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From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 11:54 AM
To: 'Sue Field'
Cc: Woodrow Barfield; Andrea Rohrbacher; Cam Hill; Dianne Bachman; Doug Schworer; Mike McSwain; Sally Greene (sally@sallygreene.org); Terri Tyson; Thatcher Freund; 'Rudy Juliano'; Pat Evans; Bill Strom; Dorothy Verkerk; Ed Harrison; Flicka Bateman ; Jim Ward (W) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; 'Jim Ward'; 'Edith Wiggins (rr)'; Toni Pendergraph; Cal Horton; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Sonna Loewenthal; mngrintern; Emily Dickens
Subject: RE: SAVE CHAPEL HILL'S CHARACTER

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Carol Abernethy
 Exec. Asst., Manager's Office
 Town of Chapel Hill

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

From: Sue Field [mailto:suefield@email.unc.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 10:35 AM
To: Town Council; Tommy Field; Kelly Field; Sue Field
Subject: SAVE CHAPEL HILL'S CHARACTER

Dear Town Council Members,

RE: An placed in the *Chapel Hill Newspaper* that was paid for by the Gimghoul area Homeowners Association.

I am a lifelong Chapel Hill resident. I graduated from the University in 1971 and never moved away. I have worked for UNC Academic Affairs Library for over 25 years. My husband has worked for UNC Hospitals for over 30 years now. We have a 17 year-old daughter, and we live in a house on Hayes Road that is on the edge of Glen Lennox. I tell you this just so you know that I am a permanent resident who loves my home town.

My colleagues at Davis Library, drawn from other parts of the country, have always expressed admiration for the support the people of North Carolina give toward the education of their children. Instead of being caught in the loop of poverty, North Carolina voters have time after time voted to clear a escape path from poverty and illiteracy and allow their children to receive a first-rate education.

Over the years I have stood by too quietly as a town member. I've watched while the powers that be built more lanes onto Columbia Street, made it one-way. This was supposed to help traffic. No, those one-way highways by the hospital complex and the Credit Union are fast-lanes that do nothing good for our town or campus.

I watched the Meadowmont debate. At least the Town Council *tried* to save the town from a major mistake. Do you really think that Meadowmont is a village where

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you can walk anywhere? With million dollar condos at the top of those gigantic hills, there will not be people walking to do their shopping. Not that the landscaping isn't nice from the highway side; and runners, walkers and bikers must like the pathways. But Meadowmont seems to me a beached whale. It just doesn't do our town justice.

I am not saying there are not great people on the Council now. I *am* saying, however, that the determined Council that existed in the 60's, who put an *END* to billboards was an incredible and dedicated group of town protectors. How many towns can boast the determination to hold on to an ideal? Go to Raleigh or take a trip and see all the billboards you see everywhere else.

But it takes determination to stay true to the heart of a place because in a University community there are new people coming in every day who may have been drawn to the tradition of excellence and attitudes of tolerance here, but they haven't lived it. I have even heard people say things like: "Well, growth is bound to happen here eventually so we might as well vote for this (subdivision)." I encourage you to remember: NO IT DOESN'T HAVE TO HAPPEN, NOT IF THERE IS COMMITMENT AND PEOPLE TO STAND UP FOR WHAT'S RIGHT FOR OUR COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

Sometimes it feels like we are barely a community any more. We've gotten bigger. I hardly see my neighbors on a regular basis. So we have alot working against keeping Chapel Hill a special place.

And people like Chancellor Moeser aren't the enemy as much as they are people who just moved here. You can't expect newcomers to have the pulse of a place. It takes people who *know* what we have to lose. The newcomers may not ever know what those losses are because they have been "moving on." You can't be part of something if you perceive that what you have to give is to change it. So we don't have to blame these people who may be short-sighted, but -- you know what? -- the University is our town too, for good or bad. If we don't keep some of the Village in tact, if we don't nail down some of the Chapel Hill spirit, all we'll have left are the sports teams with any tradition to advertise us.

Maybe that is all we are left with even now. If you read the *Princeton Review 351 Best Colleges* (2004 ed), you'll read that people love their Tar Heels. And that's fine, but don't we want the blurb to also say "Chapel Hill maintains its small-town Southern hospitality and community-mindedness even as it serves a large international, multicultural University, retirement and town community. It is a well-cared for town, a place to grow up *and* grow old."

You are on the Council, I'm not. We need you to take care of us, to take care of our town and the University within it. Don't let Chapel Hill become nothing more than a paved receptacle holding this burgeoning, ever-evolving University in it -- with the character sucked out of it by the many economic and political forces and pressures at work.

A chiller plant on campus? More fastlanes going into town?

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I vote no. Town character? Great tradition? Somebody has to step up to the plate and take care of Chapel Hill (the town and the gown).

Thank God that there are still people who are speaking up -- even if self-interest is the only motivation. Chapel Hill wasn't about class at one time. It was the gathering place; your password was getting in the University or working here or being attached to the University or the Hospital. We're a company town.

We in Chapel Hill have *so much* to lose if we don't help the University keep its marbles. The tax payers of this State have mandated the University here to be great which gives you, our Council a ringing mandate to make this not a 4-year halucination but a real place of living, not just learning. So when a chiller plant and fast-lanes threaten the town, you say no. But you help them find a better place. Why can't town-gown be a team? We're going to grow, we're going to live up to being the best education for the money of any public university anywhere. But you, the Town Council, need to take the high road and help find solutions to these problems, not just throw up your hands and tell the University to go away. You are the conservators of this place. And this town, this University town, is a very special place.

