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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, June 02, 2022 11:11 AM
To: Seth Anthony
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Bervely Joassaint; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Lauren Williams; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: 2015 Parks bond/American Legion property

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Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

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From: Seth Anthony <seth.anthony@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 6:39 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: 2015 Parks bond/American Legion property

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Mayor and Council Members:

I grew up in the Triangle area, and have recently moved back to North Carolina after living in Colorado and Oregon for 16 years. The move was driven primarily by my desire to seek out an excellent education for our young children, and there was really no question but that we would try land in Chapel Hill. Our experiences have been validated by our phenomenal experience with CHCCS this year.

However, since returning to the Triangle area, I have found myself deeply disappointed by one thing about Chapel Hill -- the state of local parks and greenways. Having lived in both similarly affluent and in much less affluent communities, I was disappointed by the general state of repair of Chapel Hill parks and even more disappointed by a greenway infrastructure that can only be described as anemic. While Durham, Cary, and Raleigh have built phenomenal interconnected greenway networks during the years I lived out of state (you can bike from Durham to Clayton on paved trails largely separated from roads!), what Chapel Hill and Carrboro have by way of greenways is virtually nonexistent.

So I tried to figure out what has happened -- I found the 2013 parks master plan on Chapel Hill's website, and I was stunned at how little of it had been put into place 9 years later. Then I found out about the passage of the 2015 parks bond and I became even more confused -- where had this money gone?

Then, with recent events, I learned that a substantial portion of this bond had been directed towards the purchase of the American Legion Property, and I became outraged that the will of the voters seemed to be disregarded to divert more than half of a bond referendum towards a project that wasn't part of what it was publicly intended for. It was then that I began to feel outraged. It's actions like these that, although seemingly well-intended, contribute to people's loss of faith in government -- I haven't encountered any reference to major land acquisition being a goal of the parks bond (and I've lived in communities that had tax levies specifically for open space acquisition and preservation). I hope I am mistaken and that this didn't depart from the messaging used to sell the bond to voters as much as it seems.

But, hey, that's more than five years ago and it's water under the bridge. But it's clear that this decision has had an adverse impact on Chapel Hill's ability to maintain and grow its parks and greenways (or at least, that it hasn't helped the town reach where it could and should be).

Now I see that discussion of the fate of the American Legion site is on council's agenda. Clearly, the town has not had the funds to turn this site into the major community park that was discussed when it was purchased. So how do we get out of this predicament of having spent millions of dollars and not gotten promised park improvements? In an ideal world, I'd love to see the whole site turned into a park, but it seems to be a big site, and it seems like the town could recover some of the financial diversion by selling off a fraction of the site for some well thought-out and affordable housing development.

Given the decisions that have been made in the past, this seems to be the best way to deliver something meaningful and tangible to voters in exchange for the faith they placed in the city when they passed the bond measure. Promises matter, and even where folks have made questionable decisions in the past, we can do our best to honor the sorts of projects voters thought they were getting in 2015.

I hope I have read the situation reasonably -- I've tried to read as much as I can on both sides of this issue, but I'm sure there are plenty of nuances and details that I'm not aware of.

Primarily, I urge you to keep in mind the promises made to voters in 2015 when they authorized the parks bond as you move forward in your deliberations.

-- Seth

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2022 11:13 AM
To: Kathy Clissold
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From: Kathy Clissold <kclissold@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 5, 2022 2:01 PM
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Subject: Legion Park

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Below is my response regarding the possible uses of Legion Park, sent to my Colony Woods Neighbors. I hope you will consider my point of view along with others.

I, for one, have always wanted the Legion "Park" area to remain undeveloped. After witnessing the rapid (and in my opinion) over-development of apartment complexes in just this area of Chapel Hill, I am even more in favor of leaving that green space entirely alone. Why is "development" always the answer when there is land available? If I had the money I'd buy as much property as I could and donate it to the Land Conservancy. Do we really think that covering

undeveloped land with tarmac and houses is the best thing to do? I think we need to pay heed to the very real threat of climate change, and to the significant decline of species in this world. Humans are not the only species here. In the light of what's happening to our climate, it seems wise to be conservative about protecting trees, as well. It seems like willful ignorance to go on developing as if all is well. It's NOT. Maybe it's just a little area of green in a not very large town, but why not keep the Legion Park land undeveloped? It would be a meaningful step in the right direction.

Kathy Cissold

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From: Ed Team <niceguy44@ymail.com>
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To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: The city doesn't need to build more housing!

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Developers will do it. The city doesn't have to become another landlord. Leave the American Legion property undeveloped, other than creating park facilities. It has way more value as a sanctuary for ALL than it will have as housing for a FEW. Think of it as a "Central Park" for Chapel Hill. You don't see NYC chopping off bits and pieces of their Central Park because they need to house a few more people.

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From: Melissa McCullough <melissamccnc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 3, 2022 6:30 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road

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Dear mayor and council members,

I am writing to encourage you to do West plant on the Legion Road site. The practical way to have a good park on that site is to go ahead and sell part of that land to pay for the building of that park. To do otherwise is impractical and makes construction of the infrastructure for the park that unaffordable. We also need those funds for maintenance at other parks.

We do like to have nice things, but we need to pay for them. And it would be nice to have them sooner rather than later.

Thank you!
Melissa McCullough

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 8:53 AM
To: Ray Shillito
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Ray Shillito <shillitorj@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2022 7:01 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council Members,

As long term residents of Colony Woods, we believe that it is critical that the Legion property be retained as a community park. The influx of hundreds of people into the blue zone makes this doubly necessary. If we sacrifice any of this green space, it shows the council does not care about the north east of Chapel Hill. We have always been strong supporters of Mayor Hemminger, who is a former resident of this area and will be deeply saddened should the council vote against the community park.

Urban sprawl has already led to issues with wildlife moving into residential areas, because we have taken over their habitat. Deer, birds, bees and other animals are very prevalent in this neighborhood. Should we remove the small area of woodland that they currently inhabit, where are they to go?

Some residents of this neighborhood have been working very hard removing non native plant species from the area closest to the dance studio. The eastern part of the park would be ideal for a native plant and habitat education center. Years ago, a former neighbor of ours, created a nature pathway for Ephesus School and a seating area in the woods for educational programs. This is an example of what could be done for the future benefit and education of children living in this area.

Last year, the area closest to the Legion Hut was used for a community event with food trucks, informational booths and children's activities. This was a very welcome event and shows the value of keeping this area as a park.

We strongly support the creation of the Legion Community Park.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ray and Mrs. June Shillito.

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Greg Woods
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From: Greg Woods <gregwoods@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2022 5:30 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Cc: info@legionpark.org
Subject: Re: Legion Community Park

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and the Town of Chapel Hill council -

In 2018 I moved to Chapel Hill. I got married and became a stepfather here. My wife and I opened a successful business: Chapel Hill Movement Gym (Chill Movement for short). We rode out the COVID-19 lockdown here, together.

Chapel Hill is a wonderful place. When I moved here from Durham, I was hoping that its smaller size, higher education level and average income, along with its proximity to a major university, might offer a sense of refuge. I figured that decisions might be made more carefully and thoughtfully.

But in four years I am already afraid for and exasperated by the direction this city seems to be going. We live very close to our business -- about a five minute drive if traffic is clear. If the day is nice, I can walk there in less than 25 minutes.

Well... I could before. Now, not so much. All of the 3-4 different routes I can take on my exceedingly short journey are usually blocked or slowed by construction, and have been for years. The biggest of which being the hideously generic condos being put up between Ephesus and Fordham. (Although the mess that is Estes Rd and the multiple plots of clear-cutting throughout the area are putting up some competition.)

In the same area, I find it absolutely baffling to see an Aldi appear at Eastgate shopping center -- creating a bizarre concentration of FIVE grocery stores in a less than 2-mile radius. (While food deserts remain scattered throughout parts of Chapel Hill, Durham, and surrounding towns.)

It's stunning that a city with such intellectual and financial firepower has been slowly and consistently centering the heart of the city over a tangled mess of shopping centers and bad traffic patterns. Face it, the 15-501 split at Eastgate is more truly the heart of Chapel Hill than Franklin St. or anywhere else around here. And it's awful how we're continuing to pack things in so densely.

My neighbors in the area keep talking to me about what's going to happen with the Legion center out on Legion Rd. Most of them seem to be rallying for a community park, which would be quite nice. But honestly, I'd be happy if our town leaders just made any choice that was not purely and obviously about money and explosive growth.

Let me ask you this: if a citizen of Chapel Hill is not a student and doesn't want to spend money, what else can they do around here? This is an aggressively non-walkable town, with little respect for cyclists. Green space and trees are coming down rapidly.

I am not an activist; I have never written anything like this. I don't go to community meetings, and I'm not the type to rally for the building of a park. But I can just feel, in my bones, that if enough people don't speak up for this land, that it will instead become a pricey niche hotel for use primarily on UNC gamedays, or another block of ugly condos, or a 6th or 7th grocery store.

It's not that I think our leaders are bad people, but I do think that the decisions being made demonstrate a heavy reliance on inertia. Chapel Hill is just coasting along, like any other city, with developers steadily getting what they want at the expense of local flavor, personality, nature, and community.

I'm certain that this chunk of land on Legion Rd. could make a lot of money for some people, if that's your main concern. But I urge you to imagine a town governed by something more than the same old boring money model. Given the rare occasion of a space this beautiful, open, and coveted coming available in a central part of the city, might it be possible that our leaders would make a decision based on what could improve the lives of the people and families who actually live near it? I think so.

I urge you to try something new with this space. Quality of life is important. We can do better with this town than we've been doing. Please try. Please just don't give in to the same old unimaginative future that our culture likes to push on us.

-Greg Woods

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 8:56 AM
To: Lizania Fernandez
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From: Lizania Fernandez <lizaniadayana01@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 11, 2022 4:00 PM
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From: Thomas Napoles <tnapoles@gmail.com>
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Subject: Future of Legion park

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Hello,

As a member of the Colony Woods community I'd like to share my approval with the possibility of all 36 acres of Legion Park being used as parkland for the community.

Thanks,

Thomas Napoles

504 Landerwood Ln, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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From: Jeanette Coffin
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To: Miriam Brestin
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From: Miriam Brestin <mbrestin@gmail.com>
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Subject: Legion Community Park, Nature center educational opportunity
Importance: High

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The Park would be a wonderful wildlife and native plants educational nature center for local children. An outdoor classroom amphitheater would be a great asset in K-12 public education, as well as give on hands lab/field experience for advanced BIO and Environmental Science classes in HS. Field studies could be incorporated into STATs classes and computer programming classes for processing data collected.

<https://www.chattnaturecenter.org/education/schools/>

Getting Started

Ready to get started? We've outlined a few resources below to help you make the case for nature-based learning.

Making the Case

- [eeRESEARCH](#)- Free access to the combined research collections of both Children & Nature Network and NAAEE in one, user-friendly online portal. Browse research articles, summaries, and syntheses, or refine your search to fit your interests.
- [Research Analysis: The Benefits of Environmental Education for K-12 Students](#)- Experts at Stanford University systematically searched the academic literature and analyzed 119 peer-reviewed studies published over a 20-year period that measured the impacts of environmental education for K-12 students.
- [NAAEE's K-12 Environmental Education: Guidelines for Excellence](#)- These guidelines provide students, parents, caregivers, educators and others a roadmap to achieving environmental literacy by setting expectations for fourth (age 10), eighth (age 14) and twelfth grade (age 18) students and outlining a framework for effective and comprehensive environmental education programs and curricula.
- [Nature-Based Preschool Professional Practice Guidebook](#)- The Guidebook represents the combined expertise of professionals across the field of nature-based education, and describes how nature-based educators offer programs that are safe, effective, and inclusive.
- [Forest Days Evaluation Report](#)- Better understand what Forest Days programs look like in different schools, what their benefits are, and what challenges and obstacles they encounter in implementation.
- [The Best Day Ever: Forest Kindergartens in Vermont](#)- This short film takes you outside, into the forest classrooms of two Vermont schools where students are rediscovering joy and wonder through the experience of playing in nature.

Best regards,

-Miriam Brestin
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From: Scott B. <bumphead@gmail.com>
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Subject: Legion Community Park

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Please save and use all the property as green space and community park.
It is wonderful to have a place within our community where we can unwind, commune with nature, and hike.

To help with the littering that occurs, please add trash cans and/or a dumpster. As a citizen I sometimes bring a bag so that I can pick up some of the refuse, but since there is no trash can on premises, I am then responsible to bring it home which is about a mile walk.

This task is becoming more difficult.

Also, if there were "doggie bags" available near a trash can, more neighbors could pick up after their pets.

Thanks for reading this.

-Scott Brestin
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From: Liz Alway <lizalway@gmail.com>
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Hello,

I have lived in Colony Woods for 7 years. I was surprised and delighted when I first discovered CW. The neighborhood was new to me as I had previously lived on the other side of CH. The downside to living on "this" side of Chapel Hill is the lack of shared open space. Legion Park is the only area that offers this much needed development free zone on the east side. With the massive development that has occurred all around CW, including in Durham, Legion Park is precious green space for myself, my dedicated neighbors who have labored in the park, and my soon to be neighbors from the new development on Ephesus Church.

The possibilities for that space are amazing. A playground, a dog park, a communal gardening space (with all of the apartments being built I'm sure there would be interest), could all be established while allowing for ample open space to remain. This would only increase the desirability of the area and Chapel Hill in total. Please do not allow development.

Sincerely,
Liz Alway

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Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 1:14 PM
To: craigameisner@gmail.com
Cc: Colleen Willger; Phillip Fleischmann; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Park

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From: craigameisner@gmail.com <craigameisner@gmail.com>
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To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Dear Friends,

We understand that in the past, the council had agreed to retain Legion as a park for the city. However, recently we have heard that acres are being considered for development. Please, let us retain this 36 acres as a park and even develop it further by adding a splash pad, inclusive playground, an event space and even a home for the Chapel Hill Farmers' Market. I believe this should be the better choice for the future.

Here is hope for the future,

Craig A Meisner

904 Emory Drive

Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Mobile: 252-263-9551 (new USA mobile number)

Skype: craig.meisner

To make an appointment with me, go to my calendly below:

<https://calendly.com/craigameisner>

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Deby Dihoff
Cc: Colleen Willger; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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We are surrounded by apartments. Please leave us our park.
Deby Dihoff
Turnberry lane

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Robert Nielsen
Cc: Colleen Willger; Phillip Fleischmann; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Robert Nielsen <robertnielsennc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 9:49 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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Dear mayor and council members,

I have heard rumors that part of the Legion Community Park property (specifically that near Legion Road) will be developed. To me, this would be a terrible mistake. Sure, Chapel Hill needs development to remain vital, but consider all of the development ALREADY happening around that area (Wegman's, apartment buildings on Ephesus Church Rd,

apartments already on Legion Rd near Ram's Plaza). All of the new residents of the area need a place to relax and enjoy nature. The Legion Community Park that need. I know. I use the park area every day, since I live in the neighborhood.

And I've heard that the development would be for low income housing. True, we need more affordable housing all throughout the town ... and that is my second point. There is ALREADY affordable housing in the area. Shouldn't the focus be to add affordable housing in other areas of Chapel Hill?

As you know, I normally do not get involved in decisions such as this. But this is particularly important to me and I want to see the Legion Park remain open and green and available for myself and members of my community. We've had enough development in our area. Consider all of Chapel Hill and be equitable when deciding housing, parks, and traffic.

Sincerely,
Robert Nielsen

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:02 PM
To: lynne
Cc: Colleen Willger; Phillip Fleischmann; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: lynne <lnakell@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Please save Legion Community Park.
It will help mitigate the effects of climate change, lower area temperatures by preserving the tree canopy, retain established wildlife with native plant habitat, serve surrounding developments and neighborhoods.
We need more parks not more apartments.
Thank you very much for your consideration.
Lynne Nakell

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:04 PM
To: dan levine
Cc: Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: dan levine <levine_dan@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 8:07 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Planning

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Council Members,

I am writing you as a resident of the Colony Woods neighborhood that is adjacent to the Town-owned Legion Road parcel. I understand that Council plans to discuss the Legion site again this fall, and I'm happy to hear this is the case--I presume the discussion is related to the next step concept planning efforts advanced by the successful Council petition earlier this year.

I continue to be truly excited about the potential of putting this 36.2 acre vacant parcel back into use to serve community interests, from an expansion of adjacent parkland to creation of new affordable housing, including setting aside a portion of the site for 9% LIHTC-funded multifamily rental housing that is among our highest needs and for which few sites in Chapel Hill can compete for the credits statewide as well as this one.

While several of my neighbors are vocally opposed to anything but parkland at the Legion, I know there are also many neighbors who believe parks, housing and other uses complement each other. I hope more of the "silent majority" in my neighborhood will speak in favor of the work the Town is doing to create a great park and essential housing at the Legion site, but as you know it's easier to be against change than for it. Thanks for your continued leadership in making good change happen.

Dan Levine

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:03 PM
To: Mary Andrews
Cc: Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Mary Andrews <muandrews@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2022 9:10 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: 75 years

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Dear Mayor and Town Council Members,

I am 75 years old. I will not be here in 75 more years nor will most of you, if not all of you. What future generations will thank us for is not more retail and housing units but the green spaces our generation has preserved. I am referring to Legion Property in the Blue Hill District. Progressive communities are planning on how to manage climate change. More green spaces is one significant response to the oppressive heat. Chapel Hill leaders, take heed. Preserve all of the Legion property as a park.

Sincerely,
Mary Andrews
27517

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Jane Mellin
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Jane Mellin <jane.mellin@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 12:42 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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I am a senior citizen and resident of Adelaide Walters Street, very close to Legion Community Park. PLEASE DO NOT develop this area but keep it entirely as a community park. My quality of life will be substantially reduced if you don't make this beautiful resource complete as a park without development.

Jane Mellin

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2022 4:41 PM
To: ekinnaird2@gmail.com
Cc: Colleen Willger; Phillip Fleischmann; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: ekinnaird2@gmail.com <ekinnaird2@gmail.com>
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To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Park Plan

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To the Mayor and Council:

I write with concern about the advocacy of a group urging for the designation and expansion of the Legion Park, which I feel is shortsighted and outside the Town's long-range planning of its town parks. The council, along with its advisory commissions, has made long-term plans for parks that serve the whole town and all residents. A master plan is a long-range plan that takes into consideration all factors, including future growth. For a small group to try to thwart that plan and to advocate for only one area, I feel is short sighted.

I encourage you to continue to plan according to the long-range plans in place and not change the plans for one area.

Thank you,
Ellie Kinnaird
750 Weaver Dairy Rd. no. 123
Chapel Hill NC 27514

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 11:48 AM
To: Jesse Haff
Cc: Colleen Willger; Phillip Fleischmann; Loryn Clark; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Jesse Haff <jesse@hey.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 8:27 AM
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Subject: Save and expand Legion Community Park

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Mayor and Council -

My partner and I have been astonished at the level of development and growth surrounding the Legion Road and Ephesus Church Road areas in the past two years. Saving and expanding Legion Road Community Park should be a no brainer to preserve a livable, walkable neighborhood and to create a respite from the dense development now surrounding us.

We moved back down to Chapel Hill from Brooklyn, NY in 2020 as the pandemic escalated to be closer to family. Having grown up in Chapel Hill in the 1990s, I've watched the community grow bit by bit as the years passed. But the speed and intensity of development in the Legion Road/Ephesus Church area has been far more dramatic. I'm not anti-development at all, but it is obvious that without substantial green space and ponds the quality of life in this area will suffer tremendously.

Please do the obvious thing: don't only save legion community park, invest and improve it. Expand it. Future generations will thank you!

Jesse

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 12:12 PM
To: alexandrabbenson@gmail.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Lance Norris; Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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1. Name

Alexandra Hampton

2. Residency*

(o) I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

Hello,

I am writing in favor of and calling on the Chapel Hill Town Council to create a Community Park at the Legion Site that will conserve all of the 36 acre tract with its natural features of woods and streams. Current and future area resident's quality of life would improve with a much needed park and green space. I believe affordable housing is a critical issue, but there are other options to address affordable housing beyond this land. Nearby low-income residents would be served by a community park. With more folks working from home, much in isolation, a park and space to get outside is even more vital to creating a healthy and connected community. Depression, addiction, and loneliness are all on the rise. Nature is an essential element to recovery and health for so many. Selling the land for development would be a tragic decision. I strongly urge the Council to consider the severe consequences of selling the land for development. The mental and physical health of nearby residents will be directly affected by the decision made. For the health of residents and the community at large, please create a Community Park at the Legion Site that will conserve all of the 36 acre tract with its natural features of woods and streams.

Thank you,
Alexandra Hampton

4. If you would like us to contact you regarding this issue, please provide an email or telephone number.

alexandrabbenson@gmail.com

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Sent: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 3:06 PM
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Subject: American Legion Discussion Questions

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Mayor and Council,

I would like to raise a few discussion questions in regard to the Legion property for your consideration during this process.

1. Do we know what the projected revenue would be from the sale of any land?
2. Do we know what projected long term revenue could be gained from leasing the same parcel(s) of land?

3. Do we know how much either the sale or leasing of land would add back into a park?

After six years on the PGR Commission and learning about park costs and budget needs, I am not sure that the eventual proceeds from sale of the land would make a significant contribution to park facilities. I would like to go beyond my opinion here and get the details. It would be informative to see numbers and get an idea of what we are trading with limited town owned land, and then being clear about what the proceeds can or can't do. If we are talking about selling land for someone to leverage LIHTC funds, for example, I would hope that we could clearly state that the provision of affordable homes and/or rentals is the benefit here and it is not going to directly fund a park. (Unless I am mistaken and the sale of the land would truly make a dent in park funding and there is a way for that funding to be set aside for a specific park.)

4. If the land is sold, is there a budgetary mechanism in place to earmark those funds for parks, or would the funds be entered into the general fund and then the funds would be allocated to Parks and Recreation during regular CPI and operating budget processes, in competition with other department funding needs? And related, is there a budget mechanism within the Parks and Recreation department to reserve funds from the sale of a particular tract of land to a specific park, or is it in a general parks fund that could be used at other locations and not set aside for use solely at Legion?

5. What potential is there to not sell the land but have affordable homes on Town property, like Trinity Court? What benefits/drawbacks do you each see in this scenario?

6. If the Town finds it desirable and agrees to use part of the site for homes, is there a mechanism to land bank the remaining to-be-agreed upon park portion?

It will take years for the Town to complete a new Parks Master Plan and find additional funding to make park visions become reality. It may lay "unused" for this longer period of time. I think it would be a consideration, if the plan moves in such a direction, to ensure the land is banked while park infrastructure is funded and built and not exposed to potential changes in strategy by a future Town Council.

7. What is the relationship with CHCCS per the use of their facilities at Ephesus Elementary? What is the future land use on that corner of the property as it impacts discussions around future land use? Are they involved as a partner in the planning of this larger tract, or are their facilities adjacent to the property being planned separately? Is there value in joint planning?

8. Where does planning for this property fit in with other Town Council initiatives on holistic long-term land use planning? We don't have a parks master plan that includes this property. Is there a "master plan" for housing that this property fits into, or is this a parallel effort? What can be gained, or hampered, by waiting to roll up planning for Legion property into a town wide approach?

Thank you,

Wesley McMahan

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
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From: Zaneera Hassan <zaneerahassan@gmail.com>
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Hello,

I am emailing to show my support and ask to save Legion Community Park. There is much potential here to create a deeper sense of community in our home by leaving this green space intact. Thank you for your consideration.

