

**ATTACHMENT 9
CITIZEN CORRESPONDENCE**

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16 January 2003

Dear Mayor Foy and Council,

Thank you for hearing our Petition requesting consideration of sharing the park site with the 3rd high school yesterday evening. I had several calls from the media in the days leading up to last night's meeting. Each time I had the opportunity to speak on this issue I tried to make it very clear that what we were asking was simply: open and honest "consideration of sharing the park site with the high school." It is true that we would like to see the end result of that consideration be siting both park and school on this, and perhaps adjacent, properties. It may, however, not prove feasible once all factors have been taken into account, and if that is the case, we will accept that outcome.

I want to be clear on something that seems to me to be emerging here. There is what I believe to be a vocal minority who do not want discussion to proceed on this issue. Their priority is park space and they therefore want the park and only the park on this site. There is also a minority who are voicing just the opposite: they see schools as the priority in this town and are asking that a high school be built and tie on the park. Understand please: this has never been the stand that the group I've been working with has taken. I believe the majority of townfolk simply want the idea to be given thorough consideration by reasonable people.

I understand that, should the town decide to move forward on this issue, we should know by the end of the week which department(s) will be assigned to look into it, as well as the date by which they will report back to the Council. I want to express our hope here, that those who comprise the committee (from the Council, the School Board, Parks & Rec., perhaps from the commissioners) be truly open to the possibility that this *just might work*. If a group such as this convenes and gives it their best shot, we will feel that the issue has been given true consideration. As a committee forms to sit down to discuss this, it is our hope that someone from our group will be able to participate. None of us knows whether this idea will work. We do, however, want the opportunity to see if it will.

Again, please accept our thanks for your hearing last night. I was particularly pleased to have such a big crowd there to help with the thanks you extended on the town's behalf to WCHL. It felt wonderful to be there and to be a part of the appreciation and the applause. I'm glad the two items shared the agenda last night.

Kevin, please let me know about our participation in whatever group sits down to look at this issue. Thanks very much.

Sincerely,



Margy Campion

From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2003 10:18 AM
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Subject: RE: regarding the petition to locate the high school at the Southern park

A copy of your email message has been forwarded to each Council Member.
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 Exec. Asst., Manager's Office
 Town of Chapel Hill

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

From: Scott Madry [mailto:scottmadry@mindspring.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2003 12:59 PM
To: Town Council
Cc: Kathryn Spatz; Cal Horton
Subject: regarding the petition to locate the high school at the Southern park

A letter regarding the proposed sharing of the southern community park (SCP) location with the new high school

Dear Mayor Foy, Town Council, Manager Horton, and town staff

I am a member of the Southern Community Park Conceptual Plan Committee, and I have given some consideration to the petition presented on Monday, January, 13, 2003. I was certainly impressed with the turnout of petition supporters. It would be interesting to know the demographics of the supporters. One guess is that a majority may live close to the proposed school site off Old Lystra road (NIMBY) but I don't know that.

I would like to ask you to consider the following ideas as the staff and council review this matter. I have two primary concerns.

The first is that I believe there are serious problems with the basic concept of sharing public park space with a high school. Much has been made of the fact that there are existing 'shared' facilities. But all of these are shared with either elementary or middle schools. I fear that such an arrangement with a high school is a very different matter, and that they are incompatible. Sharing a soccer field with a middle school is not a problem: the students are young and under the supervision of their parents or teachers, and the school is very little utilized after school is closed. Very few students remain on school property, and if they do, they are (or should be) under supervision. Interaction with the public is minimal, as is appropriate. So the 'sharing' really is not sharing. The school is using the space in the day, and the public can use the space after hours and on weekends. There really is no sharing; rather there is separate use in different times of the day and week.

Sharing a public park's facilities with a high school is a very different matter. High schools are utilized much more heavily throughout the day and week. Early morning band practice, sports, evening meetings, play rehearsals, all are an important aspect of high school life. High school students are much more mobile, under far less supervision, and far more likely to be interested in different types of 'activities' outside of school than elementary or middle school students.

I have spoken with a police officer that is assigned to a high school here regarding this

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proposal. He was unaware of the proposal and was, after I discussed the idea with him in a neutral way, very strongly opposed to it for a variety of security reasons. There is a need for serious security at a high school; they must control who is going on and off the campus. We must face the fact that a certain amount of drugs, fights, gangs, and illegal activities are a part of modern reality in our high schools (as they are in the rest of our adult community). If a high school were to be co-located at the SCP, then a serious security issue would be created. How could the school staff control students leaving the school campus and going into the park? The two current high schools have very defined borders with strictly controlled access. How could the school administration and security staff control people with no business being at the school going onto the 'shared' or adjoining spaces to get access to students, visit friends, etc.? When do 'shared' facilities become open for public use? Who controls this? When do they revert to 'school' use?

I see an increased potential for drugs, vandalism, and other improper activities in such an arrangement. These are security issues that could not be solved without creating large barriers such as tall fences between the park and school spaces. There would have to be very tightly controlled access onto the school section that would have to be monitored constantly by the school staff and security. I cannot see how this is considered 'sharing' space, as there are such important security concerns that there would be no appropriate interaction between the high school students and the public. It is really taking park space and giving it to the high school, with very little if any actual sharing or dual use possible. Call it what it is...taking most of the park for a high school.

I strongly recommend that the police officers who are assigned to the two existing high schools be given an opportunity to review and comment on this petition in detail. They know the security issues best, and I want to hear their views. Even with all of the other issues, this seems to be a 'show-stopper' to me.

My second concern relates to the longer-term perspective of dwindling open space in our community, and the pressure to put it to 'better' use. We have reached the point where there is very little open space remaining, and the situation will only get worse. I would request that you all take the longer-term perspective in your consideration of this matter. If the park is scrapped for the high school, there really are very few realistic alternatives for a Community Park and open space in the southern part of the county. When the next worthy project comes along, as it will, what open space is next for development? Merritt's pasture? Battle park? My point here is that as the population continues to grow there will be continued, unrelenting pressure to take whatever open space remains for the 'common good' of further development. If not for this school, then for the fourth high school, or the fifth, or some other very worthy community project. I fundamentally disagree with this premise. These conflicts will become more and more heated, more and more intense as the remaining options slowly disappear into condos and parking lots. Now is the time to build the Southern Community Park as it was defined. Let there be one, large public recreation space for the southern part of the county to last into the next century and beyond. There will not be another chance, and I fear the loss would be permanent.

I taught for nine years at Rutgers in New Jersey and conducted research on regional planning and development. We used to say that 'Where New Jersey is now, the rest of the county will follow' in terms of urban blight, overcrowding, traffic congestion, loss of open space, etc. I do not want to see Chapel Hill become like New Jersey, but I see it coming, day by day. We must take a longer perspective and realize that saving a reasonable amount of open space is vital for the quality of life in our community, part of what makes Chapel Hill different from New Jersey. It is a hard decision, as there will be many more 'worthy' and 'better' uses for open space and open fields. We need to be good stewards of the land, and our decisions now will effect what kind of community we leave to our children and their children.

I support good schools, I support quality education, but the Southern Community Park should be developed as planned. We need to say no to this petition.

Respectfully,

Scott Madry
402 Morgan Creek Road
Chapel Hill

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Cal Horton

From: Carol Abernethy
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2003 10:49 AM
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Subject: ArtsCenter

Ltr fr ArtsCenter re: attendance, finances



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Cal Horton

From: Sean Lennard [slennard@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2003 8:53 AM
To: Manager
Subject: Sean Lennard

Cal - don't know if it would help to have an electronic copy of my comments last night. if needed, i can be reached at 919.740.7976.

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It appears to me that the School Board has put you in a difficult spot.