Take good care,
Sue Field

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Joyce Smith

From: Emily Dickens
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 3:01 PM
To: Pat Evans; Bill Strom; Dorothy Verkerk; Ed Harrison; Edith Wiggins; Flicka Bateman (fbateman@nc.rr.com); Jim Ward; Mark Kleinschmidt; Kevin Foy; Toni Pendergraph (E-mail); Bill Stockard; Cal Horton (E-mail); Carol Abernethy; Flo Miller (E-mail); Joyce Smith (E-mail); Ralph Karpinos (E-mail); Sonna Loewenthal (E-mail)
Cc: Cam Hill; Woodrow Barfield; Andrea Rohrbacher; Diane Bachman; Doug Schworer; Mike McSwain; Rudy Juliano; Sally Greene; Terri Tyson; Thatcher Freund
Subject: FW: Cobb Deck: Take your time

Emily M. Dickens, Esq.
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 Town of Chapel Hill
 919-968-2888 ext. 225

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

From: Nancy Whittington [mailto:whittington@mindspring.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 5:17 PM
To: Kevin Foy
Subject: Cobb Deck: Take your time

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

Like many of my neighbors I missed several important meetings while taking a long-planned two-week annual vacation during the late summer. Reading the newspapers on my return, I was dismayed to learn of "deals" the University had proposed which trade off one area of town for another. I know that you all care passionately about bike lanes and a town-sized approach into Chapel Hill on Columbia Street rather than super 4 -lanes cutting a swath into campus. I do too, but this kind of horse trading between town and gown, chancellor and mayor is offensive, not the way to go about things and a bad example to our children.

Let's return to the parking decks at hand. The air is very much clearer in Yosemite where I was in early August, and there are wide views which help distill thoughts. What remains troubling to me after all our public meetings and discussions (and I hated to miss any) is that the UNC transportation consultant, George Alexiou's findings do not accurately portray the traffic situation on Country Club Rd. as we Gimghoul neighbors know from our daily experience. This is important because he will be advising UNC and offering evidence to the town as well on a variety of future projects.

I knew this to be true at the first Town Council meeting in June when he presented his findings of "mild inconvenience" to Gimghoul residents entering and leaving Gimghoul and estimating extra seconds instead of minutes as we all know. And in the animated computer diagram of the intersection that he presented at the first town and gown session at the Paul Green Theater, those moving white dots representing cars never seemed to stop moving. No cars turning left into Paul Green Drive ever caused a backup. Cars never stacked up on Gimghoul to wait to turn right or left. No pedestrians pushed walk buttons that caused traffic to stop and back-up. No school buses stopped to unload. All the little cars just kept on humming along, three or four at a time. We all know that this would actually *not* be the case, just as we know that the trees in the buffer between the cemetery and parking

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deck won't have leaves for a number of months of the year to shield it from view.

At the first town and gown session I asked that we slow down and look at the traffic situation, all of us, (much like a field trip to Greensboro) once 20,000 students return and classes and campus activities begin again in full force. Will you consider honoring my request?

I feel strongly that the traffic situation with all its implications to the town and adjacent neighborhoods needs more scrutiny that George Alexiou has provided. I would like to know on what actual observation, experience and "data collecting" he bases his findings on. Being an artist I am a keen observer and I am willing to help in the gathering and reexamining of the traffic situation in this sensitive corridor. Just as you listened with your ears to the noise of an existing chiller plant, I invite you to visit together and observe with your eyes the traffic in September and imagine increasing the level.

Sincerely,
Nancy Whittington

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From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 6:05 PM
To: 'Louis D. Billionis'
Cc: Pat Evans; Bill Strom; Dorothy Verkerk; Ed Harrison; Flicka Bateman ; Jim Ward (W) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; 'Jim Ward'; 'Edith Wiggins (rr)'; Toni Pendergraph; Cal Horton; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Sonna Loewenthal; mngrintern; Emily Dickens; Woodrow Barfield; Andrea Rohrbacher; Cam Hill; Dianne Bachman; Doug Schworer; Mike McSwain; Sally Greene (sally@sallygreene.org); Terri Tyson; Thatcher Freund; 'Rudy Juliano'
Subject: RE: Cobb Chiller Plant/Parking Deck

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From: Louis D. Billionis [mailto:billionis@email.unc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 4:23 PM
To: Cal Horton
Subject: Cobb Chiller Plant/Parking Deck

Dear Mr. Horton,

As a member of the university's faculty and a neighbor of the university, I have approached the proposed Cobb Chiller Plant/Parking Deck with two minds. I care deeply about the university's well-being, which depends in no small measure on its dedication to the needs of its employees, students, and visitors. I care deeply, too, for the well-being of the town and its neighborhoods, which depends on a sensitive appreciation of the needs of its residents and visitors. I have followed the ongoing exploration of the university's proposal closely. The more I have heard, the more I have become convinced that the proposed parking deck is unsupportable and should be rejected outright. Let us be clear: The university wishes to increase its parking capacity in the Cobb location, and the increase stands to be substantial once one accounts for the turning over of spaces during various periods of the day. Any benefit to the university that comes from increasing parking capacity in that location is greatly outweighed by the damage it will do to the environs. The area in question already is unruly, unpleasant, and unsafe (I choose mild terms -- the situation is often worse) for motorists and pedestrians alike. Those who would propose to increase the volume of traffic there -- and detract from the historic cemetery while at it -- rightly should bear a heavy burden. I fail to see how the university can be said to have come even close to sustaining it. Nor has the university offered serious, feasible proposals that would truly mitigate the harm it would have us endure.