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Zaneera Hassan

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 4:20 PM
To: davidj.thomas1@gmail.com
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1. Name

David Thomas

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

I write to support the on-going effort to assure that development of the American Legion property is focused on Passive/Active Recreation and on Affordable Housing, two of areas identified in the recent presentation by town staff. There are strong arguments for these two recommendations. First, the east side of Chapel Hill has little public space devoted to recreation and the the rapid expansion of residential space can only increase the need for green space. Second, there is a critical need for affordable housing in Chapel Hill and the on-going development of high end residential space on the east side does not address this need. The thoughtful development of the American Legion property with emphasis on open space devoted to the community's recreational needs and to the provision of affordable housing would benefit Chapel Hill and its residents for years to come.

4. If you would like us to contact you regarding this issue, please provide an email or telephone number.

davidj.thomas1@gmail.com

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Thank you,
Town of Chapel Hill, NC

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 4:23 PM
To: Mary/Bill Kaiser
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Park

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Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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From: Mary/Bill Kaiser <w_mckaiser@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 15, 2022 1:33 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Mayor and City Council:

Let us save the 36 acres as a park on Legion Road.

Parks are essential for human physical and emotional health. We are all stress by the pandemic and need to relax in green space.

Preserving trees and open green space would help with Chapel Hill's climate action plan.

Schools could use Legion Park for activities

Families and organizations could utilize Legion Park. People have complained that Chapel Hill does not have enough parks.

Lets keep Legion Park green.

Mary C. Kaiser
Chapel Hill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 9:45 AM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Nature and mental health

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

From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 8:13 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Nature and mental health

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More and more scientific research is coming out about the connection of nature with positive mental health outcomes. Our Community surrounding the Legion Property is for the most part disadvantaged without the resources to chauffeur kids .Even the Community Center is inaccessible by foot for kids due to heavy traffic and inadequate sidewalks. The Legion Property would give some of the advantages that the wealthy Meadowmont and Southern Village communities have. It looks unused now but put in a play structure and some benches and picnic tables and allow people time to discover (which they already are...)this beautiful oasis. You , we, this Community will forever regret building on any part

of this land...I urge you to be forward-thinking about the welfare of future generations in a section of town that is being overbuilt...Poorer neighborhoods should not always be dismissed because the money of interested parties and greed overtake their needs. Think Eubanks dump and it's placement and countless other examples...and a few low income poorly built houses for the most part (ask any homeowner how little insulation from their neighbors they have) is not an adequate consolation prize... It also shocks me that the pickle ball crowd thinks the land should go to them. Talk about entitlement...This land belongs to the Communities surrounding it for the mental and physical health of THEIR children and families....You have the decision -making power to preserve this land . I urge you to do so otherwise it will be gone forever as a real park with a meaningful footprint in our community. Thank you. Stephanie Greenberg

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 9:28 AM
To: John Laures
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: John Laures <johnmlaures@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2022 9:57 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Hello representatives,

The east side of town is sadly lacking in parkland.

Please Please, abide by the original intention of the Legion Park purchase and commit the entire property to park amenities.

No problem if we can't afford all the amenities immediately, but please do not commit any of the land to other uses.

Thank you

John and April Lares
1302 Wildwood Drive

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 12:59 PM
To: mcf51160@gmail.com
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: info@townofchapelhill.org <info@townofchapelhill.org>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 9:52 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
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1. Name

Not answered

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

Good morning Ms. Mayor and Council,
Me and my family, as residents of the area, would like to petition the preservation and improvement of Park Legion. With the construction of so many apartment buildings in the East of Chapel Hill we are in high need of green recreational areas. This is the only available space left in this part of town for a community park.
Thank you in advance.
All the best.

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Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 1:00 PM
To: Larry Meek
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Road average as a park

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From: Larry Meek <larrychapelhill@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 6:40 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road average as a park

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Please make 36 acres vacant off Legion Rd a park. It is a lovely, natural space and perfect as a park. Probably no other such space exists in Chapel Hill. The town needs this.

Larry Meek

4 Lark Circle, Chapel Hill 27517

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Aeron Tynes Hammack
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Aeron Tynes Hammack <aeron.hammack@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:37 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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Hello,

As a resident that lives near the Legion Community Park lands, it's a wonderful part of the community in it's current open space plan. Please do not open the area for commercial or residential development. A playscape, community center, or recreational area for the neighborhood kids would be a nice addition if you feel the need to invest in the property. One of the things that most attracted is to the Town of Chapel Hill was the lovely preservation of vast natural forests and walking trails the town planners have wisely preserved. Please keep up the excellent work by avoiding commercial development on this beautiful asset to the Town.

Best regards,
Dr. Aeron Tynes Hammack

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Izabella Baer
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Don't develop Legion Park

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From: Izabella Baer <izabellabaer@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 17, 2022 10:05 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Don't develop Legion Park

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Please keep legion park as a park for residents of chapel hill. Don't develop it. Chapel hill is already being rapidly over developed and the residents are not happy about it. The residents of Chapel Hill want to enjoy all of legion park as a PARK!

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Pamela Dobson
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Pamela Dobson <pamdobson43@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 2:50 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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What a travesty Chapel Hill has created in the name of progress.

Allowing a community park on the Legion Road property is the last chance to redeem yourselves.

Take a look at the Community Park in Apex on Hunter Street. It is a far cry from this town's attempt at hiding one away off Homestead Rd.

In this area of Chapel Hill, especially, we will pay the price for the massive amount of building in the floodplain with little infrastructure to maintain it.

Ephesus Church Rd (with bike lanes, no less) will become a busy thoroughfare as high-rise dwellers make a beeline to the Interstate each day.

Please use this opportunity to once and for all bring back a semblance of what Chapel Hill once was, and give our citizens something positive to look forward to—instead of the depressing sights we have been accustomed to seeing in recent years.

MAKE LEGION COMMUNITY PARK A REALITY.

Pamela Dobson
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Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Mark Prokop
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: legion road property

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From: Mark Prokop <2bmistaken4jesus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 19, 2022 2:57 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: legion road property

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Dear Mayor and Town Council

My wife and kids (almost 21 and 24) live in Chapel Hill, NC in the Colony Lake neighborhood. I wanted to put in an idea about the property on Legion Road. Our kids attended Ephesus Road Elementary School, Phillips Middle School and East Chapel Hill High School.

1 -Since it backs up to Ephesus Road Elementary School, I believe what the best idea is to create a small school that can house either

- a) just elementary school kids (if the need shows that) OR
- b) elementary school and middle school kids (if the need shows that)

That way, there can be a partnership between Ephesus Road Elementary School and the new school that can help prevent having to build a new full blown school in Chapel Hill and will allow the Town to plan for future schools.

2 - if any type of the entire property will not be used for the new school, then, sure, it can be some kind of playground/park/etc for the entire community.

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Mark Prokop
Have a blessed day!!!

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Joanna Williams
Cc: Bergen Watterson; Chris Roberts; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Save the Legion Community Park

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

From: Joanna Williams <jwilliams_stm@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Save the Legion Community Park

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please save our park on Legion park! This area of Chapel Hill has no attractions and lots of apartments with very limited open space. The park would enhance this part of town. Increaseing the value and the peace of mind to East Chapel Hill.

Sincerely

Mrs Jo Williams

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 9:50 AM
To: Ed Bedford
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Road Park

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From: Ed Bedford <ebedforde@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 4:35 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road Park

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Dear Mayor and Town Council:

I am writing to request that the Legion Road property be used as a proper community park as originally contemplated when the property was acquired. The east side of Chapel Hill does not have a real park and it is

needed now more than ever with all of the apartments being built in the Blue Hill district. This use of the property has been supported by the community and is essential as there are no other suitable pieces of property in the area.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Ed Bedford
401 Knob Ct, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 12:23 PM
To: Joyceebrown@peoplepc.com
Cc: Chris Roberts; Lance Norris; Bergen Watterson; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: info@townofchapelhill.org <info@townofchapelhill.org>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Message from Website

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Submit the form below or email mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org.

1. Name

Joyce Brown

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

I just want you to know that I feel strongly about the Legion park area - and that this property should be developed on our side of town where all of the new high density apts are now being built- like the Southern Village park. In the next few years our side of town will be heavily populated making the need for such GREEN SPACE a NECESSITY!!
PLEASE!!!

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Joyceebrown@peoplepc.com

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Kristi Webb
Cc: Colleen Willger; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Save Legion Park

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From: Kristi Webb <kristiwebbnc@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 23, 2022 2:00 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Save Legion Park

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Dear Mayor Pam and members of the Chapel Hill Town Council,
We write today, as we have in the past, to urge you strongly to keep all of Legion Park as a community park. We are angry that Council member Parker's petition has progressed as far as it has, kicking to the curb the hundreds - even thousands - of hours community members have already invested in keeping the only available open space for a park left in the town as a park. Volunteers from our neighborhood have been out there weekly and sometimes daily, caring for the property. Given that this affordable housing crisis is a crisis entirely of the Council's own making - we're particularly looking at you, Mr. Parker and Ms. Stegman - the proposal to build affordable housing in this space when there are other options seems deliberately hostile to the Blue Hell area of town.

What are some other options? To start with, the Council could stop giving in to developers, who laugh at us when we require either a percentage of new construction be affordable, or that they give a “payment in lieu.” Payment in lieu - and then no affordable housing is built. There are currently nearly 3,000 new units being built in Blue Hell; the council could use “payment in lieu” to create affordable housing in those buildings, overseen by the Town or by one of our non-profits dedicated to housing our workforce. Mobile home parks are threatened; the Town Council could take steps to protect them, but does not. There **was** affordable housing on Ephesus Church Rd., but it was razed to make way for market-rate housing - another failure by this Town Council.

As a psychologist, Kristi is quite familiar with the research indicating that essential nature of woods and meadows for mental health. Thousands of residents in the newly-built apartments and condos will need a place to get outdoors. Given that climate change is an existential crisis, it is appalling that the Council is even considering clear-cutting trees from what used to be a “Tree City.” It is our understanding that ARPA funds can be used to pay for park improvements. Legion Park must be conserved as a community park - the entirety of its acreage. We are paying attention; we donate money, we speak up, and of course we vote.

Kristin B. Webb
Todd E. Woerner
Deerwood Court
Chapel Hill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 12:10 PM
To: Andra Wilkinson
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Park questions

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From: Andra Wilkinson <andra.wilkinson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 25, 2022 3:52 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park questions

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Good afternoon,

I've been seeing a lot of information online about the Legion Park property and potential development. I'm wary some of it is inaccurate or even misinformation. So, I thought I'd go to the source. I had emailed some Council members individually, but did not receive a response.

1) I understand the Town plans to sell parts of the Legion Park property to help pay for its development. Is it true that the land sold would include the lake and the monarch habitat, both of which would be filled/destroyed? If so, I'd like to

register my strong dissent to this decision. Both seem ecologically critical and the lake seems also critical for rainwater management.

2) I understand the Town plans to build affordable/missing middle housing on the property. This is great, but I'm curious how the Town can ensure this will not be another unaffordable high rise, of which several have been built in the area over the past several years?

3) Would the tract of trees that won't be destroyed include trails in them or would they be left undeveloped?

Thank you!

Andra

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 12:11 PM
To: Bin Li
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Please save the Legion Community Park

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From: Bin Li <binli66@msn.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 5:05 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Please save the Legion Community Park

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We have enough house buildings around this area. People need to live with a park. Please save this place as a public park!!

Thanks.

Bin Li

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Kathy Clissold
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Park

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From: Kathy Clissold <kclissold@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 24, 2022 2:08 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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My husband and I have lived in Colony Woods since 1999. We have watched with real dismay as large apartment communities have been built close to both Mount Moriah Road and Ephesus Church Road, almost on the streets. A few extra feet would have been a good idea. We're not sure how this has come about, but Chapel Hill used to be a community that valued greenery, low building height, and trees. We voted for Pam Hemminger because we believed that she had the best interests of the Chapel Hill community in mind. Clearly we were wrong. "It's Not About the Parking Deck!" was certainly a spot-on declaration; rather, an historic downtown (first state university in the country) has become far too similar to a strip mall, and in our area of Chapel Hill (near "Blue Hill," if you'll excuse the expression), the destruction of trees and greenspaces has continued, and indeed increased.

Our question is simple: WHY? Chapel Hill is not a large town, nor does it need to become one. Yes, people would like to live here, but this is not an inexpensive town, and it's getting more costly to live here every month, it seems. As far as we can tell, the apartments near our area are not "affordable housing," though that term has been used, mostly in an effort to assuage concerns about too much development. But it seems clear that all this building has much more to do with developers with plenty of money and complete disregard for the well-being or future of Chapel Hill.

Please leave Legion Park as it is -- a green, undeveloped space. There are many more people living close to the park than there were just a few years ago. Must we tear down the trees and cover the grass everywhere? And we need to consider the planet, as well -- keeping one small green space in an area that will most likely become very urbanized is a small thing to ask. There is a great deal of money to be made, as always, but please consider the planet and the people who live here, and if you can't just leave Legion Park alone, maybe a few walking paths would suffice? "Progress" is not always a good thing, as we are learning now -- the effects on our climate are devastating. Please don't add to it.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Clissold
Thomas Luntz
1916 Tryon Court
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Linda Brown
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Park Must Remain a Park

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From: Linda Brown <lkbrown9478392@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 10:29 AM
To: Jess Anderson <janderson@townofchapelhill.org>; Pam Hemminger <phemminger@townofchapelhill.org>; Karen Stegman <kstegman@townofchapelhill.org>; Michael Parker <mparker@townofchapelhill.org>; Tai Huynh <thuynh@townofchapelhill.org>; Camille Berry <cberry@townofchapelhill.org>; Amy Ryan <aryan@townofchapelhill.org>; Paris Miller-Foushee <pmiller-foushee@townofchapelhill.org>; Adam Searing <asearing@townofchapelhill.org>; Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park Must Remain a Park

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Mayor and Council Members;

A look at the results of the town's recent heat island survey shows the area surrounding Legion Park as a heat island but anyone shopping at Ram's Plaza or Eastowne in July doesn't need a survey to know that. The removal of trees and construction of apartment blocks in that area has, without a doubt, been the primary contributing factor to the creation of that heat island effect--and additional construction in that area will only make it worse.

In addition, the residents of this high density residential and commercial area have no other large green space in the area.

Furthermore, the town itself lacks any space that could really be called a town center and gathering space for outdoor concerts and performances, food truck rallies, flea market, book fair, or a farmer's market. Legion Park is the perfect place for all such activities.

The park is also an ideal lab for students from Ephesus Park Elementary to engage in studies and experiments in environmental science--a place where approximately 88 species of birds have recently been identified and volunteers have put in many hours removing invasive species.

Legion Pond and the integrated Resource Conservation District are all essential in the town's efforts to maintain stormwater control for area homes and businesses. (FEMA has already removed a number of homes in Ridgefield, needed to remove more but lacked the funds to do so.)

While I am well aware of the town's other critical needs, I am also aware that there are other ways to achieve them.

If Legion Park is destroyed, what it provides can never be replaced.

Only after the last tree has been cut down, only after the last river has been poisoned, only after the last fish has been caught - only then will you find that money cannot be eaten. - Cree Indian proverb

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:33 AM
To: Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: info@townofchapelhill.org <info@townofchapelhill.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:10 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Message from Website

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Submitter ID: 14894
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Survey Details

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Submit the form below or email mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org.

1. Name

M Gabriel

2. Residency*

(o) I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

I am very discouraged to hear that the Legion Community Park is vulnerable to developers again. Extremely disappointed in you council members and Mayor Pam--didn't you rescue the Legion property once? Didn't you campaign on that rescue as an accomplishment of your administration?? Why do we have to fight this fight again??? We need the greenspace as development devours our trees and erodes our quality of life here in town. Too many new apartments--and won't all those new people need trees and air and green too? Please. BE RESPONSIBLE for quality of life in Chapel Hill. SAVE THE PARK

4. If you would like us to contact you regarding this issue, please provide an email or telephone number.

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Town of Chapel Hill, NC

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 1:19 PM
To: Bergen Watterson; Chris Roberts; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: info@townofchapelhill.org <info@townofchapelhill.org>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 12:55 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Message from Website

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Submit the form below or email mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org.

1. Name

Radeyah Saleem

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

I, Radeyah Saleem, would like to express my concern of preserving the community on Legion Road. I would like to see a park and other park amenities on this land. I live across from this area and it's a very convenient and safe place to walk.

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 9:39 AM
To: Courtney Sears
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Yes to Affordable Housing

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From: Courtney Sears <courtney.sears@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 8:11 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Yes to Affordable Housing

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Dear Mayor and Town Council Members,

My name is Courtney Sears. I have lived in the Colony Woods Neighborhood for ten years on Fountain Ridge Rd. Our family is the fourth house down from the end of Fountain Ridge that is adjacent to the Legion Rd. property. I am writing to clearly state our support for building affordable housing there. We hope that you will continue to advance development strategies that address our community's desperate need for more diverse housing options.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Courtney Sears
1601 Fountain Ridge Rd.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Rebecca Rodriguez
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Rebecca Rodriguez <rebeccawilliamsrodriguez@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2022 10:47 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Property

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Dear Mayor and Town Council Members:

I am writing to request specifically that no trees are removed from the Legion Property. We have lost so many trees in town with all of the recent luxury apartment development. We can't get the forest back once it is gone.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Rodriguez

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 1:50 PM
To: CKILLE1@nc.rr.com
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: CKILLE1@nc.rr.com <CKILLE1@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road property

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For the last ten years, reports and studies have recommended that the Legion Road property be a park. One reason not usually mentioned is to allow the wildlife to continue living there. Because of all the new apartments already built and on plans to build additional apartments on the east side of town, we need access to this land. Getting to the Community Center, Umstead Park, and other locations are no longer good options because it is time consuming with the additional traffic. I recommend leaving the trees and pond and have an inclusive children's park and picnic tables on the open land. Carol Kille

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 5:03 PM
To: Simon Palmore
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Simon Palmore <simonpalmore@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2022 4:56 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Let's do it all on Legion Road

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Chapel Hill Town Council,
I am writing in support of Councilmember Parker's petition regarding the Legion Road property. Those individuals and elected officials who demand a "park-only" approach are going to get a "no park" approach if they get their way.

We have so much more work to do with respect to affordable and market-rate housing in Chapel Hill. Apartment dwellers and renters are no less committed to the community. We don't make worse neighbors. We deserve access, too, to everything that Chapel Hill has to offer. I encourage you to move forward with developing a portion of the Legion

Road property for housing, and using the resulting proceeds to develop the rest as a beautiful park that the entire community can use.

Luckily, we don't have to choose between housing and a park. It's a real shame that some elected officials are pretending we do, and a bigger shame that so many community members believe them.

Sincerely,

Simon Palmore
Chapel Hill renter

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, October 03, 2022 4:12 PM
To: Alison
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Road site

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From: Alison <alisonwarmkessel@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 4:10 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road site

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Hi there,

I am emailing to express my support for affordable housing to be considered for the Legion Road site owned by the town. We DESPERATELY need affordable housing options ASAP in Carrboro/Chapel Hill. It is quickly becoming impossible for people to afford to rent in town and pretty much a pipe dream to buy a starter home anywhere within city limits. Most of my friends and loved ones in the area do not make enough to pay for rent and utilities and do anything else, they are not driving their cars because they can't afford gas or can't afford any much needed repairs, they are going without glasses and contacts because they can't afford it, etc. It is getting very desperate out here for the majority of us

even with stable jobs. Many people that I know have stayed in homes and apartments with landlords who are extremely difficult and do not fulfill their obligations to provide a safe maintained livable space simply because they are desperate to keep their low rent and cannot afford the new rent standards to start renting a new home.

And by affordable housing PLEASE understand that this does not mean selling off a portion to a developer that will claim to set aside some small percentage of units claiming that they will be one "affordable" rate that seems to creep up as they continue building. We need actual affordable housing not smoke blowing. We also don't need trendy tiny home communities, we need 2+ bedroom family homes people can actually afford to live in with their family with reasonable amounts of space.

It would be wonderful to see Chapel Hill making this a priority, supporting the working class that keep our bustling city and UNC and UNC hospitals functioning and allowing them to live in town where they are working and going to school etc.

Kind regards,
Alison Warmkessel

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, October 04, 2022 3:53 PM
To: Patrick Edwards
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Patrick Edwards <patrickvanedwards@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Support for Legion Park

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Dear Town Council,

I write in support of preserving the beautiful public space for Legion Park. Me, my partner, and our dog live on Frances St with the new Hartley apartments directly in our backyard. We do like the development, shopping and the new amenities that have been brought to our part of Chapel Hill and THANK YOU very much for extending a sidewalk and crosswalk to our street so that we can now access the community through walking and biking.

One of our favorite places to walk to with our dog is the Legion road site behind Ephesus Elementary up to Legion Road. We walk here about every other day and love running into people we've met and see this space widely used by the community for dogs, running, exercise, and frisbee throwing. As you know, the closest dog park for us is a 15-minute drive; we are equidistant to both Homestead and to Southern Community dog parks but these are both very distant for us to reach on a regular basis.

Therefore, this space and its preservation is very important for our livelihoods and our mental health and I know has been a very special place for others in this community as well. The park space nicely counterbalances the significant development and construction that we've seen and will continue to see in upcoming years just on the other side of our backyard fence. I believe our community requires such a greenspace to give us that sense of community and to provide thousands of people that are moving to Blue Hill a peaceful place to walk to and to relax, along with the hundreds of apartment dogs that will likely be moving in as well.

I would love to provide input on the Legion Park site and want to know how I can get involved. Some of the proposals I see online call for a "world-class park" by selling public land to raise funds for such a park. I would argue that we don't necessarily need an expensive plan that would burden the town to have to sell land. I think there are ways to maintain a sustainable cost-efficient park that preserves the current natural landscape and meets the needs of the growing community. Picnic tables, sunflower field such as what Dix Park in Raleigh has, maintaining open grass space for picnics and activities, farmers market, or a fenced-in area as a dog park are all excellent and affordable ideas. I hope that town council will take serious the community's desire to preserve this beautiful natural park space.

Kind Regards,

Patrick Edwards
22 Frances St.



Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2022 12:40 PM
To: Shannon Haney
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Shannon Haney <haney3909@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Dear Mayor and CH Town Council,

I implore you to save Legion Road Park. Having grown up in Chapel Hill and the Briarcliff neighborhood, it would be tragic for you to develop the Legion Road park. There's been enough, almost too much, development in this area (Blue Hill) already and more would be even more damaging to the environment.

Please take a moment to consider if this were your neighborhood. Would this be ok for you, your family and neighborhood? Our neighborhood has considered it and it's not OK for us, thus this email.

Enough development in Blue Hill! Please do not continue to build and please do not develop Legion Road park into anything more than it already is - which is perfect.

Thank you,

Shannon Haney

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2022 12:41 PM
To: Terry Crook
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Terry Crook <terrycrook54@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 7:53 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Please save Legion Park

Terry Crook
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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2022 4:14 PM
To: John Poteat
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: John Poteat <john.poteat@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 3:35 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Cc: Grace Kirchgessner <grace.kirchgessner@outlook.com>
Subject: Legion Property

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Mayor and Council Members,

I want to express my support and appreciation for your efforts to manage the multiple opportunities the American Legion property affords the town. As a resident of the Ridgfield Park/Briarcliff community, I strongly support using the site for a park and for an affordable housing project.