It is obvious here tonight that they have rallied their supporters and backed you, the Town Council, in a corner that seems to leave you with only one option – forego your astute planning and vision and come to the rescue.

I think the Town has been pulled into this issue due to poor planning. Even Neil Pederson might agree to that – he's the one that said high school enrollment is the easiest to project because the students are already enrolled in our schools. Yet, here we are trying to identify land for a high school that is needed in just 19 months.

It is indeed a difficult situation you now find yourself in – one in which the School Board has pitted this community's and this council's commitment to greenspace, open space, and the recreational needs of our citizens against their poor planning.

A couple of facts:

One, the school board's proposed 1,000 – 1,500 student high school already faces a \$1.3 million shortfall– and that's just the building. Essentially, they are asking you to forego your current plans and to incorporate a school that that they do not have funds for.

Two, they are asking you to act fiscally irresponsible by throwing away the nearly quarter of a million dollars spent in developing conceptual plans– not to mention the money it will take to develop the next conceptual plan.

I don't think the Town should be forced into the corner for its desire to carry out its comprehensive plan and its visionary efforts that began 13 years ago.

But what is done is done and I'm here tonight with an option – an option that both maintains the Town's Comprehensive Plan and the mandates identified for the Town's only community park AND locates a high school in the southern end of the county – all in a fiscally responsible manner.

The School Board has sought your involvement. They have proven they can't figure it out. Embrace this opportunity and tell them what they need to hear.

Your message to the School Board should be:

- 1) We agree that a third high school should go in the southern part of the county.
- 2) We feel that the School Board should pursue a high school that is within budget.
- 3) We believe, for many reasons, that a smaller, 750-student school is the kind of creative thinking that our community has become known for and should pursue.
- 4) We strongly believe the School Board should carry out the community's commitment to eliminating the achievement gap that currently exists in our school system – and we, along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, believe a small school will go a long way toward that
- 5) We encourage you to pursue creative funding (i.e. the Gates Foundation) to help fund this high school so that additional funds can be set aside for the fourth high school that will be needed in 2010.
- 6) We believe that a smaller school would eliminate the majority of the issues associated with the Old Lystra and Ray Road sites.
- 7) And, we recommend that you begin now looking for land and funding for a fourth high school – so that you won't find yourself in this same boat in 2010.

Thank you for your time.

January 13, 2003
Town Council Mtg

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January 6, 2003

The Honorable Kevin Foy
Mayor of Chapel Hill
Town Hall, 2nd Floor
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Dear Mayor Foy:

At its regular business meeting on August 26, 2002, the Chapel Hill Town Council adopted a petition introduced by Councilwoman Flicka Bateman to initiate conversations with the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education and the Orange County Commissioners about prospects for locating a third high school in the southern part of Chapel Hill. Since that time representatives from the Board of Education, the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and Orange County have actively pursued all known prospects of suitable sites in the southern part of our school district.

We are sure that you have heard from citizens about a desire for our Board to discuss the possibility of using a portion of the Southern Park land for a high school site. We have heard the same reports from citizens as well. We believe that this idea has significant merit and should be considered. We continue to find problems with the remaining properties available for school construction. Not only are these parcels of land less than ideal, the projected costs for site acquisition and preparation make them cost prohibitive within the current project's budget.

We believe that workable solutions may exist to co-locate the long awaited Southern Community Park and the much needed third high school. We, therefore, request the opportunity to meet with you and members of the Council to consider the feasibility of constructing a high school and community park on the Southern Park site, possibly by acquiring adjoining properties. We look forward to you setting aside time for that discussion.

Sincerely,

Valerie P. Foushee
Valerie P. Foushee, Chair,
Board of Education

Cc: Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council
Chapel Hill Town Manager
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools
Board of Education

Cal Horton

From: djlove@attglobal.net 25
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 1:17 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Site for new high school

Mayor Foy & Council Members,
I will be out of town when the council meets on Mon. 1/13 and am thus taking this opportunity to express my views concerning the location of the new high school.

It is imperative that the 3rd high school be located in the south end of town. From the Southern Village area it takes nearly 30 minutes to drive to either CHHS or ECHHS during morning or evening rush hour. This seems unreasonable for a town of our size; however, there is no effective pathway that does not involve delays.

I am disappointed that there appears to be so little cooperation between the city and the school board in this regard. Having never before lived in an area where the municipality and the school district were not one in the same, it comes as a complete surprise that the city does not appear to see the value in having community based schools that do not exacerbate traffic congestion. This is particularly important in high school when many of the drivers coming to and from the entity are young, less experienced drivers.

There is an obvious solution to this dilemma which involves the city's willingness to exchange property designated for parkland with a nearby site. I wholeheartedly support the views expressed by Tom High in last week's CH News.

I hope the council will come to see that it is in the best interest of both the city and the students to cooperate in the site selection process -- and to do so expeditiously so as not to further delay our ability to address high school overcrowding.

Sincerely,
Deborah Love
Parent, Culbreth MS student

Cal Horton

From: Sean Lennard [slennard@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2003 11:40 PM
To: Kevin Foy; fbatema@aol.com; patevans@bellsouth.net; ed.harrison@mindspring.com; mark@cdpl.org; billstrom@nc.rr.com; dverkerk@mindspring.com; windsorcircle@mindspring.com; wardjl@email.unc.edu; Ewigg123@aol.com
Cc: Manager; Kathryn Spatz; Bill Webster; Sean Lennard
Subject: Southern Community Park



Comments to Town
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Mayor Foy and Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council,

Attached is a document that I have assembled that responds to the latest request for you to consider entering into discussions for the community's third high school to be placed on the current Southern Community Park site.

I hope you will take the time to read it - I think it has some very valuable information in it that would be beneficial to you as you make your decision.

Please know that I have talked to many others in the southern portion of our county who would very much like to see the

cc: Sonna Loewenthal, Assistant Town Manager

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Cal Horton

From: Cal Horton
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Cc: Mary Lou Kuschatka; Roger Waldon; Toni Pendergraph; Bill Stockard; Carol Abernethy; Emily Dickens; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Sonna Loewenthal
Subject: Council Communication: Information from Council Member Strom



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

From: Bill Strom [mailto:BillStrom@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2003 11:27 AM
To: Cal Horton
Subject: TTA News

Cal - TTA has been awarded the federal Record of Decision on Phase I rail project. This means the environmental analysis and the fiscal analysis have been accepted by federal regulators. Embedded herein is the fact that TTA has a firm full funding grant agreement from North Carolina for 25% of the financial support necessary. As you might well imagine - this is a major milestone toward TTA's goal of commencing phase I rail service in 2005.

Please have the attached document sent to appropriate staff and to the council.

Thanks and Rgds, Bill

Southern Community Park carried out as it is currently planned.

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Your vision of 13 years ago should be commended, the process of citizen involvement through the park planning process was outstanding, and your recent unanimous council approval of both the park concept plan and the Parks & Recreation Master Plan should move forward.

Thank you for your attention to the attached document.

Sean Lennard

Cal Horton

From: Allison Lee Worthy [aworthy@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2003 10:11 PM
To: Town Council
Cc: Mwbrown@mindspring.com; Mcarey@mindspring.com; Gordonam@mindspring.com; Barry.j@mindspring.com; Stevehh@mindspring.com
Subject: Third High School

January 12, 2003

Dear Mayor Foy and Members of the Town Council:

I have spent the better part of two months sitting in redistricting work sessions, public hearings and Board of Ed meetings listening to citizens speak passionately about why they don't want to travel to a school that is not the closest or next closest school to their neighborhoods. The fact is, Chapel Hill's ninth elementary school is being built in the wrong place and a cluster of neighborhoods will be redistricted to that school in spite of their protests. Many southern neighborhoods have joined together to lobby against being sent a long distance from our neighborhoods when there are two elementary schools situated in our backyards.