The town's needs and interests are substantial here. They should not be sacrificed so lightly.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,
Louis D. Billionis

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Gene Poveromo

From: Gene Poveromo
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 9:22 AM
To: Gene Poveromo
Subject: FW: parking deck

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From: Cal Horton
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2003 6:25 PM
To: Roger Waldon
Subject: FW: parking deck

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From: sandra eisdorfer [mailto:sandraeisdorfer@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2003 10:51 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: parking deck

I oppose the construction of a parking deck next to the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery because it will increase congestion and compromise a historic landmark.

I am glad to see that the university has finally agreed--because its back was against the wall--to build bicycle and walking paths on South Columbia St. way after having agreed to in the first place. --Sandy Eisdorfer

Gene Poveromo

From: Gene Poveromo
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2003 9:21 AM
To: Gene Poveromo
Subject: FW: University Parking Decks

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From: Cal Horton
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 1:52 PM
To: Mayor pro tem Pat Evans (patevans@bellsouth.net); Council Member Bill Strom (billstrom@nc.rr.com); Council Member Dorothy Verkerk (dverkerk@mindspring.com); Council Member Ed Harrison (ed.harrison@mindspring.com); Council Member Edith Wiggins (edithwiggins@nc.rr.com); Council Member Flicka Bateman (fbateman@nc.rr.com); Council Member Jim Ward (W) (wardjl@email.unc.edu); Council Member Jim Ward (windsorcircle@mindspring.com); Council Member Mark Kleinschmidt (mark@cdpl.org); Mayor Kevin C. Foy (TCH) (kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org)
Cc: Doug Schworer; Woodrow Barfield; Andrea Rohrbacher; Cam Hill; Dianne Bachman; Mike McSwain; Rudy Juliano; Sally Greene; Terri Tyson; Thatcher Freund
Subject: FW: University Parking Decks

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From: Timdempsey17@aol.com [mailto:Timdempsey17@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 9:52 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: University Parking Decks

Isn't it interesting? Earlier this year, widening Columbia Street was so important to the University that the Chancellor was willing to renege on a five-year old commitment to the Town of Chapel Hill. Now, suddenly, Columbia Street is no more than a bargaining chip the Universtiy is willing to toss aside so it can build mid-campus parking decks instead. The Mayor and Town Council members must not allow themselves to be seduced by this ploy. The repercussions of greenlighting the parking decks will be felt for generations. It is a dangerous precedent to set, enabling the University to ignore its own vision statements that imagine a pedestrian-friendly, public transportation supported central campus. The Town must remain firm, expecting the University to honor its prior commitments AND plan in alignment with its vision. Please do not cave in to this power play.

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cc:editor@nando

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Gene Poveromo

From: Roger Waldon
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 8:20 PM
To: Gene Poveromo
Subject: FW: Parking Deck and Chiller Plant Issue

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From: Fred Stang [<mailto:fred@TRIANGLECF.ORG>]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 5:07 PM
To: Kevin Foy; Cal Horton
Subject: Parking Deck and Chiller Plant Issue

Dear Kevin and Cal:

I wanted to let you know that I am concerned about the university's proposal to build a parking deck near the old cemetery and Paul Green theatre. I have one really major concern: it does not fit with the overall goal of reducing vehicular traffic on campus and helping to create a sustainable development plan for campus. I applaud the free bus system and efforts to encourage the use of public transportation, bikes and walkways. I do not believe the town should support plans that increase congestion on campus, through campus or near neighborhoods.

I believe the chiller plant can be designed and located in or near the proposed site with limited impact on the cemetery and neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Fred Stang

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From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2003 11:24 AM
To: 'Diana Steele'
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From: Diana Steele [mailto:dianabet@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2003 9:06 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: No 'deal', No deck, Better solutions

My understanding of Monday's Town/UNC discussions is that: although the UNC representatives did indeed present their possible getting out of the way of the South Columbia Street improvements as part of a 'deal', the Town's representatives made it clear that that 'deal' was unacceptable and that the South Columbia Street issue must be separated from the University's request to make modifications in their approved development plan. I took the 'de-linking' references to refer to that separation. The media and some of my neighbors did not understand it the way I did.

If UNC does support the speedy implementation of the South Columbia Street improvements, they will be honoring an agreement they made five years ago. How on earth can they expect any reward for being true to their word other than some tentative return of respect and perhaps trust?

So, what progress has UNC actually made since Monday's meeting toward getting those South Columbia Street improvements started? That will be a measure of their sincerity.

UNC says---almost as a threat---that if they unblock and help push through the South Columbia Street plan, then they will have to start factoring in the proposed new south road.

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The new southern road is a huge component of the Master Plan. Why on earth don't they ALREADY have it under study?

UNC says that the need for the Jackson Circle parking increase is urgent---so urgent that they must scrap that particular part of their once loved Master plan, including some aesthetically and efficiently designed buildings with the parking underneath, in order to cram in yet another parking deck. This would be a permanent structure (I assume) to provide temporary (18 months, more or less) spaces for the 600 vehicles which will be displaced when the Bell Tower lot is closed while they convert it from 600 surface to 1000 decked parking spaces. But the nearby Ram's Head parking space will be open by then. How many spaces will be there?

Surely there are ways to get more people to central campus without starting to erode UNC's own Master and Development plans! About 90% of the vehicles coming and going in the Mason Farm/Oteys/Westwood/South Columbia/Purefoy neighborhoods are single occupancy vehicles. One car, one driver.

