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Print name S. GEORGE KHALAF

Street Address 103 LONEBROOK DRIVE

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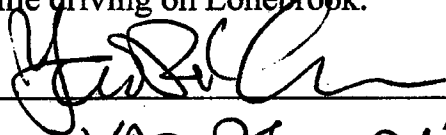
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YAO-PI CHEN
104 Tremont Circle

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Chapel Hill, NC

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Signature Richard Leber ~~Joan S. Leber~~

Print name Richard Leber Joan S. Leber

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Signature Sandra Raliff

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Street Address 102 Aster Place
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

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Signature Mark Zimmerman

Print name MARK ZIMMERMAN

Street Address 106 ASTOR PLACE

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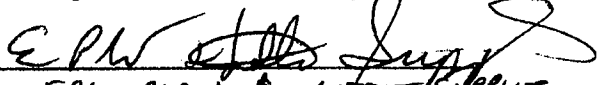
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Signature Satish Barnela

Print name SATISH BARNELA

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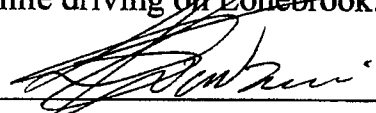
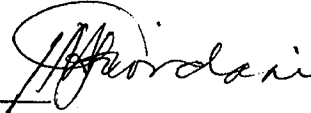
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Print name ERIC PLOW & LOTTIE SUPPUS
Street Address 109 TREMONT

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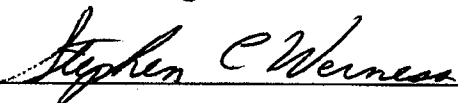
 
LIONEL GIORDANI / MYRNA R. GIORDANI
202 TREMONT CIRCLE

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104 Aster Place

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Signature Jeanne Ann Giordano

Print name Jeanne Ann GIORDANO

Street Address 105 Weymouth Place

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Signature Rebecca Elkins

Print name Rebecca Elkins

Street Address 113 Tremont Circle

Northwoods V

Kumar Neppalli

From: Ericplow1@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2003 10:04 PM
To: larrynobles3@juno.com; Cal Horton
Cc: Kumar Neppalli; smith137@mc.duke.edu
Subject: possible compromise

The proposed solution described by Mr. Nobles below is certainly fair: if he can get a large support from our neighborhood, then I'll have to stick my tail between my legs and bow to the will of the majority. However, if he doesn't, I and the other signers of my petition are requesting that no traffic calming measures be done in our neighborhood, and also that the stop signs at Lonebrook and Tremont be removed for the following 3 reasons:

- a) we did not request them
- b) the signs could be re-used in a neighborhood that wants them, and
- c) the location of stop signs at that location is not justified. I don't think any rational explanation can be advanced for this 3-way stop. That intersection is extremely close to the intersection of Lonebrook and Weaver Dairy Road, where a full stop or a 90 degree turn is required anyway. Traffic approaching our intersection has just started out from 5 mph, or else is preparing to stop anyway at Weaver Dairy Road. There is a clear line of sight, and there is no way anyone can speed through our intersection unless they are hot-rodding, in which case they'd probably run the stop sign anyway.

We realize that there are limited dollars for traffic calming, and we would prefer that neighborhoods that want them get this money. We do not care what Parkside does with their road: speed bumps, land mines, barbed wire, etc. - but please don't force this waste of tax money on us!

However, there may be a compromise that could be reached, which I think PERHAPS my neighborhood might agree to (but I can't speak for them). If we could be ASSURED that our suspensions would not be damaged over time by travelling at the speed limit on Lonebrook, that might be acceptable. In other words, we would need to be guaranteed that one could travel over any speed bumps at the posted speed limit without jarring our nerves or bouncing up and down or having to slow down below the posted speed limit no negotiate the humps, that might be acceptable, but only IF the stop signs are removed as they will be unnecessary if we can keep the speed down on Lonebrook. I believe Mr. Neppalli said this was part of the plan: namely, the stop signs would be removed once speed bumps were put in. In every neighborhood I've experienced, speed bumps DO NOT allow people to go over them at the posted speed limit, but if they could be engineered in such a manner as to make this possible, I don't see how anyone could object to that.

I would appreciate hearing if this compromise would be acceptable without going through all kinds of more surveys, polls, pitting neighbor against neighbor and neighborhood against neighborhood.

Thanks, Eric Plow

In a message dated 4/29/03 8:07:12 PM EST, larrynobles3@juno.com writes:

<< Mr. Horton,

As the resident who originally petitioned the Council to look at the speeding problem on Lonebrook Drive, I asked Kumar Neppalli to keep me informed in this manner. There were, in my opinion, some incorrect pieces of information suggested by Mr. Plow in his petition to stop the installation of the speed humps. I've drafted a letter/petition that will be circulated to all residents of the Northwoods V subdivision. It explains why I support the installation of speed humps and stop signs and attempts to clear up some inaccuracies (namely that I claimed to represent the homeowner's association of Parkside and Northwoods V subdivisions). Based on the response I get from this effort, I'll do

one of two things:

1. If many petitions from Northwoods V residents are signed and returned to me supporting the traffic calming efforts, I'll forward them to the Council as evidence that there is majority support for the efforts. I'll ask that the speed humps be installed as the Council has mandated.

2. If there are few petitions from Northwoods V residents signed and returned to me in support of the traffic calming efforts, I'll defer to the majority opinion and modify my request to include only the installation of speed humps contained within the boundaries of Parkside subdivision.

In either case, the stop signs are already installed and I would suggest they be left alone.

I will complete the efforts described above and provide results to you by Monday, May 5, 2003. If this timetable does not fit with the Council's timetable, let me know and I'll try to speed up the process. As a matter of courtesy, I am copying Mr. Plow on this e-mail in an effort to unify the two subdivisions that are along Lonebrook Drive. I've also copied Dwight Smith, Parkside Homeowner's Association President. Should you require additional input please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration in this manner.

Sincerely,

Larry Nobles
100 Kenilworth Place
Chapel Hill NC 27516
932-3562 >>