The siting of the third high school doesn't have to follow the same pattern as elementary school #9.

As you already know, the Board of Ed has scoured the southern part of town for potential sites and has not come up a site that hasn't met with controversy. The southern parkland is our last hope of getting a high school built where it is truly needed. Please consider collaborating with the Board of Ed in sharing this piece of land with the third high school. This would be an innovative, creative way of solving a problem (the need for a third high school in the southern part of town and scarce land in southern Chapel Hill) and coming up with a solution that will please more people than not.

The reasons for sharing the southern park site with the third high school are many -- there is enough land to accommodate the entire high school including room for expansion (buildings, playing fields and parking lots); there is public transportation to the site and a park and ride right next door; hundreds of students from Southern Village and surrounding neighborhoods will be able to walk to school which minimizes the need for buses and parking and there appear to be fewer complications with the topography of the site which will help in managing the budget and meeting the August 2005 target date. Sharing the site would be good stewardship of our tax dollars and would provide the town with a much needed high school and a park. It is a win-win proposition.

Sincerely,
Allison Worthy
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Cal Horton

From: Lloyd Kramer [lskramer@mindspring.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2003 5:48 PM
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Subject: Re:Park and High School

Dear Concerned Citizens:

My brief letter to Bill Webster has provoked some vehement reactions. I did not set out a series of arguments in my earlier note; I simply wanted to point out that not everyone agreed with the proposal to turn the southern community park into a high school. Of course there needs to be more discussion about where to build the school and what kind of school it should be. But the responses from Ava Nachman, Mark Eastman, and Lee Pavao suggest that, in their view, there is really only one viable way to serve the collective community interest in this situation. I think it is entirely plausible, however, to argue that the collective community interest will be best served by developing the park that has now been designed. This rapidly growing town must retain some large blocks of land for public parks. Like good public schools, good parks serve the collective interest of the community. And is this park really the only viable place to build a new school? This needs more discussion.

I think it is unrealistic to assume that a new high school will actually share much space with a park. There will be pressure to build a large school, there will be pressure to add lots of parking spaces, and there will be a need for numerous school playing fields (and probably a need for new additions or temporary classrooms when this school also begins to become crowded). The call now is for "sharing" the space, but I think realistically that such a plan means the disappearance of a real park in the southern community area. In any case, this is an issue for careful discussion, and I sense that the school/park advocates are not really addressing this issue in a precise, factual way (to draw on Mr.

Eastman's criticism of me). We need to preserve some large park spaces in this town, and I don't think we're likely to get such spaces when this land is gone. This is part of what has to be debated.

I find the tone of the responses to my letter somewhat troubling because of the way the "park only" position is being characterized: undemocratic, illogical, and not a

"responsible" position. Mr. Pavao calls on all of us to keep our "cool," but it feels to me like most of the heat is coming from one direction. I'm not going to examine all the issues here, but I'd like to comment on three themes that I'm worried about as this new discussion develops.

1. The claim that this school is best for the environment. I am intrigued by this argument because it reminds me of the arguments we heard when Southern Village was proposed. We were told that a high density, high population community would be best for the environment because people would live close together and regularly take the bus. People in neighborhoods along Smith Level Road, Culbreth Road and Dogwood Acres went to the Town Council to ask that some of the density of Southern Village be reduced. There were warnings about the need to protect more green spaces and open land, about the impact of paving over lots of surfaces, and about the effects of a large new population on the schools and infrastructure of the area. The Town Council ultimately dismissed these concerns and offered strong assurances that the environmental impact would be minimal, in part because the large, well-designed southern community park would protect open spaces for recreation, trees, fields, and outdoor activities. The developers agreed to provide land for an elementary school, but they were not asked to set aside land for a high school. Now of course the population has grown in predictable ways, and we need a new high school, so the park is--well a "nice idea" but something we can't afford. This is the logic and pattern of development; it almost always trumps the environmental concern. This is also why I expect the same thing to happen with the school. Someone will eventually say that we need a football stadium or some additional amenity on the last small piece of parkland, because it would cost a lot more to build the stadium somewhere else and besides people have to drive too far to get to the other fields. In short, I find the environmental argument for the new high school problematic and all too familiar to people who followed the discussion and rationale for Southern Village. "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

2. The claim that it is the "responsible" citizens who favor the proposal for a high school on this land. This particular theme suggests implicitly that those who favor developing the land solely as a park are the irresponsible faction. I don't think it's irresponsible citizenship to call for the use of the southern community park site as a park. It is a rational response to a long-developing problem in this community--and a problem that will grow steadily worse over the next 20 or 30 years: the lack of parks and open spaces. Once park space is gone, it can never be recovered. And it's not irresponsible to point that out. The claim that more park space can be easily found elsewhere has not been established by any careful, factual analysis. But equally important, the claim that one position is really the responsible position is a familiar way of dismissing opposition (like calling critics of a war unpatriotic). Responsible leadership actually takes many forms. For example, it might have been more "responsible" to require the Southern Village developers to set aside land for a high school but the Town Council never made requests to "share" the land in that way. (I attended numerous Council meetings when Mr. Pavao was on the Town Council, and I did not hear him make such a request.) The interest in sharing comes after the developer's commercial needs have been met--i.e., when the park is at stake. I attended the public meetings on the plans for the parkland, and I never heard proposals that it be used for a high school.

3. The claim that the school proponents stand for the common good. This is related to the question of responsible citizenship. I've already suggested that a park can serve the common good, but the critics of the "park only" plan are suggesting that they are the people who are truly looking out for the common good. This is another way to discredit opposing views. Now it is obviously true that people in every neighborhood want to preserve the character of their living area and so the people of Dogwood Acres (who will be most directly affected by this proposed high school) have special reasons to be concerned. Dogwood Acres Dr., for example, is a narrow road that was never designed to be a thoroughfare for access to a public high school. It has no sidewalks, streetlights, or even shoulders on the side of the road, and the people who live on the street have always liked its "rural" ambience. Nobody has talked about the environmental impact on that neighborhood as heavy "cut-through" traffic flows through every day and many nights on the way into and out of this proposed school. It is therefore simply not true that this new plan is a painless way to meet the needs for a school. An important group of people will pay a significant price for this--and this price must be part of the discussion. The people in Dogwood Acres may soon be characterized as hostile to the "community as a whole" or blind to "the future" when they defend the value of a large community park in the currently designated southern community park area. But I don't think this charge will be a fair way to conduct the discussion.

There is clearly a lot more to be said about all the issues that are being raised in the current petition for a school. But I think it's important at the very beginning to make sure that the debate is not framed in the language we are currently seeing—which implies that the facts, responsible views, and collective good are on the side of the school and the illogic and factual imprecision on the other. Both the past and future history of our community is involved here, and we all need to keep that in mind.