Unfortunately, there are many loud voices advocating saving "Legion Community Park", despite the fact it only exists in some of my neighbors' minds. Please continue your deliberative process to use the site for the greatest good for the town.

Thanks again for your efforts to manage the property.

Sincerely,

John Poteat

John Poteat
919-949-2933
john.poteat@gmail.com

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2022 9:51 AM
To: carol hart
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: carol hart <dchart46@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 8:42 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Save Legion Park

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SAVE LEGION PARK. THIS WILL BE AN ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, October 06, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Rebecca Domin
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Rebecca Domin <becky.domin@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:30 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Save Legion Community Park!

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I'm a homeowner on Frances Street (Chapel Hill 27517).
Make all 36 acres on Legion Road a park for everyone to enjoy!

Save the trees. Save the animals. Save the park.

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Rebecca Gray Design, Inc.
919.265.9641

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2022 9:56 AM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:50 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:47 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
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We are going to need open space more than ever...



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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2022 12:34 PM
To: Giglio, Ben
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Giglio, Ben <giglio@email.unc.edu>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 12:03 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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My name is Dr. Giglio. I work in the UNC Medical School's Biomedical Research Imaging Center as a radiochemist.

I'm writing to support reserving the entire greenspace on Legion Road as a community park.

I've lived in the Legion Road area for almost 5 years. There has been perpetual construction here, and I don't want to endure any more.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 10:43 AM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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-----Original Message-----

From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 2:37 PM
To: Karen Stegman <kstegman@townofchapelhill.org>; Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Re: Legion Property

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In response to Karen Stegman's email .With all due respect I was responding to the verbiage in your newsletter. Please refer to the sentence in your newsletter which states that Legion Park is not a park but a parcel of town-owned land. This is very telling on how you view the land. The modest community surrounding this land deserves the same fundamental right to clean air, clean water and natural open space that the wealthier communities have. Give us a play structure and some benches , maybe a picnic table or two. Not expensive. We will tend the butterfly garden and any other gardens to enhance the quality of life of our neighbors . A dedicated group is already saving the trees with their

hands. The pond is a catchment area for rain water and sustains wildlife. This is important beloved open space and this is what we are trying to convey to the town council. Sincerely, Stephanie Greenberg

Sent from my iPhone

> On Oct 8, 2022, at 1:20 PM, Karen Stegman <kstegman@townofchapelhill.org> wrote:

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> Dear Stephanie,

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> Thank you for sharing your perspective on American Legion. I appreciate hearing your thoughts. I am excited to re-start the process of creating a plan for the property's future, that includes a large park, and moving forward to implement it. I want to assure you that I am listening to all input and will work hard to help move a plan forward that balances the diversity of community interests and needs.

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> I do hope that we can continue this community dialogue in a respectful way. It is terrific that residents enjoy the property for recreational purposes. At the same time, I have not shared misinformation in communicating that the Legion Road property has not been designated as a Town park. That is a fact. I am working towards a plan that designates at least a significant portion of the property as a park in the future and welcome you to participate in that process.

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> Kind regards,

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> Karen

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> Karen J. Stegman

> Mayor Pro Tem

> Town of Chapel Hill

> 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

> Chapel Hill, NC 27514-5705

> Phone: (919) 824-5197

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> From: Jeanette Coffin <jcoffin@townofchapelhill.org>

> Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 2:49 PM

> To: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>

> Cc: Colleen Willger <cwillger@townofchapelhill.org>; Adam Searing <asearing@townofchapelhill.org>; Amy Ryan <aryan@townofchapelhill.org>; Camille Berry <cberry@townofchapelhill.org>; Jeanne Brown

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> I take offense to Karen Stegman's newsletter quibbling that the Legion Property is not a park . It is land teeming with wildlife, a pond, trees and paths. No it does not have amusements but it IS a park. Oxford Languages definition of PARK: A large public green area in a town used for recreation. « a walk around the park » It is misleading and unseemly for a Council Member to put out misinformation... Sent from my iPhone

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 10:44 AM
To: Doria Elkerdany
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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-----Original Message-----

From: Doria Elkerdany <doriayk@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 8:23 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Preserving Legion Community Park

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To Chapel Hill town:

This email is to let you know of my interest in the preservation Legion Community Park for the enjoyment of everyone

Thank you

Doria Elkerdany

Resident and owner of
102 St Thomas Dr
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Nabil AbdulNour <njnour49@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 9:17 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
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Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Rolffs Pinkerton <pinkertonrolffs@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 7, 2022 4:57 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Save legion park

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Dear All:

I moved to Chapel Hill in 1967 and my work at UNC and Duke has kept me here ever since.

When I first arrived, Chapel Hill lived up to its WCHL identity logo as a "village". Needless to say, Chapel is no longer a village and I now woefully refer to it as Chapel Hill City. Growth is inevitable. But, I, and many others would agree, it

should be well planned and responsibly undertaken. Increasingly, I'm having doubts that these values continue to direct us. Pittsboro and Hillsborough are where we were twenty five years ago and I'm beginning to share similar concerns about those communities - "don't follow in our footsteps"!Don't follow a Chapel Hill City as a role model!

Which gets us to Legion Community Park. In a word, we don't need more sky rises, more real estate ventures to financially advantage the few. So, let's keep nature and recreation and the health of all of us, especially our children and youth as a priority.

In a word, we can do better.....and, I think all of you know that.

Thank you for hearing me out. - Rolffs Pinkerton

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 10:33 AM
To: David Adams
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: The Legion property as the Complete Communities pilot project

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From: David Adams <david.adams.4383@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 5:50 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: The Legion property as the Complete Communities pilot project

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In reviewing the video of the October 7th meeting of the Council Economic Sustainability Committee, I heard that Jennifer Keesmaat had been approached by some council members to use the American Legion property as the Complete Communities pilot project (at 39:55). I could support this idea if it meant that creating Legion Community Park on the entire property would complete the Blue Hill community, which already has high density housing on a transit corridor, substantial affordable housing, two commercial centers, and proximity to an existing greenway. This would be consistent with the 2013 Comprehensive Parks plan, which is still in effect, community surveys and the 2017 American Legion Task Force that listed a park as the top priority for the former Legion property, the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission's petition to Council to create a

park on the *entire* property in 2019, and Chapel Hill's 2022 Interactive Parks Map, which currently lists the entire American Legion property as "Open space reserve areas (land reserved for conservation purposes)". However, I suspect the pilot project would more likely follow council member Parker's petition to drain the pond for mixed use development with a much smaller, pocket park. The legion park issue is a perfect example of why the community (~900 members of which have petitioned Council to create a community park) do not trust their local government.

David Adams
1700 Ferrell Rd

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 10:53 AM
To: edson.freeman@gmail.com
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: info@townofchapelhill.org <info@townofchapelhill.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2022 11:47 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Message from Website

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1. Name

Edson Freeman

2. Residency*

(o) I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I know there is a lot of discussion around the American Legion property, and I wanted to weigh in. This property is such a gem, and so many residents will be heartbroken if it is even partially developed. I'm sure many of us would even be supportive of additional tax measures to cover whatever monetary factors are at play. The Blue Hill District has had SO MUCH development already, and most people I know are fine with that in general, but the Legion property is special. There are so many people with great memories of that property already, from veterans to Scouts to neighbors and friends in the area.

Think of your favorite cities, and more often than not, parks and natural spaces are involved in those impressions and memories. But if we keep giving over green space to more and more development, soon we are left with overcrowded schools, overloaded roads, undersized sewer systems, insufficient drainage, limited wildlife, more pollution, and fewer fields to play in or woods to wander.

And for what? More tax revenue? I understand the desire for more affordable housing, but there are other options than the Legion property. Once you take that away from us, there's no going back. This is a once-in-a-generation chance to really do something special for the citizens of Chapel Hill.

I hope you'll slow down the steamrollers, both proverbial and literal, that seem poised to roll over this piece of land, and really consider carefully how important this place has been, and could continue to be.

Sincerely,
Edson Freeman

4. If you would like us to contact you regarding this issue, please provide an email or telephone number.

edson.freeman@gmail.com

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Thank you,
Town of Chapel Hill, NC

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:40 AM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Quiet beauty of Legion Land

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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 7:43 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Quiet beauty of Legion Land

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Yours, ours, everyone's land...for posterity...remember this beauty whenever a developer proposes retail, remember this tranquility when you think of bulldozing...and most of all think of all of us when you entertain the thought of more development...Thank You...

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:11 PM
To: Carol Conway
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Carol Conway <carol.ann.conway@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:00 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road project

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Council Members,

I urge you to retain the original purpose for the Legion Road property—a large park AND affordable housing. As Chair of PACID (Parent Advocates for Adult Children with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities), a grassroots organization of some 200 families in the Chapel Hill area, I can attest to strong community interest in increasing the

supply of affordable housing, including deeply affordable housing. Our adult children cannot move out of their family homes and into the community without deeply affordable housing. Most of the parents are over 60 and are worried about what will become of their adult children when they can no longer care for them. Moreover, the state is under a federal mandate to bring adults with I/DD into the community. This cannot be accomplished without your continuing support for affordable housing.

Thank you,

Carol Conway

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:11 PM
To: STUART BERNSTEIN
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Road housing & park

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From: STUART BERNSTEIN <carlastuart@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 12:58 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road housing & park

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Please add my name and email to those who support affordable housing along with a 20 acre park which would provide recreation for many in and nearby.

My adult daughter with autism is one of a number of vulnerable people who would benefit from this inclusive neighborhood. There will always be people who say they oppose this for any number of reasons. Isn't it time to include others who can't always advocate for themselves?

Thank you,
Carla Bernstein
Carlastuart@msn.com

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:15 PM
To: mbkdc1@aol.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: mbkdc1@aol.com <mbkdc1@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road plan

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I am writing in support of the Legion Road Plan for a park and affordable housing. I am been advocating for affordable housing for nearly 55 years. Two things I know. One, everytime folks I was working with had opposition but the plan was approved, the community later embraced their new neighbors and the results were positive. Secondly new affordable housing helps the integrate the community and evidence shows a better quality of life and longer healthier life for residents. It improves safety in the community

overall. It is a smart thoughtful choice. I live in Raleigh but I work to promote affordable housing in Orange County and all over the state.

Thank you,
Marti Knisley

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Blanca Gonzalez
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Blanca Gonzalez <bjgonzalez19@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:22 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: RE: VERY IMPORTANT

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Dear Mayor,

I am emailing you to strongly advocate in support of the Town of Chapel Hill's proposed Legion Road plan that would bring a new 20+ acre park and badly needs affordable housing to the community.

- The Town has few options for affordable housing, and even fewer options for housing for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to live in community, and this presents a very unique opportunity to support some of our most vulnerable neighbors
- A 20+ acre park is a highly desirable community amenity and a big improvement on the current empty land; given the location and access to amenities, it's good policy to include both housing and open space
- Chapel Hill is a Town built on inclusivity, community, and diversity; building and supporting affordable housing is a way to live our values

As an aging/single mother myself in her late 60's with moderate to low income of a 31 year old son & grandmother of 3 grandsons (3 out of 4 are autistics, the 2 oldest males are on the high-end of the spectrum or HFA/Asperger's) but my middle grandson has more special needs, he's almost 10 years old now.

There is a diverse group of people who live in, work in, and/or regularly visit Chapel Hill—support the Town's longstanding vision to utilize the vacant 1714 Legion Road parcel to address multiple community goals, most importantly creating a park and affordable housing. The 36.2 acre vacant parcel of land at 1714 Legion Road was [acquired by the Town in 2017](#) for \$7.9M with the specific and publicly stated intention of creating a mix of uses, including a park and housing. It is time for the Town to move this consensus vision forward to ensure that the site serves high priority community interests in line with adopted Town plans and public policy objectives. Creating a vibrant site that includes a park and affordable housing will benefit residents of nearby neighborhoods as well as community members across Chapel Hill for decades to come.

We would really appreciate your cooperation & being supportive of said plan named up above!

Thank You Very Much!!!

Sincerely,

Blanca J. Gonzalez

▪ [Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:28 PM
To: Susan Roth
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Roth <susanroth82@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Make this work!

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Hello Mayor Hemminger and council!

There are so many wonderful reasons to develop this land into affordable housing, which is needed and has been talked about for years, along with a beautiful park to make this a win-win for everyone.

We have a young adult with special needs, and the HOPE organization's mission is to create affordable housing for my son and others like him. Chapel Hill would be a model for other communities, and this would provide us with an option we would not ever have otherwise.

Please make this happen!

Sincerely,
Susan Roth

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 3:26 PM
To: R McNeill
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: R McNeill <rmcneill1222@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 3:00 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road Plan Support

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Good afternoon, Council and Mayor. As the recently retired VP-Finance for Habitat for Humanity of Orange County, I understand the need and impact of affordable housing especially in Chapel Hill and Orange County overall. Chapel Hill is a state and national leader in inclusivity, community, and diversity that highly values and supports the building of affordable housing as a way to live our values. I am now the Treasurer for HOPE North Carolina, a local nonprofit whose mission is to create inclusive communities where people of all abilities and ages experience a sense of belonging. The vision for this community grew from the belief that everyone should have the choice to live in a community where differences are valued, which is a very good fit for the Town of Chapel Hill.

While the Town has made impactful strides for affordable housing, it has limited options to continue to address this huge need. And even fewer options for affordable housing for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to live in the community; the Legion Road property proposal presents a very unique opportunity to support these most vulnerable residents and neighbors. Plus, a 20+ acre park is a highly desirable community and neighborhood amenity, and a big improvement on the current empty land; given the location and access to amenities, it's good policy to include both affordable housing and open space.

I strongly support the Legion Road property proposed plan.

Respectfully,
Randy McNeill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Talley Wells
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: email supporting Legion Road plan for affordable housing and a park

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From: Talley Wells <ctalleywells@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 2:55 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: email supporting Legion Road plan for affordable housing and a park

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Dear Mayor and Council,

My name is Talley Wells and I am a Chapel Hill resident. I live at 3108 Mel Oak Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. I am writing in absolute support of the plan to have affordable housing that includes people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and others in the community. I also love the idea of a park. The plan for affordable housing to include people with developmental disabilities is a fantastic idea and need for our town. I am a state leader in developmental disabilities and can say that there is not enough housing for people with developmental disabilities. I also know that our

town desperately needs more affordable housing and greater access to housing to increase diversity, equity, and inclusion. This plan will do both. It will also be something that Chapel Hill will have as one of its best assets that it will be proud of for decades to come.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss further.

Talley Wells

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Talley Wells

ctalleywells@gmail.com

cell 404-281-1392

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 3:26 PM
To: Randi Davenport
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Randi Davenport <rdavenpo2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 2:14 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Support for Affordable Housing on Legion Rd Parcel

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I have two special needs adult children. My greatest fear is that they will wind up homeless. They cannot afford open market housing but they absolutely deserve clean, safe, decent housing. Other families with intellectually and/or developmentally disabled adult kids, of which there are many in Chapel Hill, share my fear. Where will our children go when we're gone? It's terrifying. Please build affordable housing plus a park on the Legion Road parcel and don't stop there.

Thanks,

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:30 AM
To: Scott Reifsnyder
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Reifsnyder <s_reifsnyder@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 8:06 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Plans for Legion Park

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Hello,

i have been following with interest the plans to develop Legion Park and want to encourage the town to include affordable housing for individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD).

I like to think that Chapel Hill has a place for everyone; however town governance has a role in driving that diversity. Furthermore green spaces where the entire community can gather is great use of town resources. The Legion Park land provides a rare opportunity to address both these community goals. I ask you to support a plan that includes affordable housing for a mixed community including individuals with IDD.

Best regards,
Scott REIFSNYDER
2024 S Lakeshore Dr
Chapel Hill, NC

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:51 AM
To: Lori Walker
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Lori Walker <wwgirl3636@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 9:46 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: affordable housing

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Please support the affordable housing project as I do. We need more housing for our kids with disabilities. Please keep fighting for this.

Thank you

Lori Walker

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Crais, Elizabeth R
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Affordable housing needed

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From: Crais, Elizabeth R <betsy_crais@med.unc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Affordable housing needed

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Hello Mayor Hemminger and Town Council,

I am the parent of a young man with intellectual disabilities who is still living at home with us. Due to his less than 30-hour work week and his low pay as a person with IDD, he is unable to afford to live on his own. He is quite capable, works independently, drives, and is active with Special Olympics, his church, and other community activities. The only thing holding him back now is affordable housing. As you know, there are limited affordable housing choices in Chapel Hill and we are very interested in additional choices. Please

consider fully supporting the proposed affordable housing community and a park at the Legion Road site. We look forward to your support and working together to build an inclusive housing opportunity in Chapel Hill. Betsy

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 12:50 PM
To: Hershfield, Joanne L
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Hershfield, Joanne L <hershfld@email.unc.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 12:29 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Proposal for development

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Hello,

I am writing in support of a proposal to develop a 20-acre community park and affordable housing. Chapel Hill needs this kind of development to ensure we maintain a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive community where everyone has access to the amenities.

We have a daughter with IDD who lives and works in Chapel Hill and we hope she can afford to continue living here.

Thank you,

Joanne Hershfield
Professor Emerita
Department of Women's and Gender Studies
The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 3:11 PM
To: Diana Hersh
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: LONG TIME RESIDENT SAYS LEGION COMMUNITY PARK PLEASE!

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From: Diana Hersh <diana.hersh@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 2:11 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: LONG TIME RESIDENT SAYS LEGION COMMUNITY PARK PLEASE!

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and council,

The residents deserve to have a park for ALL of Chapel Hill to enjoy and prosper from. Think: Central Park in NYC. Andersen Park in Durham; it helps the community THRIVE.

As a 32 year resident of Chapel Hill, I say ALLOW THIS PARK! They are not making more land; we need a park with all of these new buildings going up.

Thank you for listening.

Diana Hersh and Monte McDermed

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:43 AM
To: Denise Lloyd
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Denise Lloyd <denisewlloyd@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 6:27 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road Parcel

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Ms. Hemminger,

I'm writing to express my support for the Legion road property to be turned into a park AND affordable housing. I have a 21 year old son with Down syndrome and one of the reasons we moved to Chapel Hill was for the inclusive and diverse community. The prospect of adding both affordable housing and housing for folks with IDD is a great option. Adding a 20 acre park also adds a tremendous amount of value to a town. My vote is for the Legion Road property is affordable housing, housing for folks with IDD and a park.

Regards,

Denise Lloyd

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:45 AM
To: Tom Siebrasse
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: I support the addition of a 20 acre park and affordable housing!

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From: Tom Siebrasse <tomsiebrasse@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 6:36 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: I support the addition of a 20 acre park and affordable housing!

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Enough of the apartment building overload. How about doing something that helps residents instead of frustrating them with roads that cannot deal with all the apartments you are approving.

Why??

Tom Siebrasse
tomsiebrasse@gmail.com
847-722-7022(m)

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 10:46 AM
To: Jack Roush
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Colleen Willger; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Affordable Housing for People with Disabilities

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From: Jack Roush <jackroush619@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2022 4:37 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Affordable Housing for People with Disabilities

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To the Mayor and Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council:
As I'm sure you're aware, the town has few options for affordable housing and even fewer options for housing for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to live in the community. This presents a very unique opportunity to support some of our most vulnerable residents. A 20+ acre park is a highly desirable community amenity and a big improvement on the current empty land; given the location and access to amenities, it's good policy to include both housing and open space. Chapel Hill

is a Town built on inclusivity, community, and diversity; building and supporting affordable housing is a way to live our values. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jackson Roush,
108 Braswell Rd.
Chapel Hill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Girish & Poonam Pande
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Road Initiative

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From: Girish & Poonam Pande <pla1215@earthlink.net>
Sent: Friday, October 21, 2022 1:01 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road Initiative

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Respected Mayor and Chapel Hill Town Council Members,

We have been residing in Chapel Hill for the last 25 years and cannot imagine living anywhere else! We have seen a lot of changes over the years, some good and some not so good. One of the barriers we encountered is with finding accessible apartments for our adult child to live independently as he has a mobility disability. There has been so much building in the town, however, finding an accessible unit right

away without the need for remodeling has been impossible. The only option we had so far is to continue living with us as our home was remodeled and customized for access. This should not be the case for individuals and families like ours, and housing for everyone should be available. Universal design has been around for a long time now, and we hope that a progressive town like Chapel Hill would embrace this concept and become a national role model!

We now have a unique opportunity for this in Chapel Hill. There is a proposal that includes both a 20+ acre community park and affordable housing. It is a location that is close to shopping, restaurants, groceries, transit, and now a park! We also hope the park will include a pool similar to Homestead Park with an aquatic center with two tanks (warm and lap). A few additional points to consider:

- The Town has few options for affordable housing, and even fewer options for housing for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to live in community, and this presents a very unique opportunity to support some of our most vulnerable neighbors
- A 20+ acre park is a highly desirable community amenity and a big improvement on the current empty land; given the location and access to amenities, it's good policy to include both housing and open space
- Chapel Hill is a Town built on inclusivity, community, and diversity; building and supporting affordable housing is a way to live our values

Thanks you for your attention, consideration and support of this need in the community!

Sincerely,
Poonam Pande
102 San Sophia Dr
Chapel Hill 27514

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, October 24, 2022 8:39 AM
To: LuVerne Johnson
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Community Park

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From: LuVerne Johnson <luvjohnson30@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 22, 2022 1:03 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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I support saving Legion Community Park.

L. Johnson
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2022 9:47 AM
To: pegdrdog@aol.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Affordable housing

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From: pegdrdog@aol.com <pegdrdog@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2022 4:36 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Affordable housing

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Dear Mayor Pam and members of the Council:

As a Chapel Hill resident, I want to express my support for a proposal to support the construction of Habitat homes within Weaver's Grove community with an outright grant of \$18 million. I toured the site and have seen the plans and think this is an excellent use of a portion of the funds coming from the IRA.

I think some (how much?) of the \$8 million should be devoted to funding housing for the truly homeless through the Trust to provide incentives and guarantees for apartment landlords.

I am firmly opposed to selling off ANY part of the Legion Road property to for profit contractors/developers.

Any construction into the low lying woodlands is a folly. Only the existing footprint of the Legion building should be improved for bathrooms, a community gathering place for public events, not-for-profit fundraisers, art exhibits, the Farmer's Market.

Some of the IRA money should be spent for the Chapel Hill portion of the Greene Tract.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration for our future,

Peggy Duhamel
417 Overland Drive

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2022 10:24 AM
To: eichhoernchen70@aol.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: eichhoernchen70@aol.com <eichhoernchen70@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 4:06 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: The Legion Park Property

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I agree with Alexis and Chris and others, from whom I am sure you have also heard and who have spoken up for keeping the entire Legion Park a park and green space.

I am getting so sick and tired of the fixation on that small plot of land as yet another space for development, when we so badly need green space in this part of Chapel Hill.

And I am confused and troubled by the lack of open mindedness in finding other options that would allow for affordable housing, such as creating space in the multiple luxury apartments going up all over town. I am sure there are other options.

Why is there such a rush to destroy this particular piece of property? I just don't understand.

This talk about having a park AND affordable housing is Orwellian double speak, like calling the Contras freedom fighters or calling missiles peace keepers.

Dan Levine and people on the town council who are using Orwellian double speak to talk about this issue, we who vehemently oppose your hope to decimate a good portion of that valuable piece of land will make our voices heard.

Unfortunately, I hear that the the Town Council is attempting to rush the issue through an approval process, without even listening to its own advisory boards, let alone the people of the town!

