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From: Emily Dickens
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2004 12:15 PM
To: Amy Harvey
Subject: FW: MLK Comment.
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From: Emily Dickens
Sent: Wednesday, November 17, 2004 12:14 PM
To: Bill Strom; Cam Hill; Dorothy Verkerk (dverkerk@nc.rr.com); Ed Harrison; Edith Wiggins; Jim Ward; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt; Sally Greene (sally@ibiblio.org)
Subject: MLK Comment.

Mrs. Joan Carlow of 881 Airport has been a resident for 23 years, is 85, legally blind and a former university employee who does not want to spend her dying years trying to change over to a new address. She is heavily in favor of naming a building or something else other than a road after Dr. King. Her phone number is 929-3518. She insists her opinion is not based on race, but on cost effectiveness. She can't spend from 85-86 changes addresses, even informing the crematory that she intends to use about the change.

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From: Emily Dickens
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 11:55 AM
To: Amy Harvey
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From: Brian Voyce [mailto:b.d.voyce@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 16, 2004 11:48 AM
To: Kevin Foy; edithwiggins@nc.rr.com
Subject: Thank you

Dear Mayor Foy and Councilperson Wiggins:

I want to thank you for the sensitivity and political courage you have exhibited throughout the charged issue of finding a municipal tribute to the memory of Dr. King. You have exemplified the best in Chapel Hill politics. (I would be glad to say these remarks before the entire council, but only with your consent and with your advice as to when to do so)

I do feel that members of our community have limited the possibilities, and thereby limited the results in finding a suitable tribute. I note that the focus was on renaming a particular road and did you not look at naming as well. If the town committee had done so, it could have considered as a candidate the road that will become more prestigious than Airport Road and will be known far wider.

I speak of the soon-to-be main entrance road to Carolina North off Airport Rd. This road has the added advantage that it will go from Chapel Hill into Carrboro, unlike

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Airport Road. This road engages the university, as well as the town, in an act of tribute as well, unlike Airport Road. How fitting, a 21st century public academic venture could have an entrance and thoroughfare dedicated to a leader in civil justice, a leader concerned for the rights of individuals of all colors and all backgrounds, a leader concerned about local, as well as national, government oppression. That address, joining the name of Dr. King with the University and Chapel Hill, will be on correspondence sent throughout the world. A renamed Airport Road will not get such attention.

Unfortunately, this far better tribute to Dr. King won't happen because the committee seemed to start and to stay with a limited vision of a Dr. King tribute.

What if Dr. King had limited his vision when he began his quest for civil justice? How poorer would we be today?

As Dr. King said, in one of his lesser-known quotes, "Rarely do we find men who willingly engage in hard, solid thinking. There is almost a universal quest for easy answers and half-baked solutions. Nothing pains some people more than having to think."

Brian D. Voyce

Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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Thank you.

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From: Sandy Cook
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 1:38 PM
To: Amy Harvey
Subject: FW: Citizen Comment RE: Renaming of Airport Road
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From: Joyce Smith
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 11:29 AM
To: Sandy Cook
Subject: FW: Citizen Comment RE: Renaming of Airport Road



Joyce A. Smith
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From: Carol Abernethy **On Behalf Of** Cal Horton
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 10:39 AM
To: 'Bill Kennedy'
Cc: George Small; Bruce Heflin; Cal Horton; Catherine Lazorko; Emily Dickens; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Toni Pendergraph; Bill Strom; Cam Hill; Dorothy Verkerk ; Ed Harrison; 'Edith Wiggins'; 'Jim Ward'; Jim Ward (w) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; Sally Greene (w)
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*Carol Abernethy
Exec. Asst., Manager's Office
Town of Chapel Hill*

From: Bill Kennedy [mailto:wjkenne@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 7:49 AM
To: wjkenne@bellsouth.net
Subject: Renaming of Airport Road

I am writing in opposition to the renaming of Airport Road in Chapel Hill. I am a property owner with an Airport Road address. This change will cause an unnecessary expense on me and I strongly oppose any changes in the name of this road. There is no compelling reason to change the name of this road. I urge all members of the Special Committee to vote against the name change.

I urge you to forward this email to all members of the Special Committee to Consider Renaming Airport Road. I would be interested in learning how you and the other members of the Special Committed vote on this matter.

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From: Carol Abernethy **On Behalf Of** Cal Horton
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 10:36 AM
To: 'slargent@largentconsulting.com'
Cc: George Small; Bruce Heflin; Cal Horton; Catherine Lazorko; Emily Dickens; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Toni Pendergraph; Bill Strom; Cam Hill; Dorothy Verkerk ; Ed Harrison; 'Edith Wiggins'; 'Jim Ward'; Jim Ward (w) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; Sally Greene (w)
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From: stephen largent [mailto:slargent@largentconsulting.com]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2004 6:19 PM
To: editor@nando.com; letterch@heraldsun.com; editdesk@unc.edu; Manager
Subject: "Special Committee to Consider the Renaming of Airport Road"

Newspaper recipients, please incorporate this letter into your next edition; Mr. Horton, please forward this letter to the mayor and town council.
Thank you,

Stephen D. Largent

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Stephen D. & Virginia F. Largent

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November 7, 2004

The News and Observer/Chapel Hill News
The Durham Herald/The Chapel Hill Herald
The Daily Tar Heel
Mr. W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager

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letterch@heraldsun.com
editdesk@unc.edu
manager@townofchapelhill.org

To whom it may concern:

I am a member of the "Special Committee to Consider the Renaming of Airport Road" in Chapel Hill. To date, this committee has met for fifteen hours over the course of two consecutive days. By lunchtime of the first day it was obvious that those advocating the name change greatly outnumbered those opposing the name change (I believe the count at that time was 16 for versus 3 against). It should be noted that the 3 against are the only committee members that are residents and/or business owners with property fronting Airport Road. Some of the committee members are not even from Chapel Hill.