Caroline Elfland's excellent and increasingly effective incentive transit program has provided one example of how to help us move into the future. It will probably lead to even more people learning how to live in the 21st century, with fewer cars, and people learning alternative ways to get where they want to be.

Moeser is quoted in this morning's CHNews as saying that the Cobb/Gimghoul area becomes a student cruising area in the late afternoon.

Why is that possible? Surely there are ways of dealing with that without adding yet more traffic. Shouldn't those people be using the Manning Drive surface parking?

I'm off to Hillsborough for jury duty.

Thank you for listening.

Diana Steele

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Joyce Smith

From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2003 10:39 AM
To: 'Steven Moore'
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From: Steven Moore [mailto:smoore@wpo.nccu.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 19, 2003 9:12 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Sham Compromise Agreement !!!!!!!

Vote against the sham compromise proposal that the town and gown committee is putting forward. It amounts to nothing but cheapshot blackmail. The University is only proposing to agree to abide by its agreement made in 1998 on Columbia Street - and that is about all that is really changed - how gracious that their word is now conditional !!!

Their compromise on the Cobb invasion is to set back the parking deck 10 more feet - truly negligible by any standard - and to marginally decrease the size of the parking deck (but also add back more surface spaces) . This is nothing new and should be treated as such.

A vote for this sham compromise is a vote against Chapel Hill and its residents - but a vote to compliment the strong arm tactics of the University who wants to overwhelm the town as it pleases!!!

Vote to deter the Cobb proposal and the deleterious impact on the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery and the citizens/voters of Chapel Hill on August 25!!!

Steve Moore

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From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2003 10:39 AM
To: 'Diana Steele'
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From: Diana Steele [mailto:dianabet@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2003 11:31 PM
To: Kevin Foy; Wiggins Edith; Strom Bill; Verkerk Dorothy; Town Council
Subject: They're still talking cars, not people!

To Mayor Foy and Town Council members Strom and Wiggins (and earlier, Verkerk) and others:

I was struck by the strength and depth of your articulate participation in the Town/UNC discussion on Friday. Thank you again and continuingly for your energetic contributions to this process.

I'm trying to put something together for tomorrow and/or the Council meeting, but my thoughts keep running all over each other. Here are some of my bits and pieces.

The importance of making the South Columbia Street improvements for their own sake must be emphasized, and not as part of a deal, but because following through on that plan is the Right Thing to do. (Easy for me to say?) When UNC gets back on board on that project, there might be some restoration of belief in the University's good faith. Their gain can be in trust and respect, but not in the Town's approval of a band-aid parking deck for even more single occupancy vehicles to fill a short-term gap! Please. Sometimes I think that they need to be saved from themselves.

Just because UNC handlers might belatedly come to their senses about the South Columbia Street improvements doesn't mean that the Town needs to approve UNC's ill-advised request to attract even more vehicles through the perimeter neighborhoods to new cement slabs in the center of campus.

What happened to the admirable goal of moving PEOPLE where they want to go? Vehicles

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using the parking currently available in and around the hospital complex rarely have passengers in them. It's the driver alone in his machine. Isn't THAT where to cut down the alleged need for more parking? Share cars? Vanpools? Don't HOV's get any incentive? How about more?

The proposed Jackson Circle deck is unjustified. There must be better ways to deal with the short-term disruption caused by the conversion of the Bell Tower Deck from surface to deck parking. How long will that conversion actually take? A year? 18 months? 24?

For that short-term purpose, UNC wants to overrule its own Master Plan, deleting the sensible and aesthetic under-the-building parking so they can slam up yet another layered block of car storage places? Boy, is that regressive! What would Adam Gross say?

Will they be tearing that (Jackson Circle) deck down two years later when the Bell Tower deck opens? Is this cost-efficient? Surely they can do better than that.

Possible approaches (a combination of?):

make current surface Jackson circle parking HOV only = additional people, not cars?

negotiate to temporarily borrow some of the 2500 (4000?) student spaces? Students, too, can carpool?

allocate some of the unused spaces in the two monster hospital decks to HOV employees?

Reduce the Manning Drive surface parking area fees for HOVs?

Can Carolyn Elfland expand her excellent success of over 500 fewer parking permit requests?

That trend is really in the spirit of the future. Who has the statistics on how she pulled that off so that it can be continued?

Questions:

How many PEOPLE (not cars) currently arrive by car at each of the current surface parking areas at Cobb, Jackson Circle, Bell Tower?

Couldn't they get those same (or more) people there, by restricting them to multiple occupancy vehicles?

Why doesn't UNC take advantage of TTA's vanpool planning? (CHHerald, today/Sunday, 17 Aug, 2003, including how they make sure that individuals can deal with emergencies, if they arise)

Can't SOVs use the unsold spaces at the current Manning surface lot, saving the central campus parking for HOVs and multi-people carriers, thereby transporting more people to their destinations without adding more vehicles?

How long will undergraduates be allotted such a high proportion/number of the available car spaces? This is such a shocker!

You see why I need to tidy this up.

Diana

Thank you for your efforts on the committee and on the Council.