Lloyd Kramer
Dogwood Acres

Cal Horton

From: M. Eastman [meastman@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2003 12:46 PM
To: VBrawley@aol.com; "Alan Grier"; "Alan Hoyle"; "Ava & Lee Nackmam"; bstarrfield@infohandler.com; "Beth Monsour"; bjones@co.orange.nc.us; "Bob Reda"; "Brian Conti"; "Carolyn Eckhardt"; Cepecora@aol.com; "D. R. Bryan"; "Dan Costa (Dan Costa)"; "Dan Costa (Home) (Dan Costa (Home))"; "Deb Barbour"; "Diana McDuffee (E-mail)"; "Dianne Reid (E-mail)"; "Drgungun (E-mail)"; "Ed Finerty"; "Ed Rovner"; "Evie Boswell-Vilt"; "Graham Dyck"; GWInvest@aol.com; "Henning Schmidt"; wardjl@email.unc.edu; "Janet Hadler"; "Jason Greene"; "Jim Ward"; "Joel Kingsolver"; "Johanna C. Costa"; "John Hunter (E-mail)"; "Joy Mermin"; "Karen Balcom"; "Kathy Porter"; "Keelee J. MacPhee"; Kevin Foy; "Kevin Foy"; "Kirk Ross"; "Lee M. Pavao"; "Leigh Sparacino"; "Lisa Drake"; "Lorraine McBride"; "Lyn Billings"; "Mandi Snodgrass"; "Margaret Brown"; "Margaret Vimmerstedt"; "Mark Kleinschmidt"; "Mark Southard"; "Martha Reeves"; "Matt Vizithum"; "Mauricio Castro (E-mail)"; "Melanie Depew"; mcoopmans@yahoo.com; "Nancy Tannenbaum"; "Nina McCully"; "Pat Evans"; "Pat Flynn"; "Pat Sullivan"; "Pete & Elise Schwartz"; "Pete & Kelly L'Engle"; "Psadin (E-mail)"; "Rachel Lewis-Marlow"; "Ray Pickles"; "Rob Rowan"; "Robert Rowan"; rverboon@bellsouth.net; "Rog & Rosanna Vermeulen"; "Sally Heiney"; "Sally Joseph"; "Sandy Padden"; "Sean Lennard"; "Steve Waters"; "Steven Joseph"; "Sue Coppola"; ruedulud@msn.com; "Tom Lawdon"; tlivers@ncim.org; "Tomkinnc (E-mail)"; Cal Horton; "Steve Scroggs (Steve Scroggs)"; "Audrey Booth (Audrey Booth)"; "Beth Huskamp (Beth Huskamp)"; "Bill Strom (Bill Strom)"; "Coleman Day/Ruth Heaton (Coleman Day/Ruth Heaton)"; "David Stancil (David Stancil)"; FBateman@unch.unc.edu; gwilson@co.orange.nc.us; "Jacquelyn Gist (Jacquelyn Gist)"; "Jim Earnhardt (Jim Earnhardt)"; "Pam Hemminger (Pam Hemminger)"; "Runyon Woods (Runyon Woods)"; madyr@informatics.org; Kathryn Spatz; "Brian Starkey"; Curtis Brooks; "Doug Ostanek"; "Elizabeth Branch"; lskramer@mindspring.com
Subject: In support of the 3rd High School at the proposed Southern Park location

Dear Mr. Webster and Mr. Kramer:

I am writing this in response to Lloyd Kramer's letter which was forwarded to me yesterday.

As I wholeheartedly agree with Ava Nackman's reply to Mr. Kramer's letter, I will incorporate same by reference into my reply rather than be repetitive.

Mr. Kramer seems to imply that Mr. High and I feel that there is unanimous support for the 3rd High School being situated at the current Southern Park site. Of course I realize that there are some, possibly quite a few, who still favor the land be used for a park and a park alone. However, what I sense a rapidly growing coalition of concerned citizens who

favor that site be utilized for the 3rd High School and combined with a shared park and recreational facilities to the extent possible. Furthermore, in my opinion, a clear and substantial majority of those citizens who care about this issue favor the school/park concept rather than the "park and nothing but a park" concept.

In a democracy such as ours, the will of the majority of citizens should be carried out to the extent that will is feasible and promotes the health, safety and general welfare of the community. A 3rd High School being located at the park site, either alone or shared with a park, satisfies both of these criteria.

Mr. Kramer appears to raise two main points to support his stance that the 3rd High School should be built elsewhere. First, that the park has been in the planning stages for a long time and he and other park-only proponents have assumed that it's a "done deal". Second, that voter approval for funding is now in place. As stated, I feel that Mrs. Nackman's reply more than adequately deals with the first point. As to the funding, I don't believe that there is anything to prevent the same funding for a park either shared with the 3rd High School and/or elsewhere in the area. As I recall, the voters did not approve a specific plan or concept but merely approved funding for a park in the southern part of town.

Finally, Mr. Kramer offers no factual support for his assertion that the 3rd High School can be built elsewhere; nor does he even state that, if it could be, such an alternate site would be better or equally as suitable as the park site. Mr. Kramer does not even assert that a park could not be shared with a high school or state why, in his opinion, it would be in the best interest of the community to have the park situated at the current proposed site to the exclusion of a high school as he suggests. In all likelihood, this is because he cannot justify his position with facts and logic. On the other hand, those citizens who support the 3rd High School being located at the proposed park site have supported their position with sound factual information as well as clear and cogent reasoning.

Thank you.

Mark Eastman
Southern Village

Cal Horton

From: MADNCH@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2003 11:39 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: site for 3rd high school

Mr. Mayor, and Council Members:

Please carefully consider re-allocating space in the proposed So. Village Park for a 3rd high school. I have been following the site selection very carefully, and it is obvious that none of the sites are appropriate, and any of them would be 'a push' based on the topographical needs.

The south end of town needs this high school, and I think it would be short sighted to insist on putting a park here just because it was decided upon before the need for a high school at this end of town became obvious.

Flexibility should be the order of the day.

Thank you

Madeline Cains

From: Pat Flynn [pflynn@chccs.k12.nc.us]
Sent: Saturday, January 11, 2003 10:05 AM
To: Bill Webster
Cc: vbrawley@aol.com; adgrier@juno.com; alanh@unc.edu; ava@nackman.com; bstarrfield@infohandler.com; emonsour@nc.rr.com; bjones@co.orange.nc.us; rreda@att.com; bconti@med.unc.edu; eckha002@mc.duke.edu; cepecora@aol.com; drbryan@mindspring.com; costa.dan@epamail.epa.gov; dancosta@intrex.net; dbarbour@chccs.k12.nc.us; mcduffee@email.unc.edu; dreid@co.orange.nc.us; drgungun@aol.com; efinerty@nortelnetworks.com; erovner@extremenetworks.com; mebv@bellsouth.net; grdyck@aol.com; gwinvest@aol.com; henningschmidt@netzero.net; wardjl@email.unc.edu; janhad2@aol.com; cuthberts_cudgel@hotmail.com; windsorcirle@mindspring.com; jkdking@msn.com; costa@email.unc.edu; 74650.2240@compuserve.com; joymermin@mindspring.com; karenbalcom@mindspring.com; kporter@co.orange.nc.us; keeleem@hotmail.com; Kevin Foy; kevin@foylavelle.com; ludkmr@aol.com; Impavao@mindspring.com; wasadream@onebox.com; ldrake@pobox.com; lskramer@mindspring.com; lbmcbride@aol.com; edlyn@mindspring.com; mgrass@email.unc.edu; mwbrown@mindspring.com; mvimm@email.unc.edu; mark@cdpl.org; marksout@email.unc.edu; mreeves@unc.edu; mvizithum@yahoo.com; mhcastro1@earthlink.net; mgdepew@email.unc.edu; mcoopmans@yahoo.com; nancyt@biomass.bio.unc.edu; nmccully@chccs.k12.nc.us; patevans@bellsouth.net; p.sullivan@duke.edu; elisemichele@aol.com; kelly.lengle@unc.edu; psadin@sportsendeavors.com; smarlow@raflusa.org; branston@med.unc.edu; info@tiderock.com; rob.rowan@tiderock.com; rverboon@bellsouth.net; rob@objana.com; sallann@aol.com; djoseph@nc.rr.com; paddens@mindspring.com; lennards@radioc.org; swaters@wfubmc.edu; stevenjoseph@mindspring.com; scoppola@med.unc.edu; ruedulud@msn.com; tomkinne@aol.com; tlivers@ncim.org; tomkinnc@aol.com; Cal Horton; sscroggs@chccs.k12.nc.us; ajbooth@nc.rr.com; bah@abpeds.org; billstrom@nc.rr.com; rheaton@ci.carrboro.nc.us; dstancil@co.orange.nc.us; fbateman@unch.unc.edu; gwilson@co.orange.nc.us; swilliamson@ci.carrboro.nc.us; jimearn@mindspring.com; pamsh@earthlink.net; rcwoods@mindspring.com; madry@informatics.org; Kathryn Spatz; obs-bstarkey@mindspring.com; Curtis Brooks; dostanek@westbros.com; elizabeth.branch@firstunion.com; Kathryn Spatz
Subject: Re: FW: Third High School Location