This is so completely wrong!

We will make our voices heard in every forum we possibly can.

I am so angry and feel as though the mayor and council have broken promises that the town would at least make time to listen to its advisory boards and to the rest of the people in the town. This is not happening, and I am very very angry!

Lizzette

503 Tinkerbelle Rd.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2022 10:26 AM
To: Karen Wolstenholme
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Save the Park

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From: Karen Wolstenholme <kwoolly405@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 6:59 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Save the Park

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To Pam Hemminger and the Council,

I am writing to lodge my strong support for the Legion site - 36.2 acres of it - to be a community park. Our local community needs access to outside space, but never more so than after three years of quarantine and pandemic. We need the space for our community, human connection, mental health, and Mother Nature.

I believe affordable housing is a pressing issue for Chapel Hill, but so is the need for green space. Conflating these two important issues: one is true and therefore the Legion Road site provides the solution, I believe, is short sighted and irrational.

My neighbors and I are not strangers to Chapel Hill development over the last few years. We have experienced long term disruption on Ephesus Road and Legion Road with the ongoing and extensive building works. Clearly, with multi storey buildings springing up all around us in this area, there is an increase in accommodation for many families with a resultant population increase, heavier traffic, and also, a need for recreation space. Where are all these additional people, without yards, expected to go to walk? Where is the balance to this building development? Where is the responsibility to provide for the Town's current tax payers?

I believe it is disingenuous to insist on affordable housing now on this last remaining green space when, clearly, there have been ample opportunities over the past years to plan, develop, and offer this same option with the building explosion we have experienced.

The dedication of Ann and Bill Brashear, Colony Woods neighbors, Scout troops, and many others, to clear scrub and invasive species, and encourage native species has been heartwarming. This space is a joy to walk around, and it attracts a wide variety of birds, insects, plants and trees which are protected and supported by the lake and woods. Protection of birds, bees and insects is important to me. It is also a beautiful space to bump into neighbors, go walking, exercise dogs, play, run, and fish. It is a space to be free, breathe, and ground ourselves in nature.

I would be heartbroken to lose this comparatively small piece of green land to further development. It has been, and continues to play, a regular and important part in my family's day to day life for the past 16 years. Please save our Park!

Karen Wolstenholme

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2022 10:26 AM
To: steve moore
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Council Study Committee on the Legion Property

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From: steve moore <srn913r@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 1, 2022 5:38 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Council Study Committee on the Legion Property

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The secretive activity of this cloaked attempt to destroy Legion Property should be terminated immediately and the whole direction for the Legion Property should be a totally public process! The recently cancelled public session of the Legion Property says it all,

This park property should be totally maintained as public parkland and no other attempt to sell it off or destroy the park nature. Any other use of the property is a dire abrogation of the public interest and should be terminated and public input be earnestly begun to plan this parkland property!

Steve Moore
Chapel Hill, NC

Sent from my iPad

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Amey Miller
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: legion road property

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From: Amey Miller <amey@mindspring.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2022 5:04 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: legion road property

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Dear Mayor and Council:

Yes, it is true — our little burg of Chapel Hill is not a village anymore. A friend who went to UNC in the 60s told us once that, after all-night parties, they'd go on occasion over to the mayor's house for pancakes. But here we are, things are different now. Still and all, Orange County, the only county in North Carolina to go for McGovern in 1972, has a strong progressive DNA, and we should make every effort to hold onto that brand. That's why I strongly oppose the Town

Council majority that is proposing a re-purposing of the Legion Road property set aside for a town park, into a multi-use property with a very reduced pocket park.

The use of this land for private development is being justified because it will have some affordable housing units. The provision of affordable housing is the same rationale used for closing of our town graveyard, and for placing housing units above the coal ash dump below the police station. These are all examples of false austerities, and the downsides of these proposals all disproportionately impact other low and moderate income residents. These proposals are, in essence, a con.

We believe that we can and should have a graveyard, parks *and* affordable housing, in well-designed mixed income development that is not located over coal ash dumps.

This false austerity is being foisted on Chapel Hill by the developers and their allies in the community and our government. Our town council and staff have been unwilling to enforce the regulations and practices that require builders to include affordable housing in their plans. Right now, and in recent years, a lot of global money is being poured into poorly built and designed "luxury" apartment buildings that do nothing to solve our affordable housing crisis. To make matters worse, traffic, stormwater and other infrastructure and service requirements are being passed along by these developers to the taxpayers.

The big buzz word to justify all this is "transit-oriented development." This is a bait and switch tactic. The "transit orientation" disappears once the development is complete: where is the train station that was supposed to make Meadowmont a model of urban connectedness?

You best believe that these same forces are after the Orange County rural buffer, a path-breaking agreement that involved OWASA, Chapel Hill, Carborro, and Orange County jurisdictions. Pave it baby!

Here's a little secret: all transit, with the exception of pedestrian, requires *pavement*. But human beings need non-paved spaces to be in. The more urban our lives are, the more we need this. And people of more modest means particularly benefit from public green spaces where they live.

We hope that the Council will reconsider and allow the Legion Road land to become the city park that was originally promised. We all suffer when our town becomes more and more an affluent enclave; we need to come up with an affordable housing plan for which developers pay their fair share, that does not disadvantage those for whom the housing is intended, and which does not poach needed town services such as a robust city park.

Amey Miller and David Kiel 2020 South Lakeshore Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Amy Harvey

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Genevieve McGuffin

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

I am writing regarding Legion Park. I hope that the mayor and council will save the Legion Community Park for the enjoyment of its residents near and far. My family is particularly concerned about the value of greenspace for the future of this great community, it's people and wildlife included.

Thank you for considering all the positive effects this public park has on all before taking it away for profit and growth in a negligent way.

Thank You,
Genevieve McGuffin
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Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and esteemed members of the Town Council,

I have lived in Chapel Hill for many years, in fact I helped celebrate the Town Bicentennial in 1993. So I have seen a lot of changes. Change can be good, **if** the Town retains what makes it so special.

But Chapel Hill **does not need more development in the Legion Road area**. There are already three buildings (I am not including Greenfield Place) and another, huge development being built on Ephesus Church Road. The tract of land on Legion Road that used to house the “Legion Hut” will add immeasurably to the value of Chapel Hill if it developed as a **park**.

Environmentally and emotionally this would be best for the entire Chapel Hill Community.

Thank you.

Jane S. Gabin, Ph.D.
118 Standish Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Amy Harvey

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Mayor Hemminger and Town Council members:

I'm here tonight to call for civic engagement for the upcoming decision on Legion Park. Civic engagement is communication that occurs in open public forums where everyone is invited. I know Council members have heard a lot of opinions expressed in your in-box about what should happen at Legion Park — and that's valuable for you to hear feedback on all Council actions. But that is one way communication.

Since the Parker petition was presented, I can't recall a single opportunity the Town has granted for the members of the public to hear each others' views. That is how consensus and good decisions are made in a community.

From the Parker memo I quote: The Manager should develop "a preliminary version of a plan in the fall of this year so that a public engagement process can be initiated to ensure that the plan developed meets the needs and wishes of Town residents...."

I am counting on the Town Council's job to lead this conversation about what happens at Legion Park. If you do that, it will be possible to make the best decisions for this hard-won land providentially located within walking distance of many many housing residents.

We've learned from the Mayor's Committee planning the process for Legion Park that they are recommending a December Council decision date. That is just one data point. But it's a bit shocking that the Mayor's planning group does not recommend a plan for community conversations on this topic. It is now November 2 and little time remains between now and decision time.

In addition, it is unclear how a fast track affordable housing policy would affect this park project. At the last Council meeting, this question went unaddressed.

A closing thought: Is the Council aware that kids at Greenfields are not allowed to play outside with other kids without their parents present? We've heard kids there would love a park to throw a ball or discover a box turtle.

The public seeks clarity on that question, as well as learning when the community conversation will begin.

Thank you!

Julie McClintock

Amy Harvey

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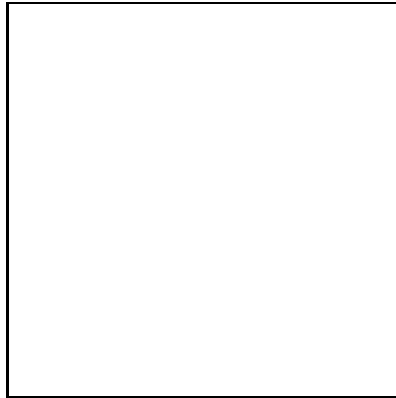
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Thank goodness you are back...it is tragic how the Council has so little regard for our side of town. I believe more housing is going up in University Mall. Where is all this traffic going to go?and where are people to relax? We'll all be adding to pollution driving to everyone else's park. We were misled to believe the Legion Property would be a park. You all know full well there is other land to build on but you don't want to upset the well to do...

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 6, 2022, at 5:17 PM, Adam Searing <adamsearing@gmail.com> wrote:

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Adam's Chapel Hill Newsletter

November 6, 2022

Folks – I am happy to be back after having to take the last couple months off to deal with an illness in our extended family. There has been a lot going on in Chapel Hill and I am here to update you. And remember, as always, I speak for the trees!



Bear enjoying Chapel Hill's Greene Tract Forest

[See my latest column, "[To Care About Parks, Care About Development: Adam's](#)

A Quick Summary

For now, our Council has backed off immediately building family housing on top of our coal ash dump – although plans still seem to be moving forward for building administrative and police offices there before completely removing the coal ash. In even better news, the federal government agreed with me that our Trinity Court affordable housing development was an excellent project and granted \$10 million for construction help to get us moving. The federal government also denied financial help for the controversial Jay Street affordable housing development on preserved open space parkland purchased by Chapel Hill voters for conservation – again agreeing with me that there are better places for housing in Chapel Hill.

Meanwhile, the effort to sell off and build on Legion Park off Ephesus Road is still moving forward, supported by a majority of the Council, despite intense opposition from residents in a fast-growing area of town without a decent park. And while we are talking a lot more about building needed park facilities like a new concrete skate park, adaptive playground, splash pad, pickleball courts, and so on, it is unclear if we will ever get anything done. Finally, the town’s “Complete Communities” planning process is still moving forward, although it remains unclear to me whether this can really spur innovative development or will just be an excuse for more building without preserving decent parks and green space.

Interested in learning more? Details below:

Dismantling and Sale of Legion Park Moves Forward

I am sorry to say that our Town Council is still moving forward with the plan to develop Legion Park. A vote could come as early as December. Intense community opposition is building. People were speaking against this proposal at the last Council meeting, and our Council gets passionate emails every day from the growing community of residents opposed to the development of their park. These residents point out again and again that the

Ephesus Road area is without a decent large park like Southern Community Park, Cedar Falls and Homestead Park – and unlike those parks, Legion is surrounded by much more modest homes, affordable apartments and older townhomes and neighborhoods. Everyone in our town, regardless of their income, deserves access to a great park. For more information and to take action see:

[Legion Park Website](#)

[Save Legion Park Fundraiser](#)

Coal Ash Building Slowdown – Advocates asking for scientific review, ash removal before building

For now, Chapel Hill residents and advocates concerned about housing families and children on top of Chapel Hill's town-owned coal ash dump before removing the ash scored a significant win. Plans to move forward with family housing have been "[pushed into later project phases](#)" (translation – maybe housing kids on top of the town coal ash dump isn't such a great idea).

Chapel Hill is still moving forward however with plans to rebuild the police station and administrative offices on the land without removing the coal ash. When I started learning about this situation, I was concerned first about the terrible precedent of housing families on this sort of toxic fill. I thought that perhaps we could safely build non-residential structures like offices. However, the more forums I have attended and the more world-leading scientists I have spoken with who have directly evaluated the site, I have come to the conclusion that before we do any construction, we need to safely remove the ash. Once the ash is removed, we can build great housing and anything else we need.

Important Note: [Total coal ash removal to a safe landfill was exactly what UNC did before building a new warehouse on what tests confirmed was dumped coal ash at the site of the UNC coal plant on McCauley Street.](#) We should expect nothing less on our town coal ash site for the safety of our residents. Backup report link [here](#).

For more information check out the new grassroots group [Safe Housing for](#)

Chapel Hill – advocates supporting complete and safe removal of coal ash from Chapel Hill’s property before building family housing or other structures. [They have a great website with new, independent, scientific reports on the Chapel Hill site](#) – done by some of the top scientists in the world on the legacy and effects of coal ash, pulling together the disturbing new and emerging research on the health and environmental effects of coal ash.

***** ADD YOUR NAME TO PETITION FOR SAFETY***:** To add your name to a petition calling for a public forum on the science and removal of ash before building email dr.edwardmarshall@gmail.com

Feds Agree with Adam on Needed Affordable Housing Project Funding

I was very happy – along with many others – that the federal government approved funding to allow us to rebuild our Trinity Court affordable housing neighborhood. We need this housing desperately and I am pleased we are going to be able to move forward. What a win for our community:

“Searing said Trinity Court is located within walking distance of University areas, downtown Chapel Hill and Umstead Park. [“It’s a place, I think, regardless of your income, you would be happy to live there in Chapel Hill,”](#) he said. “If we have the opportunity to make and rebuild this affordable community there, then that’s just a huge win for everyone...”

Meanwhile, the controversial plan to build housing on land purchased for open space preservation by Chapel Hill with voter-approved open space bonds – a project that only I opposed – [was refused federal funding](#). The federal government thought we have much better places to build affordable housing in Chapel Hill and I agree. Just because you have a lower income doesn’t mean you should have to live in a place without trees, parkland and great greenways. We can do both!

If you want to know more about how affordable housing advocates can and do support great parks for everyone and strengthening our whole town, check out this great overview paper, [“Smart Collaboration: How Urban Parks Can Support Affordable Housing”](#) It covers *“the role mixed-income infill housing and a network of parks can play in increasing city density, increasing access to parks for residents of all*

income levels, and strengthening cities.”

*****My Airport Housing Idea***** Finally, as I’ve been talking about for over a year, we have an empty airport sitting in the middle of town owned by UNC. That would be a great place for a wonderful housing community with awesome playgrounds, splash pads, and fantastic – but more affordable - places to live for everyone from young faculty members to our many UNC workers. Sliding scale rents would subsidize our lowest income UNC workers so they would have opportunity to live there just like everyone else. My family lived in a private affordable apartment complex when we first came to Chapel Hill in the 1960s right near town and I think we can make an even better place to live for UNC families today.

Will We Even Get a New Skate Park, Splash Pad, Adaptive Playground, Etc.?

We’ve started to talk more about parks amenities and parks funding – which is great – but whether anything ever gets built is still up in the air. Stay tuned. I’d much rather be arguing about this than building housing on our coal ash dump or getting rid of amazing Legion Park, that’s for sure!

Complete Community Planning Process: Realistic or Not?

This community planning process is moving along. For more information see [here](#).

The key here will be if development goals are paired with similar goals on greenways and parks – or if the talk of preserving and expanding our parks and green spaces is simply a distraction as we build more unpopular, ugly and poorly thought-out development.

Thanks for reading – and, as always, just call or shoot me an email if you want to talk town politics or go for a hike with Bear!

Adam



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Subject: Affordable housing, Legion Park and Chapel Hill

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Mayor and Town Council members,

As you consider what will be done with the Legion Park area in Chapel Hill, please remember that "The general obligation (G.O.) bonds were part of a 2015 voter referendum and **were designated for Recreation Facilities**. While the purchase of the Legion property was not specifically contemplated at the time of the 2015 referendum, staff determined that land acquisition aligned with the bond authority if the funds paid for a portion of the property that would be used for parks and recreation purposes." (<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/communications-and-public-affairs/current-issues/american-legion-property>)

Voters who approved the bonds believed that the Legion property would indeed become or include a park, and this has been reiterated in the years since then. The report from the Task Force entrusted with devising guiding principles for use of the property stated clearly: "Trails, sidewalks, and greenways throughout the site provide access to all facilities, promote physical activity, allow for enjoyment of nature, connect to the surrounding neighborhoods and to the elementary school, and integrate with Chapel Hill's greenway system." Enjoyment of nature means that considerable portions of the property should remain forested and as meadows so that visitors to the park can enjoy nature in its varied forms.

Now some town residents and entities are asking that almost the entire property be devoted to the construction of affordable housing. Not only will this contravene the expectations of people who voted for the bonds but it will also deprive the residents of surrounding neighborhoods access to a nearby natural area and recreational space. The Parks, Greenways and Recreation Commission petitioned Council to create a park on the entire property in 2019. The proposal to destroy the hardwood forest area to build housing means that the town will lose even more of the limited natural area it owns and mocks the town's designation as a "tree city".

Please retain the meadows and forested area of the Legion property, do not drain but rehabilitate the pond.

Also, please continue looking into other means of increasing affordable housing in this town.

Over the past 10 years or so, the addition of housing in Chapel Hill has focused primarily on the creation of expensive apartments constructed by out-of-town developers with mainly a student population in mind. Why many more students cannot continue living on campus beyond their freshman year is a mystery to me; when I went to undergrad and graduate programs at two different universities, I and many other students stayed in dorms until graduation.

The Town Council and community residents are speaking increasingly of a need to have affordable housing aimed at providing shelter for lower- and middle-income people and that is certainly highly desirable. In my view, the Town Council needs to further explore different means of achieving that goal rather than simply considering how high numbers of lower-priced housing units can be built on as much town-owned land as possible.

As the Council invites advisors to give ideas on how to achieve the goal of increasing affordable housing within town limits, efforts should be made to invite input from people who "think outside the box". For example, approach wealthy individuals and grant-making institutions to sponsor apartments in the existing high-priced apartment complexes so as to create affordable rents for lower-income people.

Consult with people who have guided innovative approaches like this one in California: "Using proceeds from 30-year municipal bonds, public housing agencies and their partners acquire market-rate properties in high-cost markets. Those properties are then converted to rent-restricted communities for residents earning from 60 percent to 120 percent of area median income." (<https://www.multihousingnews.com/innovative-solutions-for-affordable-housing-finance/>)

In NYC, " 'Market-rent units leverage private capital to cross-subsidize the creation of affordable housing,' observed Derek Marcus, director of acquisitions and development at TF Cornerstone. (<https://www.multihousingnews.com/innovative-solutions-for-affordable-housing-finance/>)

Please consider how innovative approaches could be used to adapt unoccupied apartments in Chapel Hill for affordable housing (1940 were available as of 11/5/22 according to this website: <https://www.apartments.com/chapel-hill-nc/>)

Like many other town residents, I look forward to the Town Council preserving the Legion Road property as a park for all the residents of neighboring areas and the rest of Chapel Hill. And invitations to propose innovative ways of converting empty apartment space into affordable housing would also be welcome.

Thank you for your attention to both issues of affordable housing and preserving natural green space in this town.

M. de Bruyn

Amy Harvey

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Subject: Legion Park

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Mayor and City Council:

It is important to retain Legion Park as a park. Chapel Hill needs more parks and green space. We don't need more apartments. Chapel Hill needs to spend more money on parks as we are woefully behind in maintenance and development of parks. The location of Legion Park is in an area with not enough park space.

Keep Legion Park green.

Mary C. Kaiser
Chapel Hill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, November 10, 2022 12:00 PM
To: Emilia Chyłek
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Subject: Spare the Legion park

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Please keep the Legion community park for the sake of nature and the local community - still growing in numbers.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2022 10:29 AM
To: Jill Ridky-Blackburn
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To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park/Preserve

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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

As surrounding counties approve and support new parks and nature preserves, Chapel Hill needs to do the same. Wake County for example is doubling their number of nature preserves.

Why is Chapel Hill not moving in a similar direction?

To reduce the size of Legion Park is a mistake for our town. Taking existing acreage for a park and making it even smaller will be a negative impact for the quality of life and sustainability. The Blue Hill/Ephesus Church Road area needs a sizable park now more than ever. With the significant development in that area, including dense high rise apartments, children and adults need to have walkable/bike able green space with trails, a small pond for fishing, creative play space, a meeting gathering space, a space for music and other events, a place that enhances the quality of life and boosts mental health.

Legion Park/Preserve has the potential to become an exciting opportunity than can generate revenue for the town. Researchers at the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana- Champaign have shown that parks, like the Legion Park facilitates community engagement, create safer neighborhoods and improves children's development.

To downsize Legion Park would be a fatal error for our town especially for the area of Blue Hill/Ephesus Church Road. The original size of the park will help to reduce the urban heat island effect of the many new dense developments in the area, will filter pollutants, and protect the natural ecosystem. But the impact this park will have on the positive well being of all citizens, young and old is even greater.

Please, do not make the fatal decision to reduce the size of this important and strategically located park. Legion Park is one of the last few areas with needed acreage to be an enormous benefits to the town's citizens.

We are Chapel Hill, we can and must do better!

Jill and Dick Blackburn

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2022 10:09 AM
To: jjenks@ifcmailbox.org
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: FW: Affordable Housing + Parks on Legion Road
Attachments: Affordable Housing + Parks Legion Road Petition.pdf

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From: Jackie Jenks <jjenks@ifcmailbox.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2022 6:28 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Cc: Maurice Jones <mjones@townofchapelhill.org>; Loryn Clark <lclark@townofchapelhill.org>; Sarah Vinas <svinas@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Affordable Housing + Parks on Legion Road

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council Members,

We are writing on behalf of the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition to share with you the results of a less than month-old petition drive we've worked on to show support for the Town's plans to move forward with a park and affordable housing at 1714 Legion Road.

In the short time we've worked on this petition, we've collected 337 signatures from people who live, work, and play in Chapel Hill and support parks + housing, including many residents of the neighborhoods adjacent to the vacant Legion site. See the petition attached, along with the list of signatures and some signers' comments. We will see you tonight at the council meeting and look forward to your continued support for making 1714 Legion Road a community asset for all.

With gratitude,

Jackie Jenks and George Barrett
OCAHC Advocacy Committee Co-Chairs

Jackie Jenks, MSW

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November 16, 2022

Re: Park + Housing at 1714 Legion Road

Dear Mayor Hemminger and Town Council,

The undersigned community members—a diverse group of people who live in, work in, and/or regularly visit Chapel Hill—support the Town’s longstanding vision to utilize the vacant 1714 Legion Road parcel to address multiple community goals, most importantly creating a park and affordable housing. The 36.2 acre vacant parcel of land at 1714 Legion Road was [acquired by the Town in 2017](#) for \$7.9M with the specific and publicly stated intention of creating a mix of uses, including a park and housing. It is time for the Town to move this consensus vision forward to ensure that the site serves high priority community interests in line with adopted Town plans and public policy objectives. Creating a vibrant site that includes a park and affordable housing will benefit residents of nearby neighborhoods as well as community members across Chapel Hill for decades to come.

We look forward to participating in a Town-led engagement process in the months ahead to share our ideas, and to hear from others across the community, about the mix of uses and design features for the Legion site. We expect this public input process to be conducted within clear Council-established parameters that ensure the final plan will include a beautiful public park and [much-needed affordable housing](#). The park should include open space and active recreation features that respond to public input, while the housing should serve people like health care workers, public safety professionals, service sector staff, people with intellectual disabilities, fixed-income seniors, and other essential members of the community who face barriers to housing because of its high cost and limited availability.

Thank you for your ongoing leadership and public service. We look forward to celebrating the groundbreaking for a park and affordable housing with you!