Joyce Smith

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From: Emily Dickens
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2003 12:27 PM
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From: Broadwell.Valerie@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Broadwell.Valerie@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2003 12:24 PM
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Sent: Sunday, August 17, 2003 11:08 AM
To: diane straughn; Joyce; dave otto; barbara morrison; chris stoneman; janis dempsey; jeff qualls; rudy juliano; sandy daston; scott; tim dempsey; tom driscoll; Ahlen, K. Kristina; alice gordon; anita wolfenden; andrea rohrbacher; annie nikbakht; art werner; barbara barnes; barbara chaiken; barbara driscoll; bernadette pelissier; betty cloutier; Bill and Jennifer Strom; bill davis; bill dow; Bill Strom; bjacobs; bob epting; Bob Joesting; bud parsons; burl ware; callie warner; carol orringer; catherine Frank; Chambless, Marianna; Chris van Hasselt; connie mullinix; Dan Coleman; del snow; diana eastwood; Diana McDuffee; diane bloom; diane steele; Don Liner; don stanat; don sweezy; Dorothy Verkerk; Dougstuber@aol.com; Driscoll.Barbara@epamail.epa.gov; Duncan Murrell; durk spruyt; ed.harrison@sfsierra.sierraclub.org; Edward C. Harrison; eleanor engel; ellen virchick; ellie kinnaird; erma kirkpatrick; Ernest & Eva Eliel ; feder; flicka batemen; florry glassser; gay eddy; geri guess; greg gangi; Helburn, Robin S.; holly reid; hunter levinsohn; jan drake; Jane Hawkins; jane shiko; janet kagan; jarol knowles; JayB100695@aol.com; jill blackburn; jim selkirk; jim Ward; jmargolis@mindspring.com; joan page; joe hackney; john eckblad; john morris; john silvasi; Joyce Smith; Judy Bergman; julie mcclintock; June Dunnick; kathy kaufman; Kaufman; kiimberly brewer; larry daquiaoag; Laura silvestri; lee rafalow; lew miles; Lisa Stuckey; ludington; lou lipsitz; margaret brown; margaret heath; Margaret Misch; mark chilton; mark marcoplos; mark sheridan; mary lou liverance; Mia Burroughs; mia kirsh; michelle hoyman; michelle Lewis; milton heath; mohamed serageldin; nancy tilly; Patty Krebs; peg rees; phil berke; phil/mary goodman; polly vanderveld; Ralieggh Mann; Randolph Straughan; ray carpenter; Ren Ivins; renee p; Richard Franck; robert porter; Ruby Sinreich; Sally Greene; Sharon Myers; Steve Bocckino; Sue Foster; susan franklin; tim smith; Tom Gunn; valerie broadwell; vicki boyer
Subject: correction re Chiller Plant petition

Apologies. In my rush to forward the previous email I did not expunge the part of the note referring to Elkins Hills. I live in Coker Hills West and send this information to you as a citizen of Chapel Hill.

Please consider signing the petition. Thanks.

Julie

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From: julie mcclintock [mcclintock.julie@mindspring.com]
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Sent: Saturday, August 09, 2003 4:17 PM
To: Pat Evans; Bill Strom; Dorothy Verkerk; Ed Harrison; Edith Wiggins; Flicka Bateman (fbateman@nc.rr.com); Jim Ward; Mark Kleinschmidt; Kevin Foy; Toni Pendergraph (E-mail); Bill Stockard; Cal Horton (E-mail); Carol Abernethy; Flo Miller (E-mail); Joyce Smith (E-mail); Ralph Karpinos (E-mail); Sonna Loewenthal (E-mail)
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-----Original Message-----

From: Asdeberry@aol.com [mailto:Asdeberry@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2003 3:44 PM
To: Kevin Foy
Subject: Proposed UNC Parking Deck

Dear Kevin,

I urge you to reject the University of North Carolina proposal to build a parking garage behind Cobb Dorm.

I urge you to get them to look at locating the garage on the old Betty Smith property now owned by the University at the corner of Greenwood Road and Raleigh Road. Lots of property that could be completely screened and all cars would be removed from the hazardous corner of Raleigh Road and Country Club Drive.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Arthur S. DeBerry

Cal Horton

From: Field, Tommy [Field@unch.unc.edu]
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2003 1:00 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Chiller

Please say NO to the University's plan to carve up the area of our town near the Gimghoul area. I live about two miles away (Hayes Road) but we all have a stake in preserving what is left of our town's tranquility. I am constantly appalled at the way the university is slowly transforming a once beautiful campus into a parking lot. The Council is our last line of defense. Thanks. Tommy Field 228 Hayes Road Chapel Hill NC 27517.

Cal Horton

From: Sandy Cook
Sent: Friday, August 01, 2003 1:09 PM
To: Cal Horton; Sonna Loewenthal; Flo Miller; Ralph Karpinos; Joyce Smith; PAT EVANS; BILL STROM; Dorothy Verkerk; Ed Harrison; EDITH WIGGINS; FLICKA BATEMAN; JIM WARD; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt
Cc: Woodrow Barfiels; Andrea Rohrbacher; Mike McSwain; Rudy Juliano; Sally Greene; Terri Tyson; Thatcher Freund
Subject: Information about Political Signs attached



Political Sign
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Sandy Cook

Deputy Town Clerk

Town of Chapel Hill

306 N. Columbia Street

Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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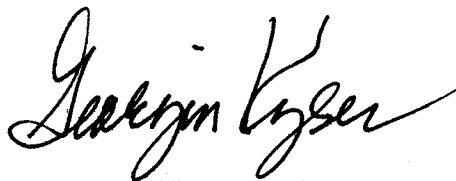
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Mayor and Town Council

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*This letter reflects my
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and

Alice M. Welsh
517 Hooper Lane, Chapel Hill
Chapel Hill resident for 50 yrs.
11/20/12

the University (we consider it our University) that is about to ruin the property value of the homes in the Gimghoul neighborhood. This plan is the most ill-conceived and obvious cover-up for a mistake in planning that was made several years ago. The traffic will be unmanageable and, even though I love living here, some days I do have to leave my street to do necessary errands. It now takes an average of two to five minutes to turn left onto Country Club Road, that is not during the rush hour times in the morning and afternoon. At those times, it can take as much as seven or eight minutes unless some kind person lets me in the left turn lane. I shutter to think of Fire Trucks and EMS vehicles trying to negotiate getting onto Gimghoul during those times.