Dear Mr. Webster,

Based on what I've read, I'd strongly urge the planning committee to consider placing the new high school adjacent to Scroggs and putting the park elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Pat Flynn

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Cal Horton

From: D.R. Bryan [drbryan@mindspring.com]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 10:23 AM
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Subject: Re: Re:Park and High School

Mr. Kramer,

You're right. We need parks and open space on the south side of town. We also agree that the third high school in Chapel Hill should be built on the south side of town. None of us want to force students into cars and buses for cross-town trips for the next fifty or so years. The question is : How do we accomplish both goals? Let's work together to find the answer.

D.R. Bryan
929.9508

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Cal Horton

From: DianneLem@aol.com
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 3:37 PM
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Subject: Southern Park/school site dialog

Dear All,

I favor discussion of colocation of the new high school on the So. Park property.

Please keep me in the loop. Thanks.

Dianne Lemasters

Cal Horton

From: Carol Abernethy
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 12:22 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 Flicka Bateman (fbateman@unch.unc.edu); Council Member Jim Ward (W) (wardjl@email.unc.edu); Council Member Mark Kleinschmidt (mark@cdpl.org); Mayor Kevin C. Foy (TCH) (kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org); Council Member Jim Ward; Council Member Edith Wiggins (new) (Ewigg123@aol.com)
Cc: Roger Waldon; Toni Pendergraph (ToniPendergraph); Cal Horton (CalHorton); Flo Miller (FloMiller); Joyce Smith (JoyceSmith); Ralph Karpinos (RalphKarpinos); Sonna Loewenthal (SonnaLoewenthal); Emily Dickens; Bill Stockard
Subject: FW: Redevelopment of Village Plaza



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-----Original Message-----
From: Hartsoc@aol.com [mailto:Hartsoc@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 12:13 PM
To: Carol Abernethy
Subject: Redevelopment of Village Plaza

Dear Ms. Abernethy,

I attach a letter to Mayor Foy and the town council supporting the application of Eastern Federal Corporation's proposed redevelopment of Village Plaza. I apologize that I won't be able to make my comments in person tonight at the Town Council meeting. I hope that you will be able to pass it on to Mayor Foy and the Council, and to Mr. Horton and Mr. Waldon. Thank you,

David Hartzell
411 Ironwoods Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Cal Horton

From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 7:48 PM
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Subject: 3rd High School

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 Town of Chapel Hill

-----Original Message-----
From: Maria Ilieva [mailto:milieva@rhoworld.com]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 2:30 PM
To: Town Council
Subject:

Greetings --

I would like to express my strong support for building the third high school on the shared school and community park site between the Dogwood Drive and Southern Village on 15-501. I believe that there are several major reasons which support this location, namely:

safety
 economy
 the environment
 future redistricting plans

and because it is in the best interest of the entire community.

I will very much appreciate if you can consider my strong support for building the third high school on the shared school and community park site between the Dogwood Drive and Southern Village on 15-501.

Kindest regards,

Maria Ilieva
 Sr. Programmer Analyst
 Rho, Inc.
 Chapel Hill

From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 7:48 PM
To: 'Ilieve, Peter I.'
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Subject: RE: Strong support for the Third high school on the shared school and community park site

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

From: Ilieve, Peter I. [mailto:pii@rti.org]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 2:27 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Strong support for the Third high school on the shared school and community park site

Greetings --

I would like to express my strong support for building the third high school on the shared school and community park site between the Dogwood Drive and Southern Village on 15-501. I believe that there are several major reasons which support this location, namely:

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and because it is in the best interest of the entire community.

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Kindest regards,

Peter I. Ilieve
 Research Environmental Engineer

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Cal Horton

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Subject: RE: Third high school site

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-----Original Message-----
From: Libby Thomas [mailto:thomas@claire.hsrc.unc.edu]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 1:41 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Third high school site

Mayor and Council members: I hope you will keep an open mind about the Southern Community Park Site petition for a third high school. I know a lot has gone into the planning process for the park site already - but it wouldn't hurt to explore a little further the relative costs / benefits of this versus other sites for a third Chapel Hill High School, would it? I don't know if this site is feasible, but if it is at all feasible, developing the property as a joint park / school site with shared facilities could be an opportunity for cooperation between the schools and town and maximizing shared use of space. Additionally, this location would be within walking distance of a sizable population (and would provide another walkable destination) and is in an area already served by city buses. The Lystra property could be purchased and developed for some of the passive recreation areas (nature trails, etc.) that might be displaced from the other side of the road.

The Lincoln Center might be a good location for a fourth high school and could perhaps be a 'smaller, alternative high school' that has been discussed.

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From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 7:50 PM
To: 'Helen Motta'
Cc: 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 Flicka Bateman (fbateman@unch.unc.edu); Council Member Jim Ward (W) (wardjl@email.unc.edu); Council Member Mark Kleinschmidt (mark@cdpl.org); Mayor Kevin C. Foy (TCH) (kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org); Council Member Jim Ward; Council Member Edith Wiggins (new) (Ewigg123@aol.com); Toni Pendergraph (ToniPendergraph); Cal Horton (CalHorton); Flo Miller (FloMiller); Joyce Smith (JoyceSmith); Ralph Karpinos (RalphKarpinos); Sonna Loewenthal (SonnaLoewenthal); Emily Dickens; Bill Stockard
Subject: RE: Third High School

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

From: Helen Motta [mailto:helenmotta@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2003 1:12 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Third High School

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council Members,

I am a Southern Village resident with four children and I'm very interested in having the third high school in Chapel Hill be in the Southern part of town. I will not be able to attend tonight's Town Council meeting, where many of my neighbors will be asking you to please reconsider the use of the land between Southern Village and Dogwood Acres as a site for a high school. However, I wanted to let you know that I support this request and would very much like to see a way for both a park and a high school to be built on that land.

Thank you very much for your time.

Helen Motta
 206 Parkside Circle
 Chapel Hill

(919) 967-4208

Cal Horton

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From: Carol Abernethy
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 4:24 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 Flicka Bateman (fbateman@unch.unc.edu); Council Member Jim Ward (W) (wardjl@email.unc.edu); Council Member Mark Kleinschmidt (mark@cdpl.org); Mayor Kevin C. Foy (TCH) (kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org); Council Member Jim Ward; Council Member Edith Wiggins (new) (Ewigg123@aol.com)
Cc: Toni Pendergraph (ToniPendergraph); Cal Horton (CalHorton); Flo Miller (FloMiller); Joyce Smith (JoyceSmith); Ralph Karpinos (RalphKarpinos); Sonna Loewenthal (SonnaLoewenthal); Emily Dickens; Bill Stockard
Subject: Third High School ltr

Ltr fr School Bd Chair to Mayor re 3rd high school



Third High School ltr
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*Carol Abernethy
Exec. Asst., Manager's Office
Town of Chapel Hill
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Cal Horton