Sincerely,

Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition (OCAHC)

Email: ochousingcoalition@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.orangehousing.org/>



Name	Comment
Martin Johnson	"We've talked about the American Legion property for decades. We need more affordable housing and more park space NOW."
Simon Palmore	"We have an affordable housing crisis in Chapel Hill. The time to act is now."
Dan Levine	"Parks and affordable housing are two things we need more of in Chapel Hill. I live in the adjacent neighborhood and I'm excited to have new neighbors and new parks space!"
Matt Bailey	"The choice is simple: We can have an amazing new park AND new homes for new neighbors OR we can have an increasingly decrepit abandoned lot. As someone who actually lives in the area, I vote for the new park and new homes."
Seth Anthony	"We need more great parks in Chapel Hill and we need more housing in Chapel Hill. This proposal helps solve two problems at once!"
Tomee Howard	"This is such a large piece of property. I think it should include a park since this area doesn't have one and affordable SENIOR housing since it's within walking distance of everything we need and it's on a bus line. Please consider this."
William Chicurel	"We have the means to help transform the affordable housing crisis in Chapel Hill. ACT NOW!!!"
Blanca Gonzalez	"It's desperately needed (particularly for special needs, disable & the elderly!) but has always been a need, now more than ever with inflation!"
Veronica O'Neill	"Housing is a human right"
Rebecca Fox	"My parents' first date was at the American Legion, but that doesn't mean this entire town needs to be preserved in amber! Chapel Hill is too expensive for working people, and forcing teachers, nurses, et al to commute from further and further away is bad for the environment and splinters what could be a vibrant, fun community. The American Legion land is just a bunch of overgrown grass. We don't need a tick farm, we need an actually usable park and affordable housing!"
Sarah Swann	"Affordable housing is important to me"



Orah Raia	"Given the size of this parcel of land there is no reason Chapel Hill cannot fulfill the need for park space AND housing...there's no valid reason to not support both."
Preston Clarke	"Makes sense! Our area recently lost a lot of affordable housing at Legion and Ephesus and I love jogging and walking my dogs on the legion property just steps from my house. Seems like a win-win!"



	Signatures
1	Molly De Marco
2	Donna Carrington
3	Kimberly Sanchez
4	Melody Kramer
5	Martin Johnson
6	Sue Hunter
7	Ryan Byars
8	John Rees
9	Simon Palmore
10	Renna Voss
11	Kyle Onda
12	Alyson West
13	Karen Tucker
14	Mychal Weinert
15	Jon Springfield
16	Kiana Burns
17	Dan Levine
18	Stephen Whitlow
19	Allison De Marco
20	Kathy Kaufman
21	Greear Webb
22	Diana beth
23	kat lowe
24	Ali ebadi
25	Deborah Miles



26	Ben Smith
27	Kristen Smith
28	Matt Bailey
29	Andrew Thornton
30	Amy Levine
31	Ben Brown
32	Seth Anthony
33	Benjamin Blaisdell
34	Bri Thompson
35	Mike Dixon
36	Barbara Keyworth
37	Ellie Levine
38	David Anderson
39	Catherine Whitt
40	Henry Gargan
41	Geoffrey Green
42	Kristie Mather
43	Sylvie Currat
44	Altha Cravey
45	Julie Marshall
46	Claire Clarke
47	Kristyn Yelton
48	Lora Klein
49	Bes Baldwin
50	Colin McCarville
51	Pamela Hamilton
52	Michael Rodgers



53	Nancy Duffner
54	Tomee Howard
55	Sally Gillooly
56	Daniel Bullock
57	Maggi Grace
58	Erika Walker
59	Alice Jacoby
60	Laura Wells
61	William Chicurel
62	Cora Martin
63	Gordy Moore
64	Janet Flowers
65	Lanier Blum
66	Heidi Chapman
67	Laura Henderson
68	Anna Ward
69	Cristina Flake
70	Jeremy Tidmore
71	Kim Feller
72	Carla Bernstein
73	Carol Conway
74	Mohammad Behnam
75	Jayleen Smith
76	Blanca Gonzalez
77	Christopher Adams
78	Vena Campbell
79	Laura Stern



80	Emma Olson
81	Dawn Selby
82	Randi Davenport
83	Walter Bennett
84	Margaret Pendzich
85	John Pendzich
86	Krista Caraway
87	Kathleen Herr
88	Owen Phillips
89	Martha Harris
90	Jane Hathaway
91	Cynthia Harris
92	Daniele Berman
93	Brian Reid
94	Christine Abernathy
95	Cameron Barr
96	Mariela Hernandez
97	Carol Gunther-Mohr
98	CHRISTY JONES
99	Rebecca Barbee
100	Sheryl Ponciano
101	Jon Haebig
102	Shauna Farmer
103	Grace Witsil
104	Alice Levine
105	Lilia Tome



106	Tom Fenn
107	Christine Agamaite
108	Jim Coleman
109	Shau-hong Toscano
110	Marti Knisley
111	Scott Reifsnyder
112	Jane Stein
113	Farley Bernholz
114	Roman Pendzich
115	Barbara Wildemuth
116	Allana Minnick
117	Lori Walker
118	Susan Astre
119	Jacques Astre
120	Gaylen Brubaker
121	Anna Gustaveson
122	Linda Kastleman
123	Elizabeth Crais
124	Kara Hume
125	Veronica O'Neill
126	Brentton Harrison
127	Susan Brandt
128	Jackson Roush
129	Diane Siebrasse
130	P Pande
131	Sandy Lange
132	Laura Herr



133	Denise Lloyd
134	Christopher Dale
135	Mitch Herndon
136	Tab Combs
137	Anne Beaven
138	Rebecca Fox
139	Kurt Stolka
140	Ellen Danzis
141	Hollie Taylor Novak
142	Annie Dude
143	Elizabeth Evans
144	Leah Sweatt
145	Taylor Oakley
146	Inessa Fishbeyn
147	Emma Rogers
148	Meghan Johnson
149	Jacob Grove
150	Jon Powell
151	Emily McCarthy
152	Madi Parker
153	Erica Cook
154	Daniel David
155	Ruchir Vora
156	Darren Hunicutt
157	Lisa Bohn
158	Lucretia Dickson



159	Katherine Pinard
160	Hannah Byrum
161	karen demby
162	Linda Varblow
163	Jan French
164	joel shaffer
165	Sol Hunicutt
166	Kakki Sellars
167	Charlotte Horton
168	kai miller
169	Phil Wintermute
170	Vanessa Franco
171	Abdul lateef
172	Helen C. (Holly) Riddle
173	David Green
174	Lucy Schimmelfing
175	Steven Jones
176	Ann O'Neill
177	Sarah Swann
178	Adriana Diaz
179	Andra Wilkinson
180	Neal Englert
181	Robin Hennessey Butler
182	Patricia Roush
183	Hannah Hodson McLean



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185	CJ Guida
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189	Kayla Burget
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191	John Sokolowski
192	Anna Millar
193	Phil Stapleton
194	Kristen Brookshire
195	Marisa Beatty
196	Emma Stapleton
197	Christina Hilliard
198	Ann Spitler
199	John Lohnes
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201	Alyn Valdivia
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205	Michael Sigmund
206	Delores Bailey
207	Ansel Prichard
208	Grace Johnston
209	Katie Walker



210	Lisa Amodei
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213	Logan McVey
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216	Sam Ahmadi
217	William Griffith
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221	James Buckalew
222	Kelly Giovanelli
223	Matthew Helgeson
224	Vitor Augusto Santos
225	Ginny Dropkin
226	Victoria Bimblich
227	Nancy Heller
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229	Jeevika Cadambi
230	Philip Goldberg
231	Melonie R
232	Linda Lapp
233	Manuel Herrera
234	Nayely Servellon
235	Nicole Bracho



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240	Jordan Snow
241	Richard Nieves
242	Laine Staton
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244	Rick Tugwell
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247	Amanda Maxson
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249	Makenna Brandt
250	Carlton Johnson
251	Amber Waake
252	Zena Hamilton
253	Matt Trower
254	Valerie Sauer
255	Catharine Reagan
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257	Ian Goymer
258	Gianna Seminara
259	Michael James
260	Isabel Rosero
261	María Alemán
262	Orah Raia



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266	Gena Brown
267	Julie Gras-Najjar
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269	Jackson Cacioppo
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272	Erin Burgess
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278	Darlene Laws
279	Rebecca McMurry
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284	Kristy Fair
285	Susannah Southern
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288	Ann Turnbull



289	Tierra Thompson
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332	Kaleb Williamson
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334	Sarah Sandell
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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 11:46 AM
To: Rachel Gray
Cc: Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Sarah Vinas; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Rachel Gray <rachelbgray@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 11:31 AM
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Subject: Legion Community Park

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Dear Mayor and Town of Chapel Hill Council,

Please vote to keep Legion Community Park, *all 36 acres of it*, as a park for everyone to enjoy! People need parks. Parks benefit everyone in the community, from low income to very wealthy. Saving areas of beautiful nature for all to enjoy is vitally important with our climate crisis as well.

Please consider the long term impacts of not keeping Legion Community Park.

Thank you,
Rachel Gray

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, November 21, 2022 10:06 AM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Affordable housing and Legion Park

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Am so dismayed at the divisiveness of this issue. No-one I know is against affordable housing we just want green space for low income people already here in the Blue Hills District . Affordable housing should not be ONLY a roof over one's head. It should also encompass quality of life, walkability, air to breathe, green space and nature to relax or play in. Please make it a priority to not let this beautiful oasis slip away. No amount of developer money is worth it in the long run...

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Nathaniel
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Nathaniel <nathaniel.p.vance@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Hi Mayor Pam,

A couple of years ago I reached out to you about Legion Park. I valued it. I very much appreciated you taking the time to respond. Years ago, I moved from California to Chapel Hill. The green of Chapel Hill is something special.

What we have in Legion Park is special as well.

Development is important and I understand the desire to move forward, but we have an opportunity to do something nice for the community.

Developing it is easy, preserving it is hard. I hope you all do the hard, but right thing. Once that space is developed, we never get it back. Green spaces are difficult to come by, but we've been gifted one.

We don't tear down buildings and build parks. But we do tear down parks and build buildings.

Please think about the value of a large greenspace in a growing community. It has so much inherent value and potential.

Chapel Hill thinks differently, and preserving this park aligns with who we are.

Thank you,
Nathaniel Vance
919-328-0281

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Thomas Grizzle
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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Dear Y'all,

I am not happy about the manner in which the above issue appears to have been handled lately. I urge you to seek the input of your own Parks Greenways and Rec Commission advisory Board and to hold a public forum where residents can hear each other. Council should slow their process down and allow time to properly

review future plans for the property and allow for public input! It appears this is not happening at present. If I am wrong about that, then my apologies.

Town of Chapel Hill must take our share of actions to address climate change. Making Legion into a city park, all 45+ acres, is truly walking the walk. Turning some or all of it into just another development, with all the CO2 emissions that come along with that, is not consistent with the town of CH caring about climate change. We do care, so let's act like it.

Thank you for your service... tom

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From: Lester Levine <renewlife@yahoo.com>
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Subject: The Future of Legion Park

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Folks,

Chapel Hill is known for its concern for the environment and green spaces. You seem to be rushing an arbitrary decision about Legion Park without allowing proper review, both from advisors, and, most importantly, the public. I do not understand why you are not seeking the input of the Parks Greenways and Rec Commission Advisory Board and holding a public forum where residents can hear each other and understand what is happening.

Please respond.

Respectfully,

Lester Levine

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Subject: Please keep Legion Park a park only

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I live on Adelaide Walters St. Keeping the Legion Rd. site as a park will benefit everyone in my neighborhood!

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Joe Nanney
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Joe Nanney <joe@mnlaw-nc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 12:07 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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Dear Mayor and Council:

I write to ask that you further engage with the community, and in particular the Parks Greenways and Rec Commission, before taking final action on the Legion property. I have lived in Chapel Hill for almost 30 years, and it distresses me that as our Town has grown, we have not developed adequate additional green spaces that our community needs and

deserves. I ask that you ensure you have heard from all stakeholders before moving ahead with a vote that will likely determine the fate of this property.

Thank you.

Joe Nanney
205 Oak Park Drive
Chapel Hill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Izabella Baer
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Izabella Baer <izabellabaer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:02 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I urge you to seek the input of your own Parks Greenways and Rec commission advisory board and hold a public forum where residents can express their opinions on what happens to Legion Park. This whole process feels entirely rushed and the only possible reason for that can be money. Please slow these processes down and allow time to properly review future plans and allow for public input. We are the ones who live here and our input on what should happen with Legion Park matters!

Thank you,
Izzy Baer
Colony Woods

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Francisco J Martinez
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Francisco J Martinez <pacomartinezmd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:07 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Good afternoon,

I am a neighbor in the Colony Woods subdivision, and am deeply concerned about the future of Legion Park.

From my perspective, the town council should not vote on this matter until you seek thorough input from the Parks, Greenways, and Recreation advisory board, and also request extensive public input.

I am against any kind of development in this area. We need to maintain our trees for future generations. We don't need more development in our town.

Regards.

F. J. Martinez-Torres, MD
Colony Woods
Chapel Hill, NC

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:36 PM
To: Kathy Clissold
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Kathy Clissold <kclissold@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:28 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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To the Mayor and Town Council:

I am a resident of Chapel Hill, and have lived here for 33 years this coming March 1st. In that time, I have seen a good deal of change, but nothing like what has happened to my town in the last several years. I am both surprised and disappointed. I voted for Pam Hemminger for Mayor. I believed she cared about our town. Clearly that was a mistake. I am sorry I voted for her, and I can think of a number of acquaintances who are also feeling betrayed. I live in Colony Woods, close to Ephesus Church Road, as well as Mount Moriah Road, and I am very upset to see the huge

apartment complexes that have been built on both streets. What are you thinking, Ms. Mayor? What are you thinking, Town Council? I would really like to know how the traffic is going to be managed on both streets. It seems that NO ONE CARES AT ALL about what a mess both roads will become, not to mention Fordham Blvd., which is already pretty crowded, or haven't you noticed?

There is more to be unhappy about, though. We have lost so many fine old trees -- they've been destroyed to make room for what is most certainly NOT affordable housing, leaving us with less and less green space. I don't want to get all "cutesy" about the bunnies and the squirrels, but for God's sake, we are not the only creatures living here. We have deer in our yards because we have taken wildlife areas and built on them. So -- we should do MORE building? Let's think about pollution for a moment. Building "up" is a decision that means there will be more waste and pollution in this town. And I am well aware that there are buildings going up all over Chapel Hill, not just on the two streets near me. Have you taken the time to consider what the people who already live in Chapel Hill want for their town? (And just a shout out to the poor Ephesus Church Rd. apartment dwellers who are having a roundabout built in what used to be their property! How they must love this "progress.") How many more people do you honestly think should live here? I think we've already got plenty. I suspect that both the Mayor and the Town Council will decide to build on Legion Park -- not sparingly, but heavily. I suspect that a good deal of that over-building will go to developers and corporations from overseas. I suspect you've already made this deal. It's just "too bad" for animals, trees, green space, and a sensible population for this town.

Please take the time to consider what this over-building means to not just our town, but the area in general. Try to think of the larger picture -- we are already in serious trouble with climate change, and more building, more pollution, is just going to make it worse. What we need now is LESS -- less pollution, less traffic, less of all the things that are factors in the worsening world climate. I think the time for ever increasing "progress" is over -- now we need to save our world, our fellow world inhabitants, and ourselves.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Clissold
1916 Tryon Court,
Chapel Hill, NC

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Olivia Sanchez-Felix
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Olivia Sanchez-Felix <oliviasanchezfelix@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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Dear members of the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill,

I'm a Chapel Hill resident who will be directly affected by the future of the Legion Community Park. I currently enjoy using the property multiple times a day for outdoor recreation that I can access without needing a car. As someone with chronic mental illness, ease of access and use of the property has been essential to improving and maintaining my mental health and well-being. The space provides me with respite from the sun in the summer months and a reminder of the natural flora and fauna of Chapel Hill - finding eastern box turtles on the trails brings me so much joy! The

established trees on the property give me hope that we as a local community will value the natural world around us and do our part to protect it.

I am writing to urge the town council to do the following:

1. Seek the input of the Parks Greenway and Rec Commission Advisory Board and to hold a well-advertised public forum where residents can hear each other out and brainstorm the topic of the future of Legion Community Park.
2. Slow the Legion Community Park development process down to allow time for proper review of community impact of proposed plans and allow public input.

I appreciate you taking the time to read my correspondence and I hope you consider increasing involvement of the local community in the future if the space.

Kind regards,

Olivia Sanchez-Felix
(She/her)

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Beverly Williams
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Beverly Williams <beverlyawilliams58@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 3:40 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 4:30 PM
To: Wyatt Easterling
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Wyatt Easterling <wyatt@wyatteasterling.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Cc: Wyatt Easterling <wyatt@wyatteasterling.com>
Subject: Legion Park

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Dear Council,

Legion Park has been an oasis for the residents in the neighborhood including the new apartment complexes just off Legion Road and the soon to be fully opened gigantic complex The Hartford on Ephesus Church Road. Not only is the

park appreciated by the residents of this area, but it's size and available parking make it an ideal location for craft fairs and even a farmers market such as Carrboro can boost. What we don't need is another gigantic apartment complex going in and creating havoc on the growing traffic concerns in our area of town.

I walk through the park every morning and there are always other residents walking their dogs, jogging or like myself enjoying nature before slugging it out in my office all day. It would truly be a shame to see the property destroyed by yet another apartment project. It feels suspect that the town is trying to sneak this vote through during without doing a full due diligence and impact study.

Sincerely,

Wyatt Easterling

108 Ephesus Church Road, 410
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 9:56 AM
To: David Abraham
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: David Abraham <abrahamhdavid@gmail.com>
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Best wishes,

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(he/him)

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From: Jeanette Coffin
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To: Burwell Ware
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From: Burwell Ware <captioning@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 7:56 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road park

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Dear Mayor and council members,
I urge you to hold a public forum where residents can hear each other and discuss the Legion Road park. Please slow this process down and allow time to properly review the future plans for the property. If you don't allow for public input, you're not doing your job.

Sincerely,
Burwell Ware
126 Kingston Dr.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 9:57 AM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 5:23 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: I cannot support your agenda on the Legion Property

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There have been multiple beneficial ideas for this land other than selling out to developers. You have not responded that you have explored any of them. This is a Community issue and we deserve your good faith effort to keep this land green with minimal disruption. To want input right after Thanksgiving and then vote the following week is disrespectful to your constituents. This needs to be a slow process that some of your members advocate for. We are already exploring

the idea of a Community Garden like Seeds for Change and other efforts to benefit the mental health of our Community. I think you need to listen at least and postpone your vote on this very important piece of land. Thank you! Stephanie

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 4:47 PM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 4:31 PM
To: Karen Stegman For Chapel Hill Town Council
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Please don't skimp on the Park piece. I spoke to a lady from Briar Chapel who drives all the way to Southern Village (as I do for my grandkids) to access a big park for her grandkids. Apparently Briar Chapel made a bunch of themed pocket parks but none large enough for real run-around play... This Legion Park project really needs more thought and careful planning...Thank you...

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On Nov 23, 2022, at 12:12 PM, Karen Stegman For Chapel Hill Town Council <karenstegman@substack.com> wrote:

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Yes, and...

We are investing in affordable housing AND parks and green space!

KAREN STEGMAN

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Since the last election cycle, whenever the Town makes incremental progress on providing more affordable housing units -- [as we did LAST week](#) -- there has been an increasingly loud murmur of “what about the parks?” In an effort to forestall an unnecessary housing vs. parks narrative, I would like to also share exciting news on the parks front.

First, I know that parks and greenways are a top priority for Chapel Hill residents. My family and I share that sentiment, and we are proud that the Town’s investments mean we [rank ahead of Durham and Raleigh in the percentage of residents who live within a 10-minute walk of a park](#). We also rank first in comparison to Durham and Raleigh in the percentage of low-income residents who live within a 10-minute walk of a park, first in the percentage of children who live within a 10-minute park, and first in the percentage of seniors who live within a 10-minute walk of a park. In addition, Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation maintains a system of approximately 17.6 miles of urban greenways and trails, which [you can explore using our town’s map of open spaces and parks](#).

Parks funding, as the Council just discussed at its work session last week, was one of many Town operations that was cut or frozen at the start of the pandemic, since we did not know what the fiscal impact would be on the Town at that time. Luckily, Chapel Hill fared relatively well and we are now working on plans to reinstate and catch up on key investment areas, including Parks and Rec.

I was one of the Council members who advocated for using a portion of our ARPA funds for much needed parks maintenance. The Town also had excess fund balance at the end of the last fiscal year. Between that funding, ARPA funding, and bond funding, the Council has allocated **\$8.1 million to parks and greenways** for this year.

Staff are also working on a study for a new splash pad and inclusive playground and the Council is giving direction on December 7th on a plan to create a new park on Legion Road that, combined with Ephesus Park, would be close to 40 acres.

Finally, we will be prioritizing greenways as a meaningful transportation alternative and working to build out a true "everywhere-to-everywhere" greenway system that will be transformative for Chapel Hill, as part of our new [Complete Communities Framework](#). The Council has a vision of making Chapel Hill a complete community where people from diverse backgrounds, experiences, and income levels can thrive – that means housing, parks, transit, jobs – and we are working on making all of those a reality for everyone.

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Subject: RE: Legion Park

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

From: vmills <vcmwebb@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:19 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Hello Mayor and Council,

I would like to add my voice with a quick note:

Please can you allow for a more public forum about this issue.

Please can you seek more input from Environmental Planning Engineers.

Please can you seek more input from out Parks and Rec. Department.

I understand the need to balance the need for low income housing and park space.

I strongly feel that we do not need more retail establishments or more high cost densely packed apartments.

I strongly feel that we should keep the pond because we need the balance of plants to filter rain run off and a place for the water to collect.

Most new developments include a lake or a pond to partially compensate for covering the ground with buildings and concrete, they don't drain the existing pond that works well.

Please keep as much of the green space as possible, we need this for quality of life, and for environmental safety. Too many trees have been felled and too many hills have been flattened in a very short amount of time. Please slow down and do not make disastrous decisions that cannot be reversed.

Regards,

Vanessa Mills Webb

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 10:10 AM
To: Dorothy Gerard
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Road Park

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From: Dorothy Gerard <dorothy.gerard7@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road Park

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Dear Mayor and Council,
I am requesting that you please slow down the rush to vote on the Legion Road property until you have received input from the Parks Greenways

and Rec Commission Advisory Board and to allow residents to have a voice in the process.

Given the increase in population and growth in Chapel Hill it is even more urgent for us to retain the entire Legion Road acreage for use as a park to be enjoyed by everyone. Anywhere we drive we see development and growth and empty buildings that have not been repurposed. Rather than destroy the last large undeveloped parcel in Chapel Hill, can we not focus on redevelopment of the empty spaces already built before we destroy even more of our natural world?

Thank you,
Dorothy Gerard

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 10:10 AM
To: Mellicent Blythe
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Road

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From: Mellicent Blythe <mellicent3@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 26, 2022 10:50 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Council Members,
I am a Chapel Hill resident writing in full support of building truly affordable housing on the Legion Rd development. We have an affordable housing crisis in our community, forcing even middle class families to move elsewhere. I urge you to prioritize truly affordable housing for this and other development projects within your jurisdiction.

Thank you,
Mellicent

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Koomen
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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-----Original Message-----

From: Koomen <koomenm@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 24, 2022 11:14 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Please save the legion road park!

