Kay Pearlstein

From: Marc ter Horst [terhorst@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2006 10:38 PM
To: Kay Pearlstein
Subject: Freedom House expansion plans

Dear Kay Pearlstein and the Chapel Hill Planning Department,

I have heard some of the homeowners from the Parkside Neighborhood have been in contact with the Planning Department, expressing concerns about the proposed expansion project at Freedom House. Although I cannot speak for the current Parkside Homeowner's Association Board, my term on the board ended last April so I am familiar with the HOA procedures. The petition and comments expressed by concerned homeowners do not represent a consensus of homeowners and certainly not of the current board. I have confirmed this with three board members. I have been told our board will begin discussing the expansion project later in September at our next HOA meeting.

After looking at the petition, exchanging emails and speaking with other Parkside Homeowners, it appears to me that some people have reached conclusions of the proposed drastic effects the expansion will have on Parkside based on little or no information about the details of the work done at Freedom House or of the specific plans for the expansion. I have seen no evidence to support the expressed concerns about the expansion causing a drop in property values or a significant increase in traffic. Many of the comments I hear are based on the fear of the unknown and a lack of understanding of the service Freedom House provides for our community. I hope to address the HOA at our next meeting by presenting specifics of the expansion plans. Hopefully, this will help my neighbors address their concerns based facts and build upon the good relationship Freedom House has had with Parkside and the Town of Chapel Hill.

Sincerely,
Marc ter Horst
103 Maddry Ct.
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
968-1246

From: rexmercercer@mindspring.com[mailto:rexmercercer@mindspring.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2006 4:07 PM
To: planning
Subject: Freedom House expansion

To the Planning Department:

I understand there will be a Public Information session this evening to discuss the expansion of the Freedom House on New Stateside Drive. Since I will be unable to attend the session, I wanted to express my thoughts to you about the proposed expansion. I have lived at 406 New Parkside Drive, very near the Freedom House property, for six years. I have never been aware of any neighborhood problems associated with the facility. I believe the organization provides an extremely valuable service to our town, and I have no reason for opposing the expansion of their services.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Rex Mercer
406 New Parkside Drive
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From: Lixin Yao
202 New Parkside Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Date: August 27th, 2006

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to you regarding the proposed expansion of Freedom House near Homestead Park. I do think people addicted to substances need help to recover. However, I also think something is not right about the proposal.

When the facility was established in 1970's, the areas surrounding it were just woods, not residential subdivisions. It appears to me the founders of the facility and town of Chapel Hill had guidelines to have such kind of buildings located in an isolated place. Now, a lot of houses have been put near to Freedom House. But it is still not so prominent given its current state. There will be a big difference if the facility expands as planned. They are adding three buildings, probably doubling the current space. I think, after expansion, such guidelines will be broken. Even if there were no written guidelines, I think it's a good principle not to have rehab centers located right next to residential neighborhoods in a high profile manner.

The Freedom House is proposing to add three buildings on top of existing four structures. The space is probably doubled. But only two beds will be added. It seems to me that the overhead of the non-profit organization will be greatly increased. The staff-patient ratio will be much increased. Is the expansion really justified?

I hope the Town Council will not approve the expansion proposal of Freedom House.

Thank you.

Yours truly,


Lixin Yao