From: Bill Webster
Sent: Wednesday, January 08, 2003 12:10 PM
To: VBrawley@aol.com; 'Alan Grier'; 'Alan Hoyle'; 'Ava & Lee Nackmam'; Barry Starrfield (bstarfield@infohandler.com); 'Beth Monsour'; Bob Jones (bjones@co.orange.nc.us); 'Bob Reda'; 'Brian Conti'; 'Carolyn Eckhardt'; Cepecora@aol.com; 'D. R. Bryan'; Dan Costa (Dan Costa); Dan Costa (Home) (Dan Costa (Home)); 'Deb Barbour'; 'Diana McDuffee (E-mail)'; 'Dianne Reid (E-mail)'; 'Drgungun (E-mail)'; 'Ed Finerty'; 'Ed Rovner'; 'Evie Boswell-Vilt'; 'Graham Dyck'; GWInvest@aol.com; 'Henning Schmidt'; James Ward work (wardjl@email.unc.edu); 'Janet Hadler'; 'Jason Greene'; Jim Ward; 'Joel Kingsolver'; 'Johanna C. Costa'; 'John Hunter (E-mail)'; 'Joy Mermin'; 'Karen Balcom'; 'Kathy Porter'; 'Keelee J. MacPhee'; Kevin Foy; 'Kevin Foy'; 'Kirk Ross'; 'Lee M. Pavao'; 'Leigh Sparacino'; 'Lisa Drake'; 'Lloyd Kramer'; 'Lorraine McBride'; Lyn Billings; 'Mandi Snodgrass'; 'Margaret Brown'; 'Margaret Vimmerstedt'; Mark Kleinschmidt; 'Mark Southard'; 'Martha Reeves'; 'Matt Vizithum'; 'Mauricio Castro (E-mail)'; 'Melanie Depew'; Melany Coopmans (mcoopmans@yahoo.com); 'Nancy Tannenbaum'; 'Nina McCully'; Pat Evans; 'Pat Flynn'; 'Pat Sullivan'; 'Pete & Elise Schwartz'; 'Pete & Kelly L'Engle'; 'Psadin (E-mail)'; 'Rachel Lewis-Marlow'; 'Ray Pickles'; 'Rob Rowan'; Robert Rowan; Robert Verboon (rverboon@bellsouth.net); 'Rog & Rosanna Vermeulen'; 'Sally Heiney'; 'Sally Joseph'; 'Sandy Padden'; 'Sean Lennard'; 'Steve Waters'; Steven Joseph; 'Sue Coppola'; Susan Venker (ruedulud@msn.com); 'Tom Lawdon'; Tom Livers (tlivers@ncim.org); 'Tomkinnc (E-mail)'; Cal Horton; Steve Scroggs (Steve Scroggs); Audrey Booth (Audrey Booth); Beth Huskamp (Beth Huskamp); Bill Strom (Bill Strom); Coleman Day/Ruth Heaton (Coleman Day/Ruth Heaton); David Stancil (David Stancil); Flicka Bateman (FBateman@unch.unc.edu); Gayle Wilson (gwilson@co.orange.nc.us); Jacquelyn Gist (Jacquelyn Gist); Jim Earnhardt (Jim Earnhardt); Pam Hemminger (Pam Hemminger); Runyon Woods (Runyon Woods); Scott Madry (madry@informatics.org); Kathryn Spatz; Brian Starkey; Curtis Brooks; Doug Ostanek; Elizabeth Branch
Cc: Kathryn Spatz
Subject: FW: Third High School Location

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The Town received the following e-mail from a citizen. Pam Hemminger, who was the Chair of the Southern Community Park Conceptual Plan Committee, has asked us to distribute the e-mail to all members of the Committee and all persons on our e-mail distribution list.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Recreation Planner/Project Administrator
Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Department
200 Plant Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 968-2787 ext. 214
(919) 932-2923 (FAX)
bwebster@townofchapelhill.org

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

From: Mark Eastman [mailto:markeastman@nc.rr.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2003 10:09 AM

To: vfoushee@chccs.k12.nc.us; faleyg@hotmail.com; ndidow@chccs.k12.nc.us; ecarter@chccs.k12.nc.us; lstuckey@chccs.k12.nc.us; esechrest@chccs.k12.nc.us; mrosenman@chccs.k12.nc.us; Kevin Foy; fbatema@aol.com; patevans@bellsouth.net; ed.harrison@mindspring.com; mark@cdpl.org; billstrom@nc.rr.com; dverkerk@mindspring.com; windsorcircle@mindspring.com; ewigg123@aol.com; mwbrown@mindspring.com; gordonam@mindspring.com; mcarey1@mindspring.com; stevhh@mindspring.com; barry.j@mindspring.com; jlink@co.orange.nc.us; Roger Waldon; chorton@townofchapelhill.org; Kathryn Spatz

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Subject: Thank you

from Ronald MacDonald House to Fire Dept.



Ronald MacDonald
thank you 1 0...

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information and expertise on how the Master Plan for a Bolin Creek Park might be developed, including consultant costs.

Please let us know the best way to convey this information to you. We thought this would be useful to you in preparing the staff memo to Council.

We could send it, or perhaps better still we could meet with you and the appropriate staff members some time early in January at your convenience. Please let us know how we can help.

Julie

Julie McClintock
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards
US EPA Mail Code - C539-02
4930 Old Page Rd.
Research Triangle Park, NC 27711

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fax: 919-541-5489

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

From: Mark Eastman [mailto:markeastman@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2003 12:56 PM
To: Manager
Subject: Fw: Third High School Location

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

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To: vfoushee@chccs.k12.nc.us ; faleyg@hotmail.com ; ndidow@chccs.k12.nc.us ; ecarter@chccs.k12.nc.us ; lstuckey@chccs.k12.nc.us ; esechrest@chccs.k12.nc.us ; mrosenman@chccs.k12.nc.us ; kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org ; fbatema@aol.com ; patevans@bellsouth.net ; ed.harrison@mindspring.com ; mark@cdpl.org ; billstrom@nc.rr.com ; jverkerk@mindspring.com ; windsorcircle@mindspring.com ; ewigg123@aol.com ; mwbrown@mindspring.com ; gordonam@mindspring.com ; mcarey1@mindspring.com ; stevhh@mindspring.com ; barry.j@mindspring.com ; jlink@co.orange.nc.us ; rwaldon@townofchapelhill.org ; chorton@townofchapelhill.org ; kspatz@townofchapelhill.org

Sent: Tuesday, January 07, 2003 10:08 AM

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Mark Eastman

Cal Horton

From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2002 11:12 AM
To: 'Josh Duffy'
Cc: 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 Flicka Bateman (ftbatema@aol.com); Council Member Jim Ward (W) (wardjl@email.unc.edu); Council Member Mark Kleinschmidt (mark@cdpl.org); Mayor Kevin C. Foy (TCH) (kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org); Council Member Jim Ward; Council Member Edith Wiggins (new) (Ewigg123@aol.com); Toni Pendergraph (ToniPendergraph); Cal Horton (CalHorton); Flo Miller (FloMiller); Joyce Smith (JoyceSmith); Ralph Karpinos (RalphKarpinos); Sonna Loewenthal (SonnaLoewenthal); Bill Stockard
Subject: RE: Third High School

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 Town of Chapel Hill

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

From: Josh Duffy [mailto:Josh.Duffy@bcbsnc.com]
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2002 8:20 AM
To: easechrest@aol.com; Ewigg123@aol.com; ftbatema@aol.com; mrosenman@aol.com; vpfoushee@aol.com; patevans@bellsouth.net; mark@cdpl.org; wardjl@email.unc.edu; barry.j@mindspring.com; dverkerk@mindspring.com; ed.Harrison@mindspring.com; gordonam@mindspring.com; mcareyl@mindspring.com; mwbrown@mindspring.com; ncqueen@mindspring.com; stevehh@mindspring.com; windsorcircle@mindspring.com; billstrom@nc.rr.com; bstuckey@nc.rr.com; Kevin Foy; Town Council; nick_didow@unc.edu; :carter@unch.unc.edu
Subject: Third High School

The purpose of this email is to let you know the reasons why I am strongly opposed to building a high school on the proposed site between Mt. Carmel Church, Bennett and Old Lystra Roads.