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We, the people of chapel hill, need more natural space and places to rejuvenate ourselves and to play. Please save this land for a park.

Thank you for your attention.

Marcia Koomen
162 Ridge Trail
27516

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 10:12 AM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 5:07 PM
To: Adam Searing <asearing@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Re: I cannot support your agenda on the Legion Property

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Thank you for doing your best. Our entreaties to keep Legion a Park keep falling on deaf ears . I love affordable housing and agree we are lacking in supply but why here on the Legion property where people already in affordable housing have no park at all? There has to be another land option in a better park-endowed part of town... I grew up in London a dense city but I could get to a park on my own as a teen ...row a boat at Regent's Park (approx.400acres) Feed the ducks on Serpentine Lake in Hyde park (approx. 40 acres) Green Park approx 40 acres also. 40% of London is green space. There are thousands of parks. Why can't we do 36 acres for our park-deprived side of town ? Why can't we invest in our underserved Community by creating a Community Garden? I will ask you on the 29th . Please think about it. Thank you...

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 23, 2022, at 10:59 AM, Adam Searing <asearing@townofchapelhill.org> wrote:

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> Stephanie —

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> I agree that 100% of Legion Park should stay a park. I grew up in Colony Woods evading the Legionnaires to go fish in the pond and build trails in the woods there and in the land around Ephesus. While I may be the only current member of the Council who believes this, I will continue to do my very best to bring the importance of saving all our parks and green space to this Council at every meeting, in every forum, and in every statement and action. Our trees require no less!

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> My other thought is that if more folks would come speak at the start of every council meeting (any resident can come and address us for up to 3 minutes at the start of any Council meeting in the council chamber on an item that is not on that evening's agenda) then that would be very helpful in addition to emailing or calling us (contact info below). I'd be happy to give you more information if you'd like to do this.

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> Here is my latest Chapel Hill newsletter, containing my thoughts about Legion Park and other issues:

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> If you like it you can subscribe using the button on the top left or just shoot me an email!

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> <https://mailchi.mp/81540b1e07d6/adams-chapel-hill-newsletter-legion-park-coal-ash-housing>

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> And here is my latest op-ed on my seven principles that I think should guide development in Chapel Hill:

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> <https://thelocalreporter.press/to-care-about-parks-care-about-development/>

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> Best,

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> Adam

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> Adam Searing, JD, MPH

> 919-903-3146

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> From: Jeanette Coffin <jcoffin@townofchapelhill.org>

> Sent: Wednesday, November 23, 2022 9:56 AM

> To: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>

> Cc: Sarah Vinas <svinas@townofchapelhill.org>; Atuya Cornwell <acornwell@townofchapelhill.org>; Phillip Fleischmann <pfleischmann@townofchapelhill.org>; Adam Searing <asearing@townofchapelhill.org>; Amy Ryan <aryan@townofchapelhill.org>; Camille Berry <cberry@townofchapelhill.org>; Jeanne Brown <jbrown2@townofchapelhill.org>; Jess Anderson <janderson@townofchapelhill.org>; Karen Stegman <kstegman@townofchapelhill.org>; Michael Parker <mparker@townofchapelhill.org>; Pam Hemminger

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> From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Tuesday, November 22, 2022 5:23 PM

> To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>

> Subject: I cannot support your agenda on the Legion Property

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> There have been multiple beneficial ideas for this land other than selling out to developers. You have not responded that you have explored any of them . This is a Community issue and we deserve your good faith effort to keep this land green with minimal disruption. To want input right after Thanksgiving and then vote the following week is disrespectful to your constituents. This needs to be a slow process that some of your members advocate for. We are already exploring the idea of a Community Garden like Seeds for Change and other efforts to benefit the mental health of our Community. I think you need to listen at least and postpone your vote on this very important piece of land. Thank you! Stephanie

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 12:20 PM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Atuya Cornwell; Sarah Vinas; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Affordable housing and Legion Park

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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 11:32 AM
To: Pam Hemminger <phemminger@townofchapelhill.org>; Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Re: Affordable housing and Legion Park

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Mayor Pam I so appreciate your work on this I really do...With that said I am a Nurse and never have I seen greater healing than what can be given by nature and green space. You can literally see and feel a body relax and a soul expand. I have personally seen this in my wheelchair-bound father's face as he gazed out at Legion Pond. This is not a "vacant lot" as described in a council newsletter but a vibrant eco-system of which we are part of....Multiple use, trying to please everyone diminishes that peace...Living is not just a roof over one's head, as important as that is, it is also creating serenity and Community to escape that roof and join with others. A Community Garden is a wonderful example. There is only Legion Green Space our side of town. Many low income people live here and care about this green space as their

only sanctuary... their future and this beautiful land is in your hands . There is no need to rush...

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 28, 2022, at 8:00 AM, Pam Hemminger <[p he mminger@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:phe mminger@townofchapelhill.org)> wrote:

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> Dear Stephanie,

> Thank you for reaching out to share your thoughts about the town-owned Legion Property. Having 36 acres to work with presents a tremendous opportunity for the town to meet significant community needs, priorities, and goals.

> Over the years, there has been a lot of community interest in the possibilities for this town owned property. Now, with the American Legion post moved to their new home and an environmental assessment completed, I am eager to have us move forward.

> In the coming weeks, on December 7th, the Legion Property will be up for discussion on Town Council's agenda. In advance of that meeting, the Town will hold a Public Information Meeting on Tuesday, November 29th. With these dates in mind, I wanted to follow up to make sure you have up-to-date information about where things stand.

> In October, in response to a petition from several Council members, I formed the Legion Property Committee (LPC) to consider key interests and make high level recommendations to the full Council about future uses of the property and a path forward.

> Our work was informed by the previous work of the American Legion Task Force along with input received from advisory boards and the public over the past few years – especially around interests in recreation, affordable housing, and climate resiliency.

> We also gave a great deal of consideration to the location, layout and features of the site itself – including its frontage on Legion Road, environmentally sensitive areas, and adjacency to Ephesus Park, Ephesus Elementary, and nearby neighborhoods.

> Based on this information, the Legion Park Committee will be recommending that the Town:

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> * Retain ownership of the entire property

> * Combine approximately 27 acres of the property with Ephesus Park (an additional 11-12 acres) for a Town Park which will include both active and passive recreation

> * Preserve existing natural areas, including stream features and forests

> * Design 8-9 acres on Legion Road for affordable housing due to its adjacency to jobs, transit, and shopping

> The committee will also recommend evaluating the relocation and/or reduction of the existing pond and establishing next steps in the planning process for the future uses.

> For me, as mayor, the purchase of the Legion Property for the Town in 2017 is one of my proudest accomplishments and, after many years of community conversation, I am excited to begin work to create a place that our entire community can benefit from and enjoy.

> I believe these recommendations meet that interest and look forward to bringing them forward to the public and the council in the coming weeks.

> Sincerely,

> Mayor Pam

> PS: Information about the public information meeting and background materials regarding the American Legion Task Force and environmental assessments are available on the town website: American Legion Property | Town of Chapel Hill, NC<<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/communications-and-public-affairs/current-issues/american-legion-property>>

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> [Description: Description:]

> Pam Hemminger

> Mayor

> Town of Chapel Hill<<http://www.townofchapelhill.org/>>

> 405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>

> Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2022 3:11 PM

> To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>

> Subject: Affordable housing and Legion Park

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> Am so dismayed at the divisiveness of this issue. No-one I know is against affordable housing we just want green space for low income people already here in the Blue Hills District . Affordable housing should not be ONLY a roof over one's head. It should also encompass quality of life, walkability, air to breathe, green space and nature to relax or play in. Please make it a priority to not let this beautiful oasis slip away. No amount of developer money is worth it in the long run...

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 12:28 PM
To: Kimberly Sanchez
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Subject: RE: Legion Property Committee recommendations - Yay!

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From: Kimberly Sanchez <ksanchez@communityhometruster.org>
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2022 12:21 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Property Committee recommendations - Yay!

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council

On behalf of the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition (OCAHC), we wanted to express our support for the Legion Property Committee (LPC) recommendations. OCAHC is supportive of both a park and affordable housing and we were thrilled to see that both are central to the LPC recommendations. We look forward to the upcoming meeting to hear about more details. Thank you again for your commitment to advancing that everyone in Chapel Hill has a safe, affordable place to live.

Kimberly Sanchez
Co-Chair



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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Gray, Virginia
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Gray, Virginia <vagray@email.unc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 10:08 AM
To: timothykuhn@bellsouth.net; Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Re: Please Save Legion Community Park

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Thank you Tim! What a great letter! I especially like your many environmental points. I hope they pay attention to your letter.

Best
Virginia

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From: timothyakuhn@bellsouth.net <timothyakuhn@bellsouth.net>

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 9:55:20 AM

To: mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>

Subject: Please Save Legion Community Park

Dear Mayor and Town Council,

My name is Tim Kuhn and I live at 37 Clover Drive, adjacent to the Legion Community Park

Thank you for having a public forum tonight to allow the public to share their views. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend tonight or 7 December due to previous commitments.

Will the Parks and Greenway provide their views?

I'm hopeful that the Park will be preserved. The development on Legion Road and Ephesus Church is staggering and traffic on Ephesus Church will be horrendous once all the apartments are occupied and apparently there's more to come. When Ephesus School lets out in the afternoon, the cars waiting to pick up their children already makes the road impassible. And there's no option for widening the road given the location of the new development.

That's a different issue, but all those people will need access to green space for walking, taking their children to some greenspace, walking their dogs, etc

And it would be walkable from the developments on Legion Road and Ephesus Church Road.

I know there's genuine interest in pickleball courts, etc but tree removal, and asphalt for courts and parking will have environmental impact.

The loss of trees, loss of green space, and especially all the lights at night from these new apartments will have major impact on migration and nocturnal patterns of bats, insects, and birds.

I understand that the Town is hiring two new positions to address climate changes. I think it sounds a tad hypocritical to be promoting climate change initiatives at the same time as considering building additional housing and retail on the last remaining green parcel in Chapel Hill.

Finally, with all these new developments, why can't portions be allocated for workforce housing? I don't understand why more housing has to be built when we're being surrounded by high rise apartments. Wouldn't it be better for the community to live together rather than having expensive apartments adjacent to work-force housing? The developers are not going to be living in the apartments so why can't the Council specify that portions have to be allocated to work-force housing?

Thank you again for providing tax paying homeowners the opportunity to share their views. I am,

Sincerely yours,

Tim

Timothy A Kuhn
37 Clover Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Jason Reed
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Phillip Fleischmann; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 7:21 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Please hold an official community forum with town council in attendance before the legion park vote on Dec 7

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The future of the legion park land is important to everybody in town. I'm concerned that with your non-official participation in the meeting tonight it will be unclear where you stand on the vote to come on Dec 7. Before the vote, I request that you hold a community forum with the Town Council in official attendance. Thank you.

Regards—Jason

Jason Reed
400 Tinkerbell Rd
Chapel Hill NC

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 3:41 PM
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From: Jennifer Cantwell Wood <familynutritionofthetriad@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 3:10 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park Plans

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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

As a resident of the Legion Rd. community, I would like to write to you concerning the plans for the American Legion property. I recall seeing some years ago a plan to convert this property into a public park. I understand that those plans may be changing and that this property is being considered for commercial development. I would like to express my

deep concern about these plans. My family and I use this public property regularly for recreation and I am concerned as this is the last open green area on this part of town. As I am sure you are aware, there has been substantial development in this area over the last few years and as a resident here I believe that there has been enough. I understand that almost 3000 new units have been built in what has been a very short amount of time. This will mean at least 3000 new residents with their cars, and I fear that once they are all filled there will be so much congestion in this area as to make things unlivable. This area is also the last somewhat affordable area in Chapel Hill and has become the last bastion for middle and lower income homes, especially for the last few people of color left in Chapel Hill. If the Legion Rd property is developed commercially, we will have lost the last open space within walking distance. We will all have to get in our cars to go out and enjoy recreational space. Enough please! Let the residents over in Southern Village deal with the massive apartment buildings, shopping centers and cars for once! Let us have a little bit of green to play in. Lower income families and people of color are just as deserving of open space.

Best Regards,
Jennifer Cantwell Wood, MPH, RD, LDN
336-500-3009
FamilyNutritionoftheTriad@gmail.com

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We have had many apartment complexes built in the Blue Hill district, more are under construction, and there are more planned in our Blue Hill district. We do not need more apartments built on the Legion Property. We are, in fact, desperate for green space and community space in this area. We can NEVER get this open space back once it is built on. The low income housing residents that are present in Blue Hill would also benefit from a place that provides activities and community space that is easily accessible.

New low-income apartments that are proposed do not remain low-income (my understanding is that it lapses after 30 years). Corporations are buying apartment complexes in our area. So we will end up with expensive multi-story apartments and little open space.

Please, our neighborhood is begging for respite from the non-stop apartment construction. Please keep this property as a park, and only a park. Let us have a community center and green space for the Blue Hill district. We are told that many of the Chapel Hill projects underway were not under your control due to approval by previous administrations. Well this one is.

Rosemary Resler

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From: Jeanette Coffin
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From: Becci Ritter <becci.ritter@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 6:20 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
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I came to last night's info mtg at the library with an open mind. I came away convinced that that land should be used for affordable housing as well as a public park.

Carolyn Becci Ritter

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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

I was not able to attend the meeting tonight, and apologize if anything is irrelevant given tonight's meeting.

I'm supportive of the current plan for affordable housing and a park on the Legion parcel, in combination with Ephesus Park. I'd even be supportive of some revenue-generating use of a portion of the land if that were necessary.

I want my community to be a place where all people can live. I find it especially appalling that many folks who provide public services cannot afford to live in the community where they work, and even more so that some people live in their cars. I moved here eight years ago as a single mom, and could not afford to move into this community now. I'm grateful and do not want to exclude people like me going forward.

I am exceptionally concerned about climate change, and density is the development model that contributes the least greenhouse gases. The creation of the rural buffer was forward thinking in creating that density, trading off large open spaces here for larger open spaces in other parts of the county, where they have more ecological impact. My layman's guess is that the Legion parcel, since it is not connected to other open spaces, has less ecological value than areas that are connected. That is not to say that it has no value, as greenspaces are critically important for human and environmental health and I have been glad to see that preserving some portion of the land for a park has been a part of all serious proposals. I have no illusions that Chapel Hill will ever remotely resemble New York City, nor that development of a portion of the Legion parcel will bring about ecological disaster or crisis or destroy greenspace. Additionally, I strongly support zoning changes to encourage density and diversity of all types near me.

This has been a fiery issue for my neighborhood. Thank you for serving on the Council and grappling with complex issues even when things are heated.

With respect,
Kristie Mather

709 Emory - a detached single family house that is probably more problem than solution
-- she/her

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From: Nathaniel <nathaniel.p.vance@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 11:49 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Re: Legion Park

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Hello,

I wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting on Legion Park.

I'm aware there's a group of representatives on the council that advocates retaining a great deal of the park and natural features. I agree wholeheartedly with that. Chapel Hill is a beautiful and green town and preservation is a large part of what makes us so special. We have a true gem located in a dense and getting denser urban area in Legion Park;

streams, a beautiful pond, walkways, butterfly fields, woodways, and property that abuts an elementary school. That's a godsend that we likely won't be able to reproduce (appreciation to the folks who had the foresight to buy it).

I also realize that there are council members that are advocating retail space in the same area. Let's not "pave paradise and put up a parking lot". I'm sure we have an idealized view of it where we bring in trendy new spots, but trendy new spots have a tradition of disintegrating into Subway Sandwich shops, uninhabited buildings, and vape shops. Let's not do that. We have a gem. Let's protect it.

Thank you,
Nathaniel Vance
714-398-8459

On Tue, Nov 22, 2022 at 12:53 PM Nathaniel <nathaniel.p.vance@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Mayor Pam,

A couple of years ago I reached out to you about Legion Park. I valued it. I very much appreciated you taking the time to respond. Years ago, I moved from California to Chapel Hill. The green of Chapel Hill is something special.

What we have in Legion Park is special as well.

Development is important and I understand the desire to move forward, but we have an opportunity to do something nice for the community.

Developing it is easy, preserving it is hard. I hope you all do the hard, but right thing. Once that space is developed, we never get it back. Green spaces are difficult to come by, but we've been gifted one.

We don't tear down buildings and build parks. But we do tear down parks and build buildings.

Please think about the value of a large greenspace in a growing community. It has so much inherent value and potential.

Chapel Hill thinks differently, and preserving this park aligns with who we are.

Thank you,
Nathaniel Vance
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Dear Mayor and Council,

As some of you know, I am a resident of Colony Woods, which is adjacent to the 1714 Legion Road site. I've lived in Colony Woods for 15+ years as an adult and also for 8 years as a child. (Full disclosure: I'm co-chair of the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition through the end of 2022 when my term ends, and I work for a non-profit that develops affordable housing, but while that experience informs my perspective, and certainly aligns with my values, I'm writing to you purely as a resident of Chapel Hill who supports housing.)

Chapel Hill is experiencing a housing crisis largely of our own creation by the policies and politics that are the norm here. For many decades, we made it difficult to build housing for any income level; it's been a "last person in closes the door" mentality in Chapel Hill for too long. According to Town data in the quarterly housing report, over 5,000 affordable homes are now needed to serve people earning less than 60% AMI. Thankfully, the vast majority of this Town Council is actively working to address the housing crisis by allowing more housing development, by building our tax base with other development, and by funding dedicated affordable housing at a meaningful level. We still have a long way to go, as shown by the sentiments expressed by many speakers at tonight's public information meeting on the Legion site. There remains a vocal part of our community that espouses radically anti-housing views veiled in a thin cloak of environmentalism and park advocacy. Some of the comments made tonight—and written in official newsletters of groups like CHALT—are the very definition of "not in my backyard", with speakers literally stating that they strongly support affordable housing but want it to be somewhere else in an unspecified, seemingly mythical other part of town.

Even if housing were easier to build in Chapel Hill, it'd take years to make up for the short supply in place, and I believe—as I think you do—that we'd still have a moral responsibility to invest in dedicated affordable housing for our lower income neighbors and for the many workers who make our town wonderful and want to be our neighbors yet cannot afford to live here. 1714 Legion is an opportunity to address this crisis head-on, while also building a beautiful public park that protects woodlands and streams.

Ironically, much of the anti-housing sentiment we've built into our local policies and politics comes from misinformed pseudo-environmentalism, which fails to recognize the dire impacts of pushing housing to other communities when it comes to fossil fuel use, pollution, climate change, open space and wildlife conservation, traffic congestion and reliance on single-driver cars, and more. Virtually all the housing advocates I know are in favor of building a park at 1714 Legion; after all, people and parks go together like barbecue and slaw, or (since this is Chapel Hill) perhaps I should say like wine and cheese.

The plan presented by the LPC is consistent with the Town's publicly expressed vision for the property since its acquisition in 2017. Thankfully, the 1714 Legion site is over 36 acres large and it is adjacent to almost 12 acres of existing land at Ephesus Park as well as 13-plus acres at Ephesus Elementary that includes a large ballfield, two playgrounds, and basketball courts. In total, this is 61 acres of public land. The LPC proposal leaves about 52 acres for community uses of parks, the school, and open space, including preserving about 27 acres of 1714 Legion. It should be an easy decision for Council to move forward with a park plus affordable housing at 1714 Legion Road. I appreciate your steadfast support for doing the right thing for the *whole* community.

I look forward to people across Chapel Hill coming together, embracing the LPC's vision, and getting to work making a park and affordable housing happen.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Levine

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I agree as well. Mr. Whitlow's blog is so toxic and mean spirited and should not be tolerated. Stephen Whitlow should be removed from the project immediately.

How unfortunate that people on a town council level are spewing venom in such a way as to create further divisiveness in our town and in our society. Such discourse only creates hatred. It does not further dialogue.

People who support the entire preservation of the Legion property also support affordable housing. We just don't want it built on one of the last remaining pieces of green space in this part of town.

The environment and the preservation of green spaces are issues which are just as important as affordable housing. Without an earth, it won't matter whether any of us has a roof over our heads.

It is possible to address both issues, the environment and affordable housing, rather than pitting them against one another.

I am sure other property options exist for the building of affordable housing. The town could take the money it might spend to drain the pond and put that toward the purchase of another piece of property which is already developed. In Raleigh, that is being done.

Unfortunately, the affordable housing which had existed on Ephesus Rd has now become luxury apartments. I am not quite sure why the town did not act to save those apartments and keep them affordable.

I am also not quite sure why the town council, in past years, voted to forfeit the right to require a certain number of apartments in developments to be affordable.

I appreciate the efforts of the town council to build affordable housing, but I disagree with an approach which destroys the few remaining green spaces versus seeking other options which would both protect the environment and provide affordable housing.

Please, town council, act both for the environment and for affordable housing, and please act to restore dignity and civility to discourse on this matter and on others.

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1. Name

Sarah K. McIntee

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

November 29, 2022

Mayor and Council, Parks and Rec Advisory folks,

As you consider the plans for the Legion Rd property, I wanted to give you an update on the state of social dance and social dance spaces in the Triangle community, since I last wrote you on this issue. Please consider building large classrooms 20x40 and dance hall 50'x 100' and 60' x 200' spaces, with springy hardwood floating dance floors, where activity clubs can meet, whether it be for skip rope, yoga, set dancing, partner dancing, or large international circle and line dances. The largest spaces should have a band stage space, too, for live music events. Please do NOT use that sticky knee wrenching sticky floor stuff, nor put the flooring on concrete. There is a space in the basement of the senior center people hate to use. A concrete floor is good for 30 minutes of dancing. A springy smooth floor means you can dance all evening.

Mark and I participate in 2 international folk dance groups (IFD) on Wednesdays and Fridays. Both of these groups meet 50-52 weeks of the year. These groups are both over 55 years old and when they had a larger space in downtown Chapel Hill at the University Presbyterian Student Center, and at NC State, 50-60 people danced IFD there every week on Wednesdays and Fridays, until the space was repurposed and the group dropped in size to 20 meeting at the Umstead park building in Chapel Hill that burned down several years ago. The Umstead Park building in Chapel Hill was a horrible space for dancing, it was small and you had to walk in the dark to get there from the parking lot. Many would not come. The Chapel Hill IFD Club group, after the building burned, then had to move out of CH to Durham for the next 25+ years at a synagogue space that has now been repurposed for higher paying clients. We were at Living Arts collective for a few years before the pandemic started. The rent was high for a group with no permanent space, and many would not come because of limited parking and the higher cost. The Living Arts Collective now rents the space to Fred Astaire studios, a higher paying client. As the higher rent trend goes, social dance space disappears.

Our group then had a choice between using Triangle Dance Studios (now transitioned into an office rental business that sometimes rents in evenings to dance groups) and becoming perpetual guests to the Carol Woods community in their Fitness center. No have rent to pay, but if we ever lose our Carol Woods resident host committee, we can't stay here. It is not a permanent space. If no additional dance spaces are not built and subsidized by the towns and cities in the Triangle our successful IF dance club, after about 60 years, will become extinct, with a few people meeting outside or in a private home. That would be a shame.

The Carol Woods classroom in the Fitness Center are ideal dance floors for the mid sized group we are, but we are filling these rooms. If we had a bigger space, with a suitable floor and location, we could easily get back up to 50 regular dancers. The pandemic is still going on, we wear masks, but we are between 20 and 30 people in a space a bit smaller than a basketball court. The floor in Carol Woods fitness center is nice, springy maple hardwood in these classrooms, but we are already filling the room weekly with 20-30 people. We have about 30 when English Country gets bumped from using the Reality center.

