

To Mayor, Town Manager, Town Council, and Planning Board

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Subject Grove Park {Town House Expansion}

From Caroline Warren Donnan and Richard F. Donnan

We have lived at 301B Hillsborough St. for over 57 years. Caroline's father bought this property in 1917 and created a beautiful wild flower garden. The property contains three houses. We raised four children here. We have seen Hillsborough St. change from a dirt road to its present state. Our major concern is the safety of the young people in our neighborhood. Cars continue to speed on Hillsborough St. We would like to see a three way stop sign be put at the intersection of North St. and Hillsborough St.

We understand that a fence would be put up between Grove Park and Central Park Condos. We think this would prevent the 150 people who live in Central Park from using the free buses that go up and down Hillsborough St. and would cause them to trespass thru property in the Historic District.

We are also concerned about the increased density of this project. The number of people and cars will increase three times present size. We think that Chapel Hill is a special place to live and we are different from most University towns in that our homes are close to town and the University. We would like for the height of the building be limited to three stories in this area.

We would hope that all of you who make these decisions can look back ten years from now and say that you made Chapel Hill a better place to live.

Thank You,

Caroline W. Donnan
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