First of all, because of the multiple and significant issues surrounding construction on this site, it does not seem prudent use of our tax dollars. Not only would taxes be needed to build an inadequate facility, but also additional large sums of money would be needed to widen all the roads, install traffic lights, expand the bridge, etc. In order to widen these roads, additional land would need to be obtained from surrounding neighborhoods and of course, this land would need to be purchased or gotten through condemnation of property.

It also seems silly to build on a site that does not meet the need from the start. In fact, that makes no sense at all. If a school is needed for 1500 students, why is one for 1000 students being considered? That's very short sighted, a waste of taxes and because the school would need to be expanded immediately hence extending construction, disrespectful of neighbors in surrounding neighborhoods.

A few times I have asked why we need a school at the south end of Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill is not that large and if land is so unavailable at this end of town, why is there such a strong movement to force a school here? The answer given to me by one of the strong school advocates is that some parents don't want their children to drive 20 minutes through Carrboro in order to get to school. For all the commotion, this does not seem to be a very strong answer. If there is no land that meets the need at this end of town, we are going to spend all these tax dollars to force an inadequate facility so our teens don't have to drive 20 minutes through Carrboro to go to school? Mind you these same teens are probably driving over 20 minutes to visit friends, go to SouthPoint, attend other recreation, etc.

It also seems we're able to plan parks. If we absolutely must have a school at this end

of town and the only available land is planned for a park, then I say we need to re-evaluate our priorities. It seems to me that a school is more important than a park. There are those who want both, but if there isn't available land for both, then we need to choose which is most important. We can't have everything. I guess it boils down to having to choose between driving 20 minutes through Carrboro to go to school or a park.

My neighborhood (Hundred Oaks) sits right on Mt. Carmel Church and Bennett Roads. (It was hard to notice Hundred Oaks on the three designs proposed by the landscape architect because the architectural firm chose to put their logo and name over the space showing Hundred Oaks). Anyway, I am very concerned about the inadequate parking at the proposed facility and because of our location, overflow parking would happen in our neighborhood. In addition, the new law limiting passengers to teen drivers will increase traffic. This may not sound so bad to you, but we have many small children who safely play around our neighborhood now. The traffic would really increase and we'd be foolish to think there won't be teen speeding. This poses a very dangerous threat to all the other children and people in our neighborhood. It's simply unsafe and I find this totally unacceptable. Also, those who do overflow park here would have to walk down busy roads to get to the school. This seems pretty unsafe too*especially if the reason the school is needed here is so they don't have to drive 20 minutes to get to school.

Mt. Carmel Church Road is a steep incline that is very treacherous in bad weather. It also has blind spots. I'm concerned that with increased traffic, there are going to be serious injuries.

Overall, it just seems like someone is trying to fit a square peg into a round hole. Why not put a school on a piece of land that will fit the adequate needs of the whole community? Some of the parents fighting so hard right now aren't going to care in a few years when their children are out of high school. Are we trying to put the school at the south end of town for the right reasons? If we're growing so fast, then we need to be futuristic in our thinking and build on a site that adequately meets the needs for today and for years to come*it needs to be on a site with planned expansion to meet growth*and safety for all students and neighbors.

Best regards,

Josh Duffy
100 Van Doren Place
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Cal Horton

From: Carol Abernethy
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2002 3:30 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 Flicka Bateman (ftbatema@aol.com); Council Member Jim Ward (W) (wardjl@email.unc.edu); Council Member Mark Kleinschmidt (mark@cdpl.org); Mayor Kevin C. Foy (TCH) (kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org); Council Member Jim Ward; Council Member Edith Wiggins (new) (Ewigg123@aol.com)
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Subject: Quick Report - TAC meeting

DATE: December 20, 2002

TO: W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager

FROM: David Bonk, Senior Transportation Planner

Cal Horton

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From: Cal Horton
 Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2002 5:27 PM
 To: 'Ann Weissler'
 Cc: 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 (Ewigg123@aol.com); Council Member Flicka Bateman (ftbatema@aol.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)
 Subject: RE: third high school need

Ms. Weissler:

A copy of your message has been forwarded to the Town Council.

Cal Horton

 W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ann Weissler [mailto:aweissler@nc.rr.com]
 Sent: Tuesday, November 05, 2002 3:13 PM
 To: Town Council
 Subject: third high school need

Dear Mr. Foy and Town Council Members,

I am writing to advocate for a third high school in the southern part of Chapel Hill. I currently have a 10th grader, at CHHS, and a 4th grader at Scroggs Elementary. My 10th grader is very active at the high school, and it is very inconvenient to get to all the CHHS activities during the afternoon and morning rush hours. She will also be getting her license soon, and I dread her navigating up to CHHS during those same hours. Because I have more than one child, at opposite ends of the town, my daughter will need a car to attend afternoon activities and zero period classes. A third high school is a definitely must, as my daughter says that her classes at the high school right now are way too crowded, and I know that class sizes are steadily increasing. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

sincerely,

Ann Weissler

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Cal Horton

From: Carol Abernethy on behalf of Cal Horton
Sent: Friday, October 11, 2002 7:52 AM
To: 'Helen Motta'
Cc: 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 Flicka Bateman (ftbatema@aol.com); Council Member Jim Ward (W) (wardjl@email.unc.edu); Council Member Mark Kleinschmidt (mark@cdpl.org); Mayor Kevin C. Foy (TCH) (kevinfoy@townofchapelhill.org); Council Member Jim Ward; Council Member Edith Wiggins (new) (Ewigg123@aol.com); Toni Pendergraph (ToniPendergraph); Cal Horton (CalHorton); Flo Miller (FloMiller); Joyce Smith (JoyceSmith); Ralph Karpinos (RalphKarpinos); Sonna Loewenthal (SonnaLoewenthal); Michelle Lewis; Bill Stockard
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-----Original Message-----

From: Helen Motta [mailto:helenmotta@nc.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2002 1:18 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Third High School in Chapel Hill

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council members,

I'd like to express my opinion regarding a third high school in Chapel Hill. I believe we need a third high school quickly and I also believe that the southern part of Chapel Hill is the best place to locate that high school. I strongly request that you consider revisiting the site for the Southern Community Park or reviewing the Resource Conservation District rules, so that a high school location may be found in the southern part of town.

Thank you.

Helen Motta
 206 Parkside Circle
 Chapel Hill
 (919) 967-4204

Cal Horton

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From: Cal Horton
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2002 8:40 AM
To: 'Ava H. Nackman'
Cc: 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 (Ewigg123@aol.com); Council Member Flicka Bateman (ftbatema@aol.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)
Subject: RE: Third High School for Chapel Hill Carrboro School District

Mr. Nackman:

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From: Ava H. Nackman [<mailto:ava@nackman.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2002 8:11 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Fw: Third High School for Chapel Hill Carrboro School District

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From: [Ava H. Nackman](mailto:Ava.H.Nackman)
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Evans ; Bill Strom (Bill Strom) ; Ewigg123@aol.com ; mayorandtowncouncil@townofchapelhill.org
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2002 8:32 AM
Subject: Third High School for Chapel Hill Carrboro School District

Dear Members of the School Board, County Commissioners, and Town Council Members,

I recently attended the joint School Board and County Commissioners meeting at which a third high school for the Chapel Hill Carrboro School District was discussed. As a parent of three children in this district, I want to thank all those who are moving the issue of a third high school in the southern part of the district seriously and quickly forward. The need is immediate and substantial as you are all recognizing. The rapidly growing communities in the southern part of the district also appreciate the recognition of such needs. Parents and homeowners in these communities are anxious to support efforts to locate a high school in their vicinity. This school needs to be not only of significant size to allow for continued growth over the next decade, but comprehensive, thus ensuring that it offers its students as high a degree of success as has been experienced in the high schools located in the northern and eastern portions of the district.