Our two adult sons also dance in this area on Tuesdays, Weds, and Fridays. They drive to a private home in Cary to do Irish set dancing on Tuesdays. They go to English Country dancing on Mondays at the Reality Center, where they sometimes get bumped from using by church activities. Our younger adult son has been active in contra dancing for several years now, is about to serve on their board. The contra dancers alternate between the Carrboro Century Center and the Reality Center in Durham. Sometimes you can drive to the Murphey School in the county, but that is too far for regular attendance. We need a place people most can get to.

Social dance is the best exercise for your brain and body, plus it builds communities according to common affection for a type or music or dance form. In a space occupied by 10 basketball players, you could have about 50 folk dancers. Dance space, though, is expensive space in this growing community. Social dance space is the first kind of space to disappear because of the expense. If the dance costs over \$10 per night, people won't come. Dancers can pack into a dance hall sometimes or partner dancing, but some groups, like square, contra, set, round, and circle dances, use a lot more space. As rent costs rise, social dance in a community disappears. The activity then becomes too expensive for the participants.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:16 AM
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Subject: Re: Legion Park Plans

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Dear Ms Ryan,

It sounds like the town has done some poor planning. 3000 units have gone up and none of it is remotely affordable. Now you want to sacrifice the last of our green space because you didn't think ahead? Why don't you make some of the

units that have already been put in place into affordable housing? Or go build it where there is more land around Southern Village? And what will be done to account for all the new traffic? I can barely get out to get my kids to school as it is. There's always more than one way to skin a cat and this does not seem like a good one.

Jennifer Cantwell Wood, MPH, RD, LDN
FamilyNutritionoftheTriad@gmail.com
(336)500-3009

> On Nov 30, 2022, at 9:53 AM, Amy Ryan <aryan@townofchapelhill.org> wrote:

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> Dear Ms. Wood:

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> Thanks for sharing your thoughts with council. I'm happy to tell you that the current proposal under consideration at next week's meeting has no for-profit commercial development (retail, office, market rate/luxury apartments). Instead, we're proposing to work with one of our affordable housing nonprofits to build some lower-income housing on part of the front of the parcel, and save the rest for active recreation (playing fields, courts, etc.) and passive recreation (streams, trails, forest). I agree with you that we need natural space in this part of town, and think the current proposal will deliver that for residents, while meeting other important town needs.

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> Best,

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> Amy Ryan

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jeanette Coffin <jcoffin@townofchapelhill.org>

> Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2022 3:41 PM

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> Dear Mayor and Town Council,

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> As a resident of the Legion Rd. community, I would like to write to you concerning the plans for the American Legion property. I recall seeing some years ago a plan to convert this property into a public park. I understand that those plans may be changing and that this property is being considered for commercial development. I would like to express my deep concern about these plans. My family and I use this public property regularly for recreation and I am concerned as this is the last open green area on this part of town. As I am sure you are aware, there has been substantial development in this area over the last few years and as a resident here I believe that there has been enough. I understand that almost 3000 new units have been built in what has been a very short amount of time. This will mean at least 3000 new residents with their cars, and I fear that once they are all filled there will be so much congestion in this area as to make things unlivable. This area is also the last somewhat affordable area in Chapel Hill and has become the last bastion for middle and lower income homes, especially for the last few people of color left in Chapel Hill. If the Legion Rd property is developed commercially, we will have lost the last open space within walking distance. We will all have to get in our cars to go out and enjoy recreational space. Enough please! Let the residents over in Southern Village deal with the massive apartment buildings, shopping centers and cars for once! Let us have a little bit of green to play in. Lower income families and people of color are just as deserving of open space.

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> Best Regards,
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From: Elizabeth Moore <lizmoore832@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 10:59 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Please save Legion Park

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Dear Mayor and Town Council Members,

No doubt you love Chapel Hill, but please, please, don't we have enough dense housing in the Ephesus Church Road/Elliot Road etc area? Traffic is already a mess and more housing on Legion Road will only add to that. Why turn beautiful Chapel Hill into a dense, paved city? Leave us some open spaces in which we can enjoy nature! This Legion Park area is a great opportunity for exactly that, and with all the new buildings in that area, it is even more important than ever. How nice that all those living in the currently being built or already established apartments and homes can

walk to such a place! I have lived in Chapel Hill since 1975 and am greatly saddened by the loss of so many open spaces and stands of trees. Our green town is rapidly becoming concrete gray. Please leave this space when you vote on December 7.

Thanks,
Elizabeth Moore
832 Shady Lawn Road
Chapel Hill

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Just learned the town owns low density affordable housing on Jackie Robinson next to the Legion Property and hasn't considered creating affordable units? Increased density is far preferable to pouring concrete, flooding nearby homes and depriving needy residents of the cheapest healthiest opportunity for recreation. Please tell me a valid reason why not ...before I lose complete trust...

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
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There was a moment in the American Legion public meeting last night at the library where someone invited everyone in the room to the American Legion land this morning – it's Wednesday – to clear wisteria.

[Dotty Foley](#) of HOPE NC interrupted him. “We have to go to work to pay the rent,” she said.

The exchange perhaps best encapsulates the entire evening, which featured 40-ish speakers talking about the town’s future plan for the land, which has sat empty for the past six years since the town purchased it for \$8 million.

There were a range of speakers last night – one person talked about rainfall, another wanted to make the land into a farm – but most people fell into one of two camps: those who wanted housing *and* a huge park on the land, and those who wanted the huge park but not the housing.

It struck us that many of the “park *and* housing” advocates in the room described the town’s plan — a ~40 acre park with 8 acres set aside for affordable housing — as a win-win that took years and years of emotional labor to accomplish. They’re thrilled we’re getting a park, and they’re thrilled we’re getting housing on a small portion of the land. (One of the [Hope NC](#) leaders said in their five years of looking at every single possible plot of land in Chapel Hill, this piece of land was the best that they’ve found to provide potential housing.)

We were also struck by how many comments from the “no housing” crowd concerned tone and trust and civility, and how it’s sad how divisive this process has become.

And yet...

Dan Levine, who lives in the Colony Woods neighborhood next to the Legion site and is the co-chair of the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition, was hiss-booped during his comments, when he said “I also think we have a moral obligation to build affordable housing, and parks. ...Do we really need to turn this into a debate of trying to exclude people from our communities, from our backyards?”

We are excluding people now, and that’s not divisive to say – it’s just a fact. Median home prices for Chapel Hill and Carrboro now top \$500K. Local rent in Chapel Hill and Carrboro is up 25.6% in the past 15 months (2022 State of the Community Chamber presentation.)

As we heard last night, there are dozens of people in Chapel Hill calling hotlines every week looking for housing they can afford, or that they can stay in affordably. One woman said she recently learned that a majority of the calls to the helpline at our Department of Aging were about housing needs. Another speaker pointed out that we have school teachers commuting from Asheboro, a drive of more than an hour each way.

We acknowledge that neighbors of Legion feel strongly about the property and see their area quickly changing. We, like them, want more greenspaces for our residents.

We disagree, however, that their proximity to Legion should carry more weight in the decision making process than other residents throughout Chapel Hill who have already invested tax dollars in purchasing this property and will be investing much more to make it a world-class park.

We think it is important to consider a wide array of voices on the issue of housing on the Legion property. It is simply unfair to have nearby homeowners – whose home values have steadily increased as a result from Chapel Hill’s exclusionary land use policies – carry more weight than people who have been intentionally excluded from living here.

As we left the meeting, we kept mulling over the words of Jackie Jenks, who leads IFC and sits on the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition. Jenks made the point that people were sleeping on the streets of Chapel Hill last night and that the shelter was completely full. Instead of talking to the audience, she spoke directly to the Chapel Hill Town Council. This is what she said:

Whenever we're looking at what to do about a situation, we always go back to what is our mission. And so I looked up a mission for the Town of Chapel Hill, which is learning, serving and working together to build a community where people thrive. I'm really trying to figure out how in this room right now, we are working together to build a community where people thrive. And I think we're having a hard time with that right now. Because resources are limited.

And we know that we don't have enough land to do everything that we want to do with it. And so we have to make choices and we have to make decisions. Talking to our council members who are in here, or listening right now, you have very difficult decisions to make all the time. You're always discussing them, you're always thinking about them, and you're always hearing from people about them.

And so I really, really hope that when you are talking about decision making for this, that you are looking at what is the mission of the town, because we all speak for what we want. People who have housing don't need it. And so it's easy to say we want a park, it's easy to say we need more parking spaces.

It's easy to say all of those things. But you as town council members need to look at the whole community. And so I know you will do that. I have faith in you. And I really appreciate this time people being here to listen tonight. Thank you.

This piece was written by Martin Johnson, Melody Kramer, and Stephen Whitlow.

Amy Harvey

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1. Name

John Hammond

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

I want to suggest that part of the Legion Road property be used to expand the Chapel Hill Cemetery. As you remember the expansion space of the cemetery was used for affordable housing a number of years ago. It's time to replace land lost from the cemetery for affordable housing to be replaced by the Legion Road property.

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If you choose to vote to have housing on Legion Road, please do not remove any more forested areas. I think more hardscape on the property could add drainage problems and disturb the wild life.

I had hoped a playground including for disabled children with a picnic area would be on this property. I do not think any additional pickleball courts, water pad, and other recreational activities need to be here.

Carol Kille

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Mayor and Town Council:

I am writing to submit my comments on Tuesday's public information meeting on the LPC recommendations for the Legion property, because as of today (12/1) the town's website link for such comments doesn't work.

I have major concerns about the process at the Legion public information meeting. First, the town staff should have made a formal presentation followed by a question and answer period. For example, why was there no map showing the 8-9 acres of affordable housing and how it would displace the pond and open space (forever)? Why no topological map with hydrology to show how loss of the pond and increase in impervious

surface will impact stormwater flow to downstream residents? Why no update to the initial staff map (that Council approved), which showed how potential roads, parking and buildings (e.g., cultural arts center) will take up the remaining open space?

Second, this should have been a forum where LPC members explain their thinking and defend their recommendations. Specifically, they should state why affordable housing trumps the Comprehensive Parks Plan, the Legion Task Force recommendation, the Parks, Greenways and Recreation Advisory Board's petition, the town's climate action plan, the Complete Communities initiative, social/park justice for those living in adjacent affordable housing, increased flooding potential, loss of critical natural habitat etc.

In short, the LPC recommendations are NOT a win-win as argued. There are other options for affordable housing that do not sacrifice badly needed parkland. The town has devoted significant effort and resources to affordable housing and just allocated \$9M of new funding for six affordable housing projects. In contrast, our parks have been starved of funding for years and it shows. Will the never ending need for affordable housing justify taking any open space and even existing park acreage (e.g., the disc golf course at Southern Community Park)? Will the public be made aware in advance of such plans and given ample time to respond?

David Adams

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2022 8:40 AM
To: C. Schuft
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Road property

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Again, thank you for your message.

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From: C. Schuft <c.schuft@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2022 6:56 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road property

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Let's please NOT sell any of this property to private developers. If you have a different view, I will appreciate you explaining your position to me.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2022 10:43 AM
To: Ken Brooks
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Ken Brooks <ken@joymaker.me>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 9:59 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Please preserve all of Legion tract and its beauty

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Council,

I am writing to join the voices asking for the preservation of the full Legion tract as parkland. I believe that the density of new housing being built nearby is going to warrant that big a tract of open space.

And I believe that here we have an opportunity for preservation that will impact generations to come, in ways we cannot even fully foresee.

But I want to focus on one particular aspect that has been too little discussed: Beauty. It is a joy and a delight to drive by that land on one's way to whatever practical destination, and see the beauty of that open space in that pond. It is a joy to walk that land. It is a contribution to the mental health of us all. And the sight of water really helps!

So this is my plea: PRESERVE THE POND! There is nothing like it in all of Chapel Hill, for its highly visible, readily accessible beauty. I had a chance to speak with Mayor Hemminger after the meeting on Tuesday night, and learned that it is going to cost a half million dollars to deal with that pond, either way. Half million to deal with process and legalities to remove the dam, or a half million to repair it. So by all means, let's repair it! This is a gem!

In closing: even if you decide that some space must be allocated to other uses, please don't put it all along the front. Please, let's preserve a lot of open frontage to actually enjoy the view.

Sincerely,
Ken Brooks
913 Grove St.
919-619-0061

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2022 1:37 PM
To: Lindacarol@lindacaroldavis.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: info@townofchapelhill.org <info@townofchapelhill.org>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Message from Website

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1. Name

Linda Carol

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

Dear Mayor and Town Council, I encourage you to leave the Legion Road property as a natural park for all citizens to enjoy. This is an opportunity that will never come again and an opportunity to follow up on promises to consider the effects your decisions have on climate change. This property is owned by the citizens and therefore their wisdom on this should be paramount. All over the planet governments are starting to focus on the benefits of green spaces to health and well-being. Please lean-in to learning how paving, building and destroying nature will have repercussions that acerbate the decline of our planet.

Please read the following: <https://e360.yale.edu/features/ecopsychology-how-immersion-in-nature-benefits-your-health>
Linda Carol Davis

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Lindacarol@lindacaroldavis.com

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Thank you,
Town of Chapel Hill, NC

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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 8:54 AM
To: Margaret
Subject: RE: Save Legion Park 100%

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From: Margaret <mheath1@nc.rr.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 11:58 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Save Legion Park 100%

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To the Mayor and Town Council Members:

I'm writing to request that on December 7 you vote to preserve all of the Legion Road site in question as a town park. The Legion property is the only available open space for a park left in the Town.

Previously the recommendation was that the Town proceed to establish six additional parks roughly 50 acres in size or more. Is it true that none of the six have been established? If so, the Legion Park would become the first, and sadly the ONLY town park to be added. Don't forfeit this last opportunity.

Thank you.

Margaret Heath
Chapel Hill, 27516

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 8:54 AM
To: rexmercer
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Rex Mercer <rexmercer@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 9:24 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road property

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Chapel Hill could use more parkland, and it desperately needs more affordable housing. The Legion Road property offers the unique opportunity to increase both. I urge you to vote to use the land for both purposes.

Regards,
Rex Mercer, MSW
Chapel Hill resident

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 9:08 AM
To: Stephanie Greenberg
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Stephanie Greenberg <stephaniekareng@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, December 4, 2022 8:33 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Concern

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I have major concerns regarding voting on the Legion Land this coming Wed Dec 7. You have not been able to clarify many questions I asked of you in person at the library forum or in my e-mails. We in this Community are very confused as to what you are proposing. For example: what is a world class park??? Concrete pickle ball courts? Concrete parking lots? Are all the units affordable ? How many? I am afraid these central unanswered questions make any vote at this time illegitimate... I propose a more honest accounting with the knowledge that this land cannot support more concrete

or draining the pond. I walked it after the last rainfall and the water was squishing in my shoes...Sincerely, Stephanie Greenberg

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 9:13 AM
To: steve moore
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: steve moore <srn913r@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 11:14 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Council Agenda item on Legion Road Park

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It is vital to keep the entire Legion Road property as parkland and not cede any to development!

There will be opportunities for affordable housing options on a continuing basis. If only a portion of the big ugly buildings that the council keeps approving are redirected to affordable housing - the need can be addressed.

Given the lack of undeveloped land within the Chapel Hill boundaries, there will never be the opportunity to have this amount of land and space preserved for parkland for all town residents. It is absolutely imperative that the entire Legion Road property be permanently preserved and maintained for parkland. There is no more urgent consideration than the council approaches that impacts the entire town and all of its residents, instead of piecemeal development of the property for special groups and special interests that benefit only these groups.

Although this matter will become an active issue for next council elections, it is critical that the current mayor and council not destroy any of the parkland for any use other than parkland!

Steve Moore

Sent from my iPad

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Phillips-Weiner, Jean
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Phillips-Weiner, Jean <jphilli@med.unc.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:21 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Preserve Legion Community Park

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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing as a concerned citizen of Chapel Hill and an employee of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill asking that you prioritize the preservation of Legion Community Park. The park's continued existence serves the community not only in elevating the physical and mental health of park visitors, but also by helping mediate the effects of climate change, lowering area temperatures, and conserving water and providing stormwater control.

I urge you to preserve the park as a valuable community asset.

Sincerely,

Jean Phillips-Weiner

Jean Phillips-Weiner, MPH, CHES (she/her/hers)
Project Director, Internet Tobacco Vendors Study
Carr Mill Cancer Prevention and Control
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

jphilli@med.unc.edu | 919.966.2798

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 11:23 AM
To: Ashley Stroud
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Ashley Stroud <ashleynstroud@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion property

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Dear Mayor and Council members,

I am writing to plead with you not to destroy the legion property with nine acres of development and removal of the pond. We live in The Meadows abutting the property and are avid walkers. Legion property is one of the last open spaces in the "Blue Hills", which is being overtaken with massive apartment developments. Trees are being taken out everywhere and drainage has become a major issue in our neighborhood. We have spent over \$40,000 on drainage

issues in our yard and further development of Legion will only make the issues worse. Please do not destroy the last open space and green area remaining in the area. We count on you to make decisions that will protect the city for future generations, not just what is economically attractive in the present. Our children and grandchildren deserve to have open space, trees, and natural areas to enjoy and explore.

Ashleyn and David Stroud
30 Clover Drive
Chapel Hill, NC. 27517
919-525-8366
Sent from my iPad

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 11:30 AM
To: romason124
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: romason124 <romason124@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:24 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road Property

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Please add my name to the large list of Chapel Hill residents who want this property entirely devoted to a park.

Ro Mason

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Kristen O'Daly
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Kristen O'Daly <kristen.odaly@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:50 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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While I cannot attend the meeting on Wednesday, particularly since you placed the Legion Park development at the end of the agenda, I want to write about my dismay and disregard for the process (votes with virtually no public input) and the Town's continued development and use for green spaces for the same.

Chapel Hill is becoming virtually unrecognizable with the continued development. More and more apartments are going up when occupancy is no longer a real concern. You approved the high rise Gwendolyn office building when Spaces is right around the corner and neither are close to being fully utilized.

There is just no logical reason for the Town to take yet another 9 acres of existing green space when the continuous developments are not being used. This long time resident would love to see all of this development curtailed before the overall Town of Chapel Hill becomes unrecognizable and more of us move.

Sincerely, Kristen ODaly

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 12:00 PM
To: David Bozowski
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:48 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Don't you think we need a break? The unparalleled growth in Chapel Hill is a race to the end of our open space. What's the point.

I've lived here since 1966, why not devote more time into getting some viable tenants on Franklin Street. Perhaps the council could visit Richmond Virginia and see what they have done to their town, which seems to be thriving.

David
919-949-5972

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 12:00 PM
To: bdf
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From: bdf <flya737@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:42 AM
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Subject: Please save Legion Community PARK!!

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Who in Chapel Hill has the foresight and courage to speak up to save one of the last green spaces in our community? It takes a lot to put community above profits!

Don't we have enough development in our area...gobbling up these green spaces that have made Chapel Hill and its neighbors so charming and desirable as a home?

PLEASE!!! Keep the Legion Community Park as a PARK! Not a Parking Lot!

Where would the country be without folks willing to speak out for places like Central Park, Golden Gate Park, etc? Don't let the developers control what our community looks like...listen to those who LIVE here, please!

Thank you,

Dale Finch

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From: Rebecca Domin <becky.domin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 10:33 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: SAVE Legion Community Park

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The last thing that Chapel Hill needs is more high-rise apartment buildings.
Keep the trees. Keep the green space. Keep the 9 acres as a PARK.

- A VOTER.

--

Rebecca Gray Design, Inc.
919.265.9641

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 12:02 PM
To: Giglio, Ben
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Giglio, Ben <giglio@email.unc.edu>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 11:53 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: 9 Acres of Legion Park

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This is Dr. Giglio.

I was disappointed to see in the email that I received from the town that 9 acres of Legion park was being considered to be converted into housing.

The argument put forward was that the area is good for housing because of adjacent business and shopping. I don't agree with this.

The public transit here is very good and readily available in many locations, so I don't see why proximity of the proposed housing to existing businesses should be a factor in the decision to build on Legion. I've lived here for 10 years, and transportation has never been a problem.

Furthermore, there have been **5 high rise apartment complexes** built in the Legion Road/Ram's plaza area. **This area is saturated with people now.** The number of people living in this area that are driving their cars makes traffic a major problem at all hours.

I don't believe that concentrating so many apartment complexes into a small area was a wise decision, and I know that adding more housing will make this problem worse.

You should not be housing any more people in this area.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 1:12 PM
To: Nice Guy
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Nice Guy <niceguy44@ymail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:05 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmen,

I want you to vote for our Grandchildren's needs, which is Open Space.
There is no more Open Space in this area of the town.
This side of town needs a PARK more than a handful of affordable housing units.

Your vote for the unification of Legion and Ephesus Parks will mean that in 10 years,

when all the development in that area is complete, we will still have a PARK, and not an area that has been further developed for one special interest or another.

Voting against chopping up Legion Park will send a message that the town does believe in "Open Space." I've seen open space disappear constantly as the city has evolved over the last forty years. Broken promises and development, on top of development has not improved the quality of life in Chapel Hill.

There is plenty of housing in this area, but not "Open Space." The few people that gain "affordable housing" if it remains affordable in the future, can not offset the loss of 9 acres of park and park buffer. Imagine Central Park in NYC, if they had started chopping off land for "affordable housing" 100 years ago... it would be a postage stamp by now.

You are not voting for today's needs. You are voting for our Grandchildren's needs. Do not be short sighted. Vote for our future.

Yours Truly,
-Ed Tostanoski
Chapel Hill long-time resident, voter and taxpayer.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Mark Pozefsky
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Mark Pozefsky <markpozefsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:13 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park vote

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I urge you to vote **against** the 9 acre development of the Legion Park acreage. We already have sufficient housing in this part of town. Traffic in that area is already crazy and will get much worse as the just-finished/finishing complexes in that area fill up.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 1:38 PM
To: DON PELLY
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: DON PELLY <donpelly73@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:26 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Dear Mayor,

I have been helping local groups plant native trees and cataloguing plants on the property.

I think this would be a great addition as a chapel hill park.

I'm also concerned with the tremendous increase of traffic in the 501 corridor since moving here 5 years ago. New medical facilities, residences, Weigmans, etc...What used to be just rush hour is now rush hour all day long.

Sincerely,

Don Pelly

710 Copperline Dr., Unit 201

Chapel Hill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 2:17 PM
To: David Kenney
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: David Kenney <divadyennek14@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 2:03 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Saving Legion Park

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Hello,

I have reached out to the Mayor and everyone on the town council about Legion Park. Legion Park is a special green space that needs to be viewed as an asset to the community. Entirely too much building has been going on in the area. I understand the need for growth. I really do. But what could possibly be needed besides affordable housing?

The pandemic reminded us about the need for valuable green spaces. I utilize the park and woods several times a week to walk my dogs (and yes, I clean up after them 😊). My wife and daughter walk around the lake and check on the flower garden too. It seems that lots of the council members enjoy being outside based on their bio's. We need to keep this property free of commercial development.

Please please please make saving Legion Park a priority. I'm sure it can be utilized more efficiently to become a public treasure for the entire community.

Sincerely,

Dave Kenney

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 2:17 PM
To: Linda Justice
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Linda Justice <linrjustice@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 1:54 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion road land to be voted on Wednesday

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Dear Mr Mayor and Council Members,

I own a house in the Meadows off Legion Road. I am sure you are aware of the apartments that are being built around the Legion Road area. People need a place to be outdoors when they are in such close quarters.