Of course, the deck will be used in the evening for PlayMakers, on football weekends, for Women's Basketball and all other non-revenue sports played in Carmichael and on the adjacent fields. And, of course, that results in more foot traffic across the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery. Foot traffic that is not respectful to the hallowed place it crosses.

I am sorry that I feel this way; however, I am not alone.

The demise of the Gimghoul Neighborhood and the devaluation of everyone's investments will be noted for a long time. What will be created beside the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery, where my Father and my son are buried, to which I now have no access to tend the graves, and where my Mother, my sister and I will be in the hereafter, is a travesty on the history of Chapel Hill, the University and the State.

As I say, my heart hurts.

With regrets,



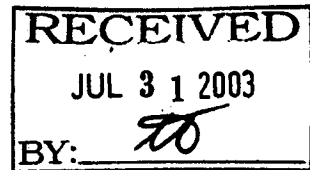
Catherine Berryhill Williams

Enclosure

cc: Members of the University and Town Council Committee

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Eleanor G. Kinnaird
207 W. Poplar Ave.
Carrboro NC 27510
27 July 2003



Scan to M&TC

Chancellor James Moeser
South Building
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill NC 27599

Dear Chancellor Moeser:

I write as a resident of Chapel Hill-Carrboro since 1964. My concern is the disturbance of the central part of the campus with the plans for a parking deck and chiller installation.

I have watched as proposals such as this, which would intrude and greatly change the old campus, have been proposed and, thankfully, been defeated. The response of the residents of the town and people who have been associated with the University for many years have been effective in the past in protecting this most precious part of the campus. I urge you to rethink these plans. Certainly the care and love for this part of campus on the part of so many people should be respected by the administration and Board of Trustees. Please find another solution to the structures other than jeopardizing the center of our historic campus.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Ellie Kinnaird".

Ellie Kinnaird

Copies: Chapel Hill Town Council
UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees

(5-30)

Gene Poveromo

From: D.W. Misch [dwmisch@email.unc.edu]
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2003 1:18 PM
To: "jmoeser@unc.edu"
Subject: Parking Deck & Cemetary

Dear Chancellor Moeser:

I have been following the controversy over placement of a parking deck and chiller plant adjacent to the cemetery now surrounded by university property. I too feel a certain unease about the proposed location of the new structures and because of that have a proposal which could be a workable compromise.

The parking deck and plant could be placed across the street from the cemetery, largely below street level, where playing fields are located. The recreational space could be reconstructed, turf and all, on the roof of the deck. This location would permit a large deck of only two levels not exceeding street level in height. And the cost? In part, I suppose, to be balanced by the maintenance of good relations between the town and the university.

With most sincere regards,

Donald W. Misch
Associate Professor of Biology

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[REDACTED]
716 Gimghoul Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
July 22, 2003

Kevin Foy, Mayor
19 Oakwood Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Dear Mayor Foy:

I am writing to express my objections to the [REDACTED] chiller plant between Country Club Road and Raleigh Road. If implemented, such a plan would disturb the nearby historic cemetery, disrupt the beauty of the historic UNC campus with noise and smoke plumes, and add to congestion and gridlock at peak traffic times, blocking the only public access route to the historic Gimghoul neighborhood.

First, the proposed parking deck and chiller facility would be adjacent to the University's historic cemetery, founded in 1793, twenty-six years before the incorporation of Chapel Hill in 1819. Containing the graves of both the University's and the town's early leaders as well as some of the oldest families in Chapel Hill, the UNC cemetery is a place of spiritual contemplation, where burials are still conducted. The peace and quiet of the cemetery would be disrupted by car alarms as well as the noise and smoke of the proposed chiller plant. A brief visit to the chiller facility at the University Medical Center demonstrates the very loud whirring noise of industrial turbine fans and the thirty to forty foot plumes of white smoke that can be seen rising above the units on humid days. Such a facility would bring the unsettling sights and piercing sounds of an industrial zone next to the University's hallowed burial ground and historic district.

The proposed parking deck and chiller facility would also disrupt the beauty and architectural cohesion of the UNC campus, chartered in 1789. The University is widely and justifiably regarded at one of the nation's most scenic public universities. While the school's physical beauty is one of its enduring strengths, it is a quality that can be easily lost. For example, the proposed construction plan calls for the destruction and replacement of the existing historic stone walls with heightened and reinforced walls to surround the cemetery. High, fortress-like walls would run counter to the low, natural stone walls that are a quintessential part of UNC's charm. Nor are high walls historically compatible with the architectural period when the stone walls were originally built during the early 1800s. High walls symbolize separation and division, rather than the inclusion and openness that are part of the University's mission. The graveyard should not need to be separated and protected from an industrial zone.

Last, the proposed parking deck is meant to alleviate driver inconvenience and traffic congestion, but it would likely result in exactly the opposite. Already, the left turn lane from Country Club Road onto South Road is congested and backed up from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. A parking deck with its entrance on Country Club would only exacerbate this

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situation. Cars would have a difficult time even exiting from the parking deck and reaching Country Club Road. Indeed, the higher volume of cars going to and from the proposed parking deck would necessarily increase traffic and slow the existing, highly efficient University bus system. If a parking deck and gridlock are to exist, a more logical entrance and exit would be on Raleigh Road.