At this point it is critical that the Chapel Hill Town Council join in efforts with the School Board and County Commissioners to find a suitable site for locating this school. This search should include serious consideration of a land swap for a portion of the acreage currently identified as a possible Southern Park, as well as the possibility of extending the Southern Services Boundary to allow for school development on other suitable acreage just outside the current boundary line.

Again, thank you for your leadership, continued interest, and positive action on this issue.

Sincerely,

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From: Cal Horton
Sent: Friday, September 27, 2002 8:33 AM
To: 'Terri Tyson'
Cc: 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 (Ewigg123@aol.com); Council Member Flicka Bateman (ftbatema@aol.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)
Subject: RE: Third High School in Chapel Hill

Ms. Tyson:

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From: Terri Tyson [<mailto:ttyson@mindspring.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 26, 2002 10:57 AM
To: Steve Halkiotis; Barry Jacobs; Gloria Faley; Valerie Foushee; Jim Ward; Mark Kleinschmidt; Bill Strom (Bill Strom); Ed Harrison; Edith Wiggins; Flicka Bateman; Pat Evans; Kevin Foy; Dorothy Verkerk; Alice Gordon; Lisa Stuckey; Margaret Brown; Moses Carey; Maryanne Rosenman; Elizabeth Carter; Edward Sechrest; Nicholas Didow
Cc: Town Council; John Link; Neil Pedersen; Ava Nackman; EttPisano@aol.com
Subject: Third High School in Chapel Hill

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Dear Mayor, Town Council members, County Commissioners, and School Board members,

I am writing to request that a site be located in the southern part of town for a third high school as quickly as possible. My 10 year old triplets and 8 year old will be attending high school within the next 4 to 6 years. The two existing high schools will be extremely overcrowded by then if nothing is done. My children are expected to attend East Chapel Hill High School which is right behind our house. Our district is growing so rapidly and the disadvantages of crowded high schools are not only numerous, but can be actually dangerous!

I am requesting that the Urban Services Boundary near Smith Level Road be extended (it was pulled in just 2 years ago) to allow sewer service, etc. so that a high school can be built at that site. There would be much more environmental damage if students had to travel from the southern part of town to a high school located at a northern site. This could be an excess of a half of a million vehicle miles per year. Consider the damage to the environment due to all of this extra travel! This is worth a small adjustment to the rural buffer.

Thank you for your support and consideration to move the southern services boundary back to accommodate a high school. This school is greatly needed and will be used to the benefit of so many people.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Terri Tyson
PTA Council President
SGC Member Estes Hills Elementary School
108 Telluride Trail
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514

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From: Steve Doyle [sdoyle@cisco.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 05, 2002 11:33 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: "Land swap for high school unwise"

Respected Members,
I have attached a letter I forwarded to the Chapel Hill Herald. Not sure if it will be published. I thought you would be interested in the content.

Sincere regards,
steve doyle

In response the the Chapel Hill Herald Editorial last Friday on August 30th on "Land swap for high school unwise", I was quite dismayed by the editor's reasoning. The editor readily admits there are inadequate high school accommodations for rising high school students, a fact. Per the editor's own data, a new high school is needed in the southern part of Chapel Hill to accommodate a projected 1,500 new students over the next decade.

Despite the demands of these demographics, the editor advocates moving forward with the Southern Community Park based on promises made years ago.

Things change - so too must priorities.

Indeed, if a fresh decision could be made based on the facts and data today without any bias, it would be a foregone conclusion to develop a full service high school located in south Chapel Hill. To base an important and decisive direction on old data amounts to reckless management of limited resources.

But rather than dealing with the south Chapel Hill school requirement head-on, the editor's column blithely explains away the problem by pointing to the available land in the North end of town. This thinking is careless, unwise and completely lacking in foresight. Just imagine the daily school commute during rush hour - not just for one year, but for many. Parents and the school bussing system will have to endure the time, expense and an unnecessary safety risk necessitated by this daily commute to the north side of town. Moreover, non students, the folks who work in and around the center of town, would be frustrated with twice-daily school buses and frantic parents shuttling these children to and from school. All of this to transport a high concentration of students from acres of park land to a school across town, which should have been placed in the students' own neighborhood from the start. The editor has not considered, or slightly even addressed these important issues of safety and infrastructure.

Though the editor's desire is obviously in favor of a park, the clear and undisputed need is for a high school located at the south end of town.

I hope we can have both a school and a park, but if we are forced to chose one, the choice is obvious. I would urge others who feel as I do to please contact the City Council and Board of Education members.

From: Lies Sapp [liesapp@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 22, 2002 5:07 PM
To: Town Council

Dear Mayor of Chapel Hill and Town Council,

I wrote an e-mail to you, the School Board and the County Commissioners and a letter to the editor of the Chapel Hill news in late May of this year advocating the use of the land currently slated for the Southern Community Park for a third high school instead of park facilities. I received responses from a number of School Board members supporting this concept, and have spoken to a number of Commissioners who seem open to the idea, but I have heard nothing from any of you, either supporting or refuting it .

I understand that on June 24th, you adopted a resolution requesting that the Orange County Commissioners release the remaining \$800,000 in 1997 bond funds in order to commence work on Southern Community Park. I also understand that no one from CATS (Citizens Advocating for a Third High School) attended the meeting or formally proposed to the Council the idea of a swap of school and park lands. That is unfortunate (I was out of the Country all Summer). However, there is now a formal petition before you to consider this idea at the August 26th meeting.

The (unadopted) minutes of your June 24th meeting indicate that Mayor pro tem Evan voiced concern at that meeting that adopting the resolution to petition the County Commissioners for park funds would preclude meaningful discussion of this acreage being a possible site for location of a high school. It was agreed among you at that time that, until ground was broken, the door is not closed on the possibility.

This appears to be an opportune time, then, to voice the reasons for considering the idea of switching uses for the land.

On the downside, of course, is the fact the Town has already spent a considerable amount of money, approximately \$100,000, on the planning of the site as a park. This factor, I believe to be off-set by the extremely high cost (to the same Town, albeit in a different form) of developing any other piece of real estate in the south end as a school. I am informed that the figures range from approximately \$175,000 to over \$500,000 for sites 1, 2 and 3 for grading and/or infra-structure - costs that may be avoided on the land in question. While the north site of Eubanks Road may also avoid these expenses, there are other costs which must be taken into account when deciding to site a high school in the northern end of town. Busing, pollution, traffic - these issues will exact an as yet unassessed price which may be higher than the \$100,000 already spent.

On the upside is the site itself: 1) It is close to the 15-501 and easily accessible (particularly with the new wider road); 2) It does not closely abut any neighborhood that is resistant to the concept; 3) It is a relatively flat and buildable lot; 4) It could share facilities with a community park directly across the 15-501; 5) It is next to an existing elementary school; 6) It is in the part of town that desperately needs a high school; 7) It is the only real option that we have other than extending the urban services boundary to include site 2 (such an extension would, of course, would have huge political ramifications, whereas the proposed switch of land uses would be far less controversial).

Given the universally acknowledged need for a third high school and the equally universally acknowledged desire that said school be in the south part of Chapel Hill, the idea of switching uses of the parkland is by far our best (and least costly, both monetarily and politically) alternative.

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Please give this option your full and open consideration on August 26th.

Sincerely,

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