I **DO NOT** believe that this committee represents a true cross section of the residents of Chapel Hill. I **DO** believe that the committee member selection process was seriously diseased. The town council knew who was going to serve on the committee and what their biases would be. I believe that this committee is intentionally stacked with members in favor of the name change. The mayor and town council members on the committee tried to lead me to believe that the selection process was objective and non-biased; however, as I look back over the last 15 meeting-hours, I realize that this is just not true.

A great deal of time and money has been expended by the town council assembling the committee and engaging the services of the facilitators. With the outcome so predictable, I have to ask, why are we even having these meetings?

On a positive note, I found it very stimulating to partake in open conversations and discussions with African Americans about Civil Rights and the abuses of Civil Rights. For me, this brought about a new perspective of the humiliation and disrespect that the African American community has suffered. I do hope that, out of this series of meetings, positive steps can be taken to address these very real and disturbing racial issues.

It is now more important to me than ever before that Dr. Martin Luther King be honored by Chapel Hill in a significant manner. To honor him using recommendations stemming out of a flawed process is just not the way to do it.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen D. Largent

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From: Bill Kennedy [mailto:wjkenne@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2004 10:04 AM
To: Kevin Foy
Subject: Fwd: Renaming of Airport Road

***** BEGIN FORWARDED MESSAGE *****

On 11/9/2004 at 7:48 AM Bill Kennedy <wjkenne@bellsouth.net> wrote:

From: Bill Kennedy <wjkenne@bellsouth.net>
To: wjkenne@bellsouth.net
Date: Tue, 09 Nov 2004 07:48:54 -0500
Subject: Renaming of Airport Road

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**in learning how you and the other members of the Special Committed
vote on this matter.**

***** END FORWARDED MESSAGE *****

Amy Harvey

From: Keyserling, Thomas [Thomas_Keyserling@med.unc.edu]
Sent: Monday, November 08, 2004 10:43 PM
To: Amy Harvey
Subject: RE: Additional Citizen Comments
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I don't know if the committee is still taking comments from citizens...if they are, I would appreciate it if you could pass this along to the committee members with a cc to the mayor. I think you ver/ much.

-----Original Message-----

From: Amy Harvey [mailto:aharvey@townofchapelhill.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2004 9:29 AM
To: Amy Harvey; Aidan Smith; Ashley Osment; Bishop L. Gene Hatley; Brenda Brown; Creighton Irons; Curtis Harper; Jesse Gibson; Justin Coleman; Mae McLendon; Sheila Mikhail; Stephen Largent; Tom Jensen; Yonni Chapman
Cc: Town Council; Cal Horton; Flo Miller; Bruce Heflin; Catherine Lazorko; Ralph Karpinos; Joyce Smith; Emily Dickens; Calvin Allen; Chantelle Fisher-Borne; Graig Meyer; Gita Gulkiti-Partee
Subject: Additional Citizen Comments

Good Morning

This email is being sent to the members of the Special Committee to Consider Renaming Airport Road. It is also being copied to the Focus Group members and other citizens who have interests in this topic. This information will also be posted to the Town's website at <http://townhall.townofchapelhill.org/agendas/airportrenaming/Contents.htm>.

Attached are the citizens comments that we have received since November 1, also included are several letters that we overlooked in the November 1 mailing.

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Assistant Clerk

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To: Special Committee to Consider Renaming Airport Rd.

From: Thomas C. Keyserling, MD, MPH

Date: 11/8/04

Re: Additional Thoughts

I am writing to offer some additional thoughts for consideration with regard to renaming Airport Road in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I am not writing to voice an opinion either for or against the renaming of this road. I do wish to point out, however, that I think renaming the road, though certainly a tribute to Dr. King and his legacy, may not be the most appropriate way to honor his many contributions to this community and our country. So, please consider the following, which could be done in addition to naming the road in his honor or instead of naming the road in his honor. The idea here is that instead of attaching his name to a street, which once done is a fairly static honor, an alternative or an additional way to honor him would be to develop a program to challenge our citizens to live up to the ideal and ideas that he advocated.

I propose that the city commit a sum of money to be used as seed money for a fund raising drive to create a Chapel Hill Foundation to honor Dr. King's legacy. I, for one, would make a substantial contribution to this Foundation, and I think many others would do the same. I would propose a minimum fundraising goal of \$250,000, but a larger amount might be possible. The interest from this fund, could then be used to honor the efforts of those in our community who aspire to the ideals set forth by Dr. King. Of course, the specifics would have to be set forth by a committee, but I could envision, the following types of awards (assuming interest of about \$10,000 per year).

- Elementary schools: an essay contest for 5th graders on a topic related to Dr. King's life (could vary each year). There would be a \$50 award for the best essay in each school or \$450.
- Middle schools: an award for one student (\$100) in each school and one organization in each school (\$200) that best exemplify the life and efforts of Dr. King. \$300 per school or \$1200.
- High Schools: two awards for individual students (\$100 each) and two awards for organizations (\$200 each) that best exemplify the life and efforts of Dr. King. (\$1200)
- UNC: two awards for individuals (\$250 each) and two awards for organizations (\$500 each) that best exemplify the life and efforts of Dr. King. The individual should include one student and one staff member. (\$1500)

- Community at large: two awards for individuals (\$500 each) and two awards for organizations (\$1000) that best exemplify the life of and efforts of Dr. King. (\$3000)