A more rational and longer-term solution to the University's parking dilemma would see more remote parking lots and increased frequency of the Park and Ride bus service. If one looks at the existing parking lot on the north side of South Road near the Friends Meeting House and preschool, one would see the existing problems with UNC parking lots affecting both the Friends Meeting House and the Gimghoul neighborhood: bright headlights, frequent car alarms, beer bottles, and unsightly trash. In the past years, the University has done nothing to alleviate this problem affecting the Gimghoul Historic District, nor has it created a sound barrier to block the traffic noise and car alarms from this existing parking lot. This inaction demonstrates the likely response to future problems with the proposed parking deck.

The University has a beautiful campus, but people are already saying that the bulldozer has replaced the ram as the school's mascot. Let's not allow rampant construction to destroy the quiet peace of the UNC cemetery or the neighborhood calm on the Gimghoul Historic District, the Battle Park area, and the Coker Arboretum to achieve short-sighted goals. It is my hope that the Chapel Hill Town Council will vote unanimously during its next session on August 25th to stop the University from constructing a parking deck and chiller plant next to the historic UNC cemetery or the Chapel Hill historic neighborhoods. It is my hope that the University will instead use its resources to enhance its Park and Ride system and that it will maintain its beauty by addressing the problems associated with existing parking facilities near historic neighborhoods.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Benjamin B. Brodey, M.D.
Member Historic District Commission

Carol Abernethy

From: Carol Abernethy
Sent: Friday, July 25, 2003 12:15 PM
To: Pat Evans; Bill Strom; Dorothy Verkerk; Ed Harrison; Flicka Bateman ; Jim Ward (W) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; 'Jim Ward'; 'Edith Wiggins (rr)'
Cc: Toni Pendergraph; Cal Horton; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Sonna Loewenthal; Kirsten Olson; Emily Dickens; Woodrow Barfield; Andrea Rohrbacher; Sally Greene (sallygreene2003@yahoo.com); Terri Tyson; Thatcher Freund; 'Rudy Juliano'
Subject: UNC Park Deck

Ltr fr citizen re UNC Parking Decks



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UNC-CH DECK APPROVAL COMMITTEE

July 25, 2003

SUBJECT: NEW PARKING DECKS AT UNC

DEAR COMMITTEE MEMBERS:



I would like to advocate for an idea that I believe would meet everyone's desires for parking availability at UNC, public transportation use, AND keeping more private vehicles out of the mid-campus areas:

The crux of the plan on the following sheet is this: Build one very large parking deck near the bypass (Manning Lots), design and operate it like an airport or bus terminal, with all areas clearly marked. Have very frequent public transportation to:

- Downtown Chapel Hill
- UNC main campus (north campus—north of South Rd.)
- UNC Hospitals and Ambulatory Care Center
- UNC South campus, and dorms, etc.
- University Mall, etc. as needed and feasible.

Make this deck extremely handicap accessible, well lit, well signed to direct customers to the "bus terminal" departure area of their choice. The Hospitals would provide all Hospitals destination transportation, P2P could provide much of the transport to student dorms, and CHT could provide the rest.

See more details on the next page.

Thank you for your consideration. John Thomas
933-4906

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Manning Deck Public Parking Plan

by
John C. Thomas

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- Build a large (~2000 space) deck with easy access to Fordham Blvd.
- Design a "Bus Terminal" visible and easily accessible along the long side of the deck. Run all routes with the frequency of the FCX—folks are loving that.
 - One section for Healthcare services (UNC Hospitals, Ambulatory Care Cntr., MRI, EPA, etc.)
 - Hospitals will manage this transportation.
 - One section for Campus routes
 - North Campus, South Campus.... Whatever: U and RU may be sufficient.
 - CHT will manage this trans.
 - One section for Town routes.
 - CHT will manage that.
 - One area for P2P pick ups, Disabled, etc.
 - DPS will manage that.
 - Have bus terminal areas clearly marked, signed so folks await the bus to take them where they want to be.
 - Have the deck clearly signed to guide people on foot to proper terminal area.
- Operate the deck as a Daily Pay Parking deck to serve Healthcare System, Campus, and Town.
 - \$1 per hour/ \$6 max per day
 - Allow Patient/ Visitor pay parking
 - Allow Town Visitor pay parking
 - Allow Faculty/ Staff pay parking as long as capacity allows.
 - Allow Student pay parking as long as capacity allows.
- Have Town CH, CHT and Healthcare System help fund the construction of the deck.
- DPS will operate, maintain and get the revenues from the deck.

$$3000/d \times \$6 \times 300 d = \$5.4 \text{ MM/yr.}$$

John Thomas

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Eleanor G. Kinnaird
207 W. Poplar Ave.
Carrboro NC 27510
27 July 2003

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BY: <i>TO</i>

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Chancellor James Moeser
South Building
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill NC 27599

Dear Chancellor Moeser:

I write as a resident of Chapel Hill-Carrboro since 1964. My concern is the disturbance of the central part of the campus with the plans for a parking deck and chiller installation.

I have watched as proposals such as this, which would intrude and greatly change the old campus, have been proposed and, thankfully, been defeated. The response of the residents of the town and people who have been associated with the University for many years have been effective in the past in protecting this most precious part of the campus. I urge you to rethink these plans. Certainly the care and love for this part of campus on the part of so many people should be respected by the administration and Board of Trustees. Please find another solution to the structures other than jeopardizing the center of our historic campus.

Thank you for your consideration.