Let's think of all the people that are living in the surrounding area to try to make their life better to keep that property a park.

Sent from my iPad
Linda O. Justice

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 2:32 PM
To: Steve
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Steve <steveholdaway2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion park

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I am writing to voice my concern that Legion park may be divided into development and a much smaller version of park. As a long time resident who has raised 6 kids and now 8 grandchildren in this city I can unequivocally state that we need more parks!!

Please do not allow more developers to use this valuable acreage as chapel hill needs play area for those who already live here!!

Steve Holdaway

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2022 3:45 PM
To: Rudy Juliano
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Rudy Juliano <rudyjuliano@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 3:43 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park

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Dear Mayor and Council

The Legion property is the last opportunity for a significant park in eastern Chapel Hill. Please do not sacrifice it.

I recognize the need for affordable housing, but there are many other ways to attain that goal without destroying an irreplaceable property.

Sincerely

RL Juliano
Chapel Hill

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2022 9:48 AM
To: Daniel Brookshire
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Daniel Brookshire <brookshire.dg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 9:28 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Develop the Legion Property

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Mayor Hemminger and Council,

I have lived in the Colony Woods neighborhood on Sharon Road since 2016. Over the years we have enjoyed taking treks into Ephesus park and the Legion property, especially when our two kids and dog need to get out of the house. While the property is not the pristine wilderness some of my neighbors would have you believe, I certainly have enjoyed having it within an accessible walking distance from our house. This is why I am excited we are getting a park on the property and I can continue to enjoy these walks.

I also strongly believe that Chapel Hill needs to do more for affordable housing. It took a year for my wife and I to find an affordable first house when we were looking and I know things have only gotten worse since 2016. Listening to my children's teachers tell me how long their commute is or how difficult it is for friends and coworkers to find housing in our community has given me a firsthand view of the housing crisis that the Council is well aware of ([Chapel Hill Complete Community Council Update SEP 2022 \(townofchapelhill.org\)](https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Community-Council-Update-SEP-2022)).

This is why I support the recommendations of the Legion Property Committee as a good faith effort to provide our community both with a park and new affordable housing units on the Legion property. While I personally believe selling a larger portion of the property would be the best way to accomplish these two outcomes, I recognize the sincere efforts of the Committee to reach a compromise that can move these goals forward after years of inaction.

I urge the rest of the Council to support the recommendations of the LPC as soon as possible and move forward on providing Chapel Hill both with some much needed housing and a much anticipated community park.

Thank you,
Daniel Brookshire

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2022 9:49 AM
To: Genevieve Wyman McGuffin
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Genevieve Wyman McGuffin <wymanentre@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:50 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park and the Recent Plans

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Chapel Hill and Colony Lake I am writing to express my concern for the destruction of nine acres of open space to build and destroy this beautiful Chapel Hill asset. This natural habitat, beautiful pond and open space needs to be protected and preserved for its citizen.

A citizen is defined in Webster Dictionary: A person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to its protection.

Sincerely,
Genevieve McGuffin
103 Standish Dr
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2022 9:49 AM
To: David Thomas
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We strongly support the preservation of the entire tract of land on Legion Road for development as a community park. None of this property should be taken for commercial development. However, the council should consider use of some portion of this property for development of affordable housing. Enough of the east side of Chapel Hill is currently undergoing rapid conversion to office and retail space and we don't need to devote more scarce open land to development. Creating a community park on Legion Road would assure the preservation of open space for recreation, relaxation, and community building. Public parks are a vital part of a healthy sustainable community and reflect the democratic values of our town. Our willingness to devote the Legion Road property to the development of a new park is

a sign of our commitment to Chapel Hill's future as a town that values the well-being of its residents. We ask you as our elected representatives to act in the best interests of our community and preserve the entire Legion Road tract for park development.

With our thanks for your service to Chapel Hill,

David J. Thomas
Melinda A. Beck
809 Churchill Drive
Chapel Hill 27517

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2022 9:51 AM
To: Sally Brown
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 7:02 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road : A Community Park!

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Dear Mayor and Town Council,

The purchase of the American Legion Property was predominantly purchased with General Obligation bonds approved in 2015 and were designed for recreation facilities. Recreation should be a predominate focus for any development on

the AL site. It's imperative that the taxpayers of Chapel Hill who approved and funded these bonds see a return on their investment.

Council had numerous opportunities to create affordable housing along MLK and Fordham Blvd, but ceded all those opportunities to developers.

Multiple family housing has exploded in the town of Chapel Hill. How has development of these properties served the taxpayers of Chapel Hill?

It's time, after so much development in this town, to begin preserving trees and open space and address Chapel Hill's climate action plan. Please leave the Legion Road property, in it's entirety, to be an area enjoyed for years to come!

Sally Brown

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2022 9:51 AM
To: Letitia Guran
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From: Letitia Guran <letitiaguran@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 5, 2022 5:55 PM
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Subject: Don't destroy Legion Park !

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Dear Madam/ Sir:

I decided to write again in support of preserving Legion Park as a recreational area in a part of Chapel Hill which in the past years has seen lots of construction.

I am afraid that the oversized project still ongoing on Ephesus road foreshadows what we are to expect in what used to be a peaceful neighborhood, with lots of green space.

Don't let Legion Park go the same way!

There have been more than enough construction sites on Standish and Ephesus Road!

Legion Park should become a recreation area like the Community Park -- one that children, the elderly, and anybody from all those new blocks and from the neighborhood could enjoy!

Don't dry the pond; make it a sailing attraction, instead or just leave it as it is!

As a recreation area Legion Park can become a vibrant part of communities inhabiting the East Chapel Hill area.

When we elected you, we also voted for preserving parks and natural areas, which are part of Chapel Hill's unique charm and personality.

Don't ruin that by overbuilding.

Thank you,

Letiția Tudorica.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Wescoat
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Legion Park Site

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From: Wescoat <mfmw2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 3:17 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park Site

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Dear Mayor Hemminger and Members of City Council,

We are writing to urge you to preserve the woods and pond at the Legion Park site.

Chapel Hill and the Triangle region face rapidly accelerating development pressures with little long-term vision for our environmental future.

If Legion Park is to be developed, we urge you to build only where it is appropriate: the graded, cut over, and previously built areas of the site; NOT the woodland or the pond, which are ecological amenities.

The appreciation of the woods and paths is ingrained in CH citizens, and is part of our legacy. The collective knowledge of the local environment, including experts in university departments, state agencies, and community groups is striking. These green Piedmont spaces are vital for the desirable quality of life in the town. Build only in appropriate and ecologically disturbed sites, and revegetate those that are developed.

Respectfully,

Jim and Florrie Wescoat
101 Nuttree Lane
CH 27516

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 11:03 AM
To: patseddon52@gmail.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: FW: "Legion Park "
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From: Pat Seddon <patseddon52@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 9:56 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: "Legion Park "

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I live in the neighborhood right down the street from this beautiful green space and I use it almost everyday of the week. So many of us use it and that is visible every single time I am walking through the woods or the open fields or alongside the pond and through the trees.

When I read that the pond was going to be drained and the buildings going up it was quite shattering as I have experienced this in another part of Chapel Hill.
It is truly devastating to my spirit.

I just don't know why affordable housing can't be implemented in each and everyone of the new building complexes that get put up all around us.
Can't this space be left open for the enjoyment and peace for the soul of so many of us who need this break into green and solace.

Parkland is part of every great city.

The loss of nature is a loss to us all.



December 7, 2022

Mayor Hemminger and Council Members:

I am writing to ask that you preserve the Legion property in its entirety as a community park.

The vision of a Community Park began with the town's 2013 Comprehensive Plan in which the Legion property, when sold, would be combined with Ephesus Park to create a community park. This vision was further promoted and refined with the public charette in 2017 in which a substantial majority of the participants favored preserving this property as a community park.

To carve up this sole remaining green space on the east side of town for residential development is a betrayal of the 2013 Plan, which to my knowledge is still in effect, a betrayal of the majority of citizens who advocated for a community park in the 2017 charette, and a betrayal of the 1000+ citizens who have signed a petition to preserve this as a community park.

I am disappointed and angered at the process by which a subcommittee comprising the Mayor and three council members, in the absence of public input, drafted a proposal to the town staff to put affordable housing on nine or so acres of the Legion property. The sole council member in favor of preserving Legion park in its entirety was notably not invited to be on this subcommittee deciding the fate of the Legion property, presumably because a full park was never considered to be an option by this subcommittee. One could be excused for thinking that the subcommittee process was a preordained outcome cloaked in the guise of conducting a thorough and open-minded exploration of all options.

While the need for more affordable housing in Chapel Hill is without question, people need green space as well. Where was the Mayor and town council and where were the advocates of affordable housing when the town was hell-bent on building high-rise luxury apartments? Legion Road is already home to hundreds of high-rise market-rate apartments as well as a sizable fraction of the town's affordable or subsidized housing. In pursuit of the goal of inclusiveness, the Town should 1) consider alternative properties for affordable housing and 2) preserve the sole remaining green space on the east side of town for a park to be enjoyed by the neighboring low-income families and the entire Chapel Hill community.

The Legion property provides a respite from the daily grind, a habitat for birds and wildlife, a cool place on a hot summer day. Walking the Legion property nourishes my spirit, and when I emerge from the woods to the open Legion field, the last thing I want to see is more high-rise apartments amidst a sea of concrete. Please don't do this.

Bob Willis
411 Landerwood Lane
Chapel Hill, NC

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 11:03 AM
To: Ellen Boylan
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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-----Original Message-----

From: Ellen Boylan <egboylan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 8:13 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: All People

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RE-IMAGINE THIS!

Legion Park should be designated All Park for All People. Our area of town was identified as needing a park YEARS ago. Since then the Council has approved zoning for much higher densities—essentially a giveaway to developers without requiring tradeoffs for affordable housing or environmental considerations. Lack of vision. Missed opportunities.

Given all of the recent, current and near-future (Parkline) building in the area, it is more important than ever to DEDICATE LEGION PARK TO ALL PARK FOR ALL PEOPLE. The Council has other parcels of land to consider for affordable housing. Please don't carve up this natural resource just because it is easy pickings.

I'm re-imagining a Council that leverages its power to partner with UNC and developers to solve our affordable housing needs without sacrificing our natural resources. One that doesn't betray the public trust.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ellen Boylan

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 11:04 AM
To: willis.dc@gmail.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: FW: Legion Community Park
Attachments: 2022-12-6 Letter to Council re Legion Park.docx

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From: Diane Willis <willis.dc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:59 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Community Park

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Dear Mayor and Council of Chapel Hill,

Please see the attached letter before your Council meeting Dec. 7.

Thank you,
Diane Willis

December 7, 2022

Mayor Hemminger and Members of the Council,

It is laudable that you voted recently to fund six affordable housing projects in Chapel Hill to the tune of about \$9m. It has taken some years to work out details of these projects, and you are to be congratulated.

So why are you targeting the Legion property, long in the works for being a community park, for more affordable housing in an area of town that already has

A) hundreds of units of affordable and subsidized housing (Greenfield Place/Commons built on town-owned land; Community Home Trust homes; duplexes; and condos, etc.), as well as

B) thousands of dense, newly built, multi-story apartments in the Blue Hill district (Trilogy, the Hartley, Bell Chapel Hill, Berkshire, and even more under construction)! You have not done anything to require public green space for any of these big developments, and you have not provided ANY parks in this eastern part of Chapel Hill!

By proposing taking nine acres of the Legion property to build on, why are you discriminating against people adjacent to the property and crammed into the densest part of town by denying them a place to walk, breathe, enjoy nature, experience some cool shade in the hot summers, and have space to kick a ball or fly a kite? Why would you cover nine acres of open space, including elimination of the pond, with concrete and asphalt to create more stormwater runoff, and negate your Climate Action and Response Plan??

There are only four Community Parks in Chapel Hill: Southern Community Park (73.5 acres), Cedar Falls Park (66 acres), tiny Community Center Park (12.8 acres), and Homestead Park (41 acres). The town has not added any new community parks since 2010, and in the densest part of town you have provided NO parks.

The Parks and Recreation Department was wise when it produced the Comprehensive Parks Plan of 2013 and recommended expansion of the 10-acre Ephesus Park by adding to it the Legion property at which time that property would come up for sale. The combined size of a resulting Community Park would be about 46 acres. The town's 2020 Vision Plan also "identified the importance of protecting the natural environment (through open space preservation)."

If you view the Town's Interactive Map for Parkland, Greenways and Open Spaces posted in April 2022, it becomes obvious that the Legion property is the ONLY possible area left for a Community Park that would serve the eastern part of Chapel Hill. Once you degrade that land with housing/buildings of any kind, it's gone --- forever.

There are other town-owned properties on which to build affordable housing, so please leave the Legion property for a much-needed Community Park.

Thank you.

Diane Willis
411 Landerwood Ln.
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

***Here is a quotation from the town's own Climate Action and Response Plan:

“Trees and green spaces can help to mitigate heat effects. Trees provide shade, and open spaces reduce the amount of paved surfaces that increase heat. Vegetation also helps with water filtration and non-paved areas allow water to soak into the ground, reducing runoff. Green infrastructure provides critical habitat and ecosystem service benefits. As new development occurs over time, it will be critically important to balance these changes with continued investment in the protection, conservation and enhancement of our natural environment.” P. 62 Town of Chapel Hill Climate Action and Response Plan

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 11:05 AM
To: Joyce Romm
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Joyce Romm <joyceromm556@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 7:48 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park Project

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To the Mayor and Council of the Town of Chapel Hill,

The destruction plans associated with the lake and natural habitat of Legion Park would take away green open space for the community. We need better urban planning to have a reasonable amount of park/recreation versus residential/commercial properties in this town.

Please do not put any residential/commercial property in the Legion Park!

Sincerely,

Joyce and Dan Romm
108 Turnberry Lane
Chapel Hill, NC. 27517

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 11:05 AM
To: margaretheath heartempoweredliving.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: margaretheath heartempoweredliving.com <margaretheath@heartempoweredliving.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 6:44 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Park Site ❤️

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I would like to express my deep concern for and opposition to the plans for the Legion Site - to drain the pond and use 9 acres on the road to build housing.

This is by far, one of the most egregious planning proposals for Chapel Hill in the long list over these past years.

Chapel Hill is fast becoming a wasteland of apartment-lined streets. There are so few areas of natural land left.

This does a great disservice to the community and the well-being of citizens - physically and mentally.
My work is in the area of stress-management and such spaces are essential especially to people's mental health.

Not to mention the devastating effect on the natural world and its creatures and plants and the need for diversity that is well-documented now.

I call on you to listen to all of the people who have asked you to preserve this precious land and pond, before it is too late.

Please put values over profit. There are other areas you can use for more housing that would not destroy a natural resource that can never be replicated.

I ask you sincerely from my heart.

Margaret Heath

Margaret Heath



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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 1:21 PM
To: philip pavlik
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: philip pavlik <pav39@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: housing and parks

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Both affordable housing and public park space are important, but it is possible to have both WITHOUT draining the pond on the Legion property.

Please put the brainpower this town so often brags about to use on this issue.

Thanks.

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Karin Foarde
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Karin Foarde <kfoarde@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 1:21 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Rd property

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I understand the vote is tonight.

While I realize we need parks and green space, I believe we have a moral obligation to provide affordable housing. However, if there is a way to save the pond for runoff that would be a real plus.

I beg you, please don't approve a design similar to the apartments that have been and are still being built. They all look alike- Clearly designed by the same hand with only slight modifications. Plus they have no offset from the road. I am hopeful University Place won't be another nightmare.

You might try driving into town via the major entrances. It is no longer attractive. It would make me think twice about visiting or moving here. There are much prettier places than Chapel Hill now.

Regards,
Karin Foarde

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"Where words fail, music speaks." - Hans Christian Andersen

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 3:01 PM
To: karenhurka@hotmail.com
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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Subject: Legion Park

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As a homeowner in Chapel Hill, I beg the council to consider NOT developing Legion Park. Natural areas are a scarce resource, and once they are gone we cannot get them back. We should not develop every corner of our town. Please consider this idea.

Thank you,
Karen Richardson

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Liz Evans
Cc: Sarah Vinas; Atuya Cornwell; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; James Baker; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Liz Evans <lizziemevans@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:46 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Legion Road property

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Thank you for considering my opinion. I live in an affordable housing property in Carrboro and I am always hearing of others who do not have a place that is affordable to live. So I wish to say that I hope you will keep to the original purchase agreement of the Legion Road property and allow both affordable housing and a park! One of the best holiday gifts for this season would be to allow more affordable housing and to help someone to a safe place to live!

Thank you again,
Liz Evans

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 3:01 PM
To: Jean McLendon
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From: Jean McLendon <jmclendon@satirsystems.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:42 PM
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From: Christine Abernathy <abernathy.christine@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2022 2:30 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: YES! for housing and parks at Legion Rd

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Hello Mayor and Council-

Thank you for your time and energy dedicated to making our community the best it can be. While I'm not able to be present at the meeting this evening, I wanted to convey that there are many people who live, work, and play in Chapel Hill who support housing for all and who would love to see green spaces and housing on Legion road. There is enormous promise and opportunity in this option. Please vote for both parks and housing tonight!

Gratefully
Christine

Christine Abernathy
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Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2022 3:03 PM
To: kristiwebbnc@gmail.com
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1. Name

Kristin B. Webb

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

Dear Mayor Pam and Town Councillors,

I am writing, once again, regarding Legion Park. I attended the PIM last week, and was dismayed that advocates for affordable housing were pitted against those intent of saving *all* of the Legion Property as a park. Permitting such competition - which I believe was intentional on the part of certain Councillors - is a sign of bad faith on the Council's part. Furthermore, it is unnecessary: we can do both. The town is already creating affordable housing without having to sacrifice the Legion Property to create more *in that location.*

No one now on this Council was in office when Form-Based Code was passed. However, no one now on this Council has demonstrated backbone enough to modify it - or eliminate it altogether. The lack of affordable housing in town is a crisis entirely of this Council's making. We *had* affordable housing at the Colony Apartments (gone now in favor of luxury units); in mobile home parks (mostly gone now); and the ugliness that is along 15-501 between Elliott Road and Eastgate could have been affordable housing had the Council had the will to insist on it. On Legion Road there is town-owned land other than the Legion Property that could be in-filled with more affordable housing.

Obscured by the town staff's posters last week was the fact that a lot of the Legion Property consists of steep slopes and environmentally sensitive land that can't be built on and is mud. Draining the pond would be a disaster for the Meadows, an existing downstream neighborhood. I am quite certain that many members of the Council silently applauded last week's speaker who said, "I don't care about trees" - certainly your behavior indicates this - and are probably indifferent to the benefits of the pond on the property, which is home to wildlife who will have to go somewhere should the pond be drained. I serve on the Boards of two organizations responsible for dams, a couple of which have been condemned by the State; I know how expensive it is to remediate this situation. What a perfect opportunity for a fundraiser! As a psychologist, I am very aware of the benefits of outdoor recreation areas big enough to roam in and that include water features.

It is very hard to live in a town that purports to be a village (it is not); that purports to be progressive (it is not); and that purports to value citizen engagement (it does not). The fix is in, I am certain: we will lose the possibility of a gorgeous park on Legion Road. For shame.

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kristiwebbnc@gmail.com

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Subject: RE: OCAHC support of Legion Property Committee recommendations

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From: Kimberly Sanchez <ksanchez@communityhometruster.org>
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Mayor Hemminger and Council

The Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition (OCAHC) strongly supports the recommendations made by the Legion Property Committee (LPC) and urges you to move forward with the recommendations as stated, tonight.

Collectively, OCAHC represents homeowners and tenants at every range of housing and every income considered affordable. As a group, we develop, build, lease, acquire and rehab affordable homes. Our clients are community members comprising both tenants and homeowners and we assist them with finding homes, navigating barriers to finding homes, provide education and counseling, work to make sure homes are repaired and maintained, access emergency housing assistance and provide all other types of support through each critical stage in the process - ensuring that each household has an opportunity for a safe, sustainable place to call home.

As a result of our work, we are also keenly aware of all of the individuals, families and children who do NOT have homes. And do NOT have AFFORDABLE homes.

The waiting lists to access the inventory of affordable homes are nauseously high and overwhelmingly getting larger and larger.

OCAHC does not believe that parks and homes cannot coexist. In fact, we want both. What OCAHC does believe is that the opposition to homes being built on this particular site compromise voices in this community who have a place to call home. OCAHC speaks for the future residents and the hundreds of individuals, families and children on our waiting lists, seeking a place to call home and who are voiceless tonight.

Thank you again to the committee for their hard work and for this Council's consideration of adding more affordable housing inventory to this awesome town!

Kimberly Sanchez, Co-Chair OCAHC



Kimberly Sanchez
Executive Director

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1. Name

Anne McNamara

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

The town Council approved the demolition of existing affordable apartments on Ephesus Church Road, the tearing up of 100's of trees and grass to build multi-story apartment building with huge paved parking lots , new streets and gutters but has not provided green space for the residents to enjoy nature or provide affordable living? How is that a "Green Plan"? When the world is stressing Sustainability, the Environment and green living, NOTHING could be more at odds with Chapel Hill voting to pave over the Legion Road property ---like they have paved over Ephesus Church Road. If Chapel Hill needs more "affordable" housing, buy some of the new high density apartments on Ephesus Church Road and turn them into affordable apartments. That would be more environmental than continuing to pave over this town.

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dbjmb7@att.net

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1. Name

Barbara Stenross

2. Residency*

I am not a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

My grandchildren who attend Epehesus School are hoping you preserve as much green space as possible on the Legion Road site. There is so much building and paving going on in the area. They deserve greenhouse space for their mental health and we all need it for the sake of the planet.

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I attended the information meeting last week. I was very disappointed that there was no overview presentation to the attendees. Given the crowd, it was impossible for everyone to get the same message, or even the entire message.

As a neighbor, I was also disappointed in the lack of information provided. It seemed like just an outline, with no details upon which I could even form an opinion. The Council must do a better job of

preparing and presenting a cohesive plan before any voting or project advancement can occur. I was particularly disappointed in the lack of a current and thorough environmental assessment.

I want my voice to be heard before this moves forward, and I can only do that when better information is presented.

Doris Smith
Old Durham Road

Amy Harvey

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From: Anne McNamara <Anne.McNamara@da.org>
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Dear Mayor and Council.

On behalf of the citizens of Chapel Hill, Vote to have one green space for all residents to enjoy on Legion Road. The East side of Chapel Hill that has been paved over in the last 3 years. Chapel Hill elected officials have agreed to tear down spacious apartments, and cut down hundreds of trees to put up intense crowded apartments by the 100s. They have paved parking lots to accommodate 1000's of cars. And yet, they have failed to have "affordable " apartments in this mix? But have denied those of us who do not have the means to have our own grass and trees to enjoy a park to sit in

and have lunch and enjoy nature. While claiming to be "GREEN" everything done on the east side of Chapel Hill has been to pave over every possible green space.

If more affordable housing is needed on the east side of Chapel Hill, the council should buy some of the apartments that they have already agreed to in the Fordham, Ephesus area and make them available for lower income folks. Certainly, that is more Green than tearing up beautiful natural spaces to pave over them and make "affordable" synonymous with cement and asphalt. It is a shame to force those who have so little to live without access to parks and nature.

Anne McNamara
47 year resident of Chapel Hill