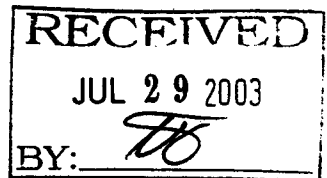
Sincerely,



Ellie Kinnaird

Copies: Chapel Hill Town Council
UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees

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For Mayor and Town Council Members —

Recently, when I came home from a summer trip, I was met with shocking news. I was told that the university was proposing a plan to build a 600-car parking deck in the center of one of the most congested traffic areas of town—and one of its most historically sensitive areas as well. Having lived in the historic district nearby for fifty years, I have watched the disturbing increase in traffic around me.

Coming up the hill on Raleigh Road toward the center of town, we reach the crest and a crossroads with the Institute of Government on the left and the historic Old Chapel Hill Cemetery on the right. Nearby is the historic Gimghoul area, whose only entrance and exit feeds into this heavily traveled area, as does the residential Country Club Road on the other side. This area acts as a gateway to the town and the University and is a true mix of “town and gown,” depending on which side of the road you are on. When all the students are here during morning and late afternoon, this intersection becomes a “bottleneck” of traffic. Adding to the activity is the Paul Green Theater and Dramatic Arts building beside the cemetery. During the school year, plays are performed six times a week and attended by the public and the students.

The proposed deck is planned to sit behind the Paul Green Dramatic Arts building and adjacent dormitories and beside the cemetery. This huge parking deck, taller than the buildings around it, will also include a giant cooling system on top, creating noise as well as bulk, looming over a cemetery which is on the National Register of Historic Places. When there is a funeral or graveside service, will the voices paying tribute to the dead have to compete with the noise from the cooling system?

For over thirty years, the Preservation Society, town boards, and the Historical Society have worked to document and preserve old houses, buildings, rock walls and neighborhoods and have created local and national historic districts. The restoration and documentation of the old cemetery was included in this work. Many of our most distinguished citizens and University graduates are buried here. We did this work not only for us but for future generations to enjoy, reminding us all who we are, where we have been, and giving Chapel Hill a distinctive sense of place and identity.

In looking to the future, our hope is to preserve and maintain our wonderful quality of life in this special place. More congestion and pollution is difficult to contemplate. I am so grateful that we live in an area where we are all free to speak out—to express our fears and stop mistakes before they happen.



Georgia Kyser
Co-Founder with Ida Friday of the
Preservation Society of Chapel Hill

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Carol Abernethy

From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2003 5:43 PM
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Subject: RE: UNC Parking

A copy of your email message has been forwarded to each Council Member.

Carol Abernethy
 Exec. Asst., Manager's Office
 Town of Chapel Hill

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

From: Maja544@aol.com [mailto:Maja544@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 20, 2003 8:18 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: UNC Parking

July 21, 2003
 Mayor Kevin Foy
 Chapel Hill Town Council Member Bill Strom
 Chapel Hill Town Council Member Edith Wiggins
 UNC-CH Vice Chancellor Nancy Sutfenfield
 UNC Trustee Roger Perry
 UNC Trustee Richard Williams

Re: Parking Plans (Deck or other) for UNC-Chapel Hill

I write to encourage the providing of additional parking spaces near UNC-CH buildings. I am neither a UNC nor Duke graduate. I live near Eastgate Plaza off Route 15/501, an ideal location for attending events at both UNC and Duke University. I attend events at Duke in Durham more frequently than at UNC because I can park more easily at Duke within walking distance of buildings.

I certainly recognize that a private university has more financial resources than a public university, but both private Duke and public UNC are outstanding education institutions that offer their surrounding communities outstanding and varied opportunities. One of my strongest reasons for moving to Chapel Hill was the presence of UNC and the proximity of Duke. I would like a safe and easy way to attend UNC cultural events in my own car.

While public mass transit is a good idea for commuters, it usually must be subsidized. And some commuters want to know a car is available for family emergencies and perhaps for daily responsibilities on the way to and from work. Also, walking from a bus stop with packages or at night can be unsafe and/or unfeasible.

More important, I and some others agree with the UNC employees' representative who pointed out that UNC employees work around the clock and need safe parking locations close to where they work. Students also need safety as they go to and from the library and campus events after dark. Employees who live outside of Chapel Hill must drive to work, and employees in general usually expect parking space as part of their employment.

Many folks, myself included, consider the older UNC campus unplanned for traversing in bad weather or darkness. I have attended several UNC Humanities weekends where many have commented about the attractiveness and convenience of

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the newer area around the Business School, where adequate parking is available. While it is not possible to add spacious grounds within the original campus, it is possible to add safety and convenience. Plus, more adequate parking for the public may increase door receipts and public donations.

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If I could solve traffic congestion, I would opt for more fuel-efficient vehicles and alternative fuel sources starting years ago. What we can do within Chapel Hill is update for a more flexible traffic control system as suggested by our Traffic Engineer and support roads with center medians to accommodate both vehicles and pedestrians.

Bicycle lanes are a pleasant feature, but they do not serve a large portion of our population, and many bicyclers are only weekend, fair-weather enthusiasts. Even students who bicycle on campus require cars for off-campus needs and leisure activities.

Please let us not waste time and energy agonizing over whether a building's styling includes traditional pediments or whether a cemetery will survive with more extensive landscape screening than it currently has.

Our world, national, and local population will continue to grow. Our plats and plots will have to change from time to time. More parking will not bring more cars to UNC as much as more parking will make UNC events more safely accessible with lower gasoline emissions from cars circling looking for parking.

With thanks for your consideration,

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Town Manager Cal Horton
Traffic Engineer Kumar Neppalli