

Amy Harvey

From: Town Council
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 3:08 PM
To: Kate Sayre
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Elizabeth Sharp; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Melissa McCullough; Paris Miller-Foushee; Theodore Nollert; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; CHRIS BLUE; James Baker; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Susan Brown; Atuya Cornwell; Nikiya Cherry; Marcia Purvis
Subject: RE: Funding parks

Hello Kate,

Thank you for your email. I am copying the Mayor and individual Council members, as well as appropriate staff on this message.

Best,

Shay Stevens



Shay C. Stevens | She/Her
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From: Kate Sayre <katesayre128@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 1:05 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Funding parks

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Hi Mayor and Council,

Many of you know me at this point with my involvement advocating for a splash pad and facilities for young families in town. I was the one who started [the petition](#) in July of 2021 and volunteered time to help with the feasibility study. Since then it's been a bit of a standstill with trying to bring these amenities to town.

I'm writing today to ask you to allocate a healthy percent of the \$50 million proposed bond to parks and creating a splash pad. As I've shared before, not only would it help families in our community but it would also keep money in town. Currently families travel to nearby municipalities with more options for kids (Cary, Pittsboro, Durham, etc.) and spend their money there. Funding our parks ties into many of the town's goals of sustainability, equity, and being a place where all can learn, grow and thrive.

While there are many priorities Council has for Chapel Hill, not all are going to be significantly impacted by the amount in the bond. Even 10% of the bond *could* make a big difference for our parks and recreation department. Please do not let other projects take precedence and facilities from our kids.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Kate Sayre

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Amy Harvey

From: Town Council
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 3:03 PM
To: Megan Gardner
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Elizabeth Sharp; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Melissa McCullough; Paris Miller-Foushee; Theodore Nollert; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; CHRIS BLUE; James Baker; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Susan Brown; Atuya Cornwell; Nikiya Cherry; Marcia Purvis
Subject: RE: Improve access to family friendly splash pad

Hello Megan,

Thank you for your email. I am copying the Mayor and individual Council members, as well as appropriate staff on this message.

Best,

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

From: Megan Gardner <meggardner1@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 20, 2024 8:28 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Improve access to family friendly splash pad

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To Ms. Anderson and the Chapel Hill Town Council,

There are splash pads and parks all around the Triangle as families, particularly those with young kids, love them. They help us beat the heat, are safer than a pool and accessible by many.

Currently, we have to travel to Burlington, Pittsboro and Durham for this summer fun (and let's be honest-in NC, it could be a 3 season activity). It's about time we build a splash pad in Chapel Hill/Carrboro.

We know land is at a premium. Luckily we have many playgrounds and parks and can add this attraction there. How about Legion Park, the Community Center, Cedar Falls Park, Anderson Park or the new MLK park?

To be a family-friendly town, we need to invest in attractions for families. There are towns and cities around the country that are working on their infrastructure to support full lives for families. We have great schools-how about now we focus on extracurriculars? We see many multi-use large structures going up, with the latest approved on MLK/Estes. We don't need more tall buildings-we need places to safely gather to build community from birth through college and beyond.

Having a local splash pad will draw families to our area. This supports the town and local businesses. It will also keep local families here to play, live and work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Megan Gardner
Chapel Hill, NC

Amy Harvey

From: Town Council
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 5:17 PM
To: Suzy Lawrence
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Elizabeth Sharp; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Melissa McCullough; Paris Miller-Foushee; Theodore Nollert; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; CHRIS BLUE; James Baker; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Susan Brown
Subject: RE: Affordable housing

Hello Suzy,

Thank you for contacting the Mayor and Council. With this response, I am sharing your email with the Mayor and Council members, as well as appropriate Town staff members.

You can find out more information about the Town's [Affordable Housing work here](#).

Best,

Shay Stevens



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From: Suzy Lawrence <suzylawrence53@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 11:34 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Affordable housing

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Hi, I know the stress and anxiety that comes when one struggles to pay rent and other bills. I'm no longer in that situation but I was for many years.

Chapel Hill needs affordable housing! The Town has identified a \$50 million funding gap for affordable housing over the next five years. I am calling on you to prioritize this urgent community need. An affordable housing bond cannot wait! We want an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot for voters to decide. We need at least \$35 million of the bond to go toward housing. Affordable housing matters to me because I know what it is like to struggle to pay rent and bills. In Orange County affordable housing is a big problem.

Sincerely Suzy Lawrence

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Sent from my iPhone Suzy Lawrence

Amy Harvey

From: Town Council
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 5:21 PM
To: Laine Staton; Alice Jacoby; Jennifer Player
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Elizabeth Sharp; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Melissa McCullough; Paris Miller-Foushee; Theodore Nollert; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; CHRIS BLUE; James Baker; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Susan Brown; Sarah Vinas
Subject: RE: Affordable Housing

Hello Laine,

Thank you for contacting the Mayor and Council. With this response, I am sharing your email with the Mayor and Council members, as well as appropriate Town staff members.

Best,

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From: Laine Staton <lstaton@orangehabitat.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 12:52 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Cc: Alice Jacoby <ajacoby@orangehabitat.org>; Jennifer Player <jplayer@orangehabitat.org>
Subject: Affordable Housing

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Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong support of placing the bond on the ballot in 2024 and allocating \$35 million to affordable housing.

In my role as the Vice President of Homeowner Services at Habitat for Humanity, I witness firsthand the pressing need for safe and affordable housing in our community. Over the past two years alone, we have received nearly a thousand applications from individuals and families seeking assistance through our program. The sheer volume of these applications

underscores the gravity of the situation – there are countless individuals who are struggling to find housing that they can afford in Chapel Hill.

Allow me to share just one of the many poignant stories we encounter daily in our Homeowner Services Department. One of our recent homebuyers, an executive assistant at Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools, was paying an exorbitant \$1,660 per month just to live close to her workplace. This amounted to over 45% of her monthly income, an unsustainable burden by any measure. Despite living in Chapel Hill for over two decades and being an integral part of the community, her financial situation made it nearly impossible for her to secure stable housing. However, after being denied twice for our program, she persevered and was finally approved in the fall of 2023. Now, she and her husband are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to purchase a home in Habitat's newest development at Weavers Grove, where they can finally enjoy the security and stability of affordable homeownership.

This story is emblematic of the struggles faced by many in our community. It serves as a stark reminder of the urgent need for affordable housing initiatives like the proposed bond. As you deliberate on the future of this bond at the upcoming Town Council meeting on April 25th, I implore you to keep the needs of individuals like our homebuyer in mind.

Affordable housing is not a luxury, but a fundamental necessity for the well-being and prosperity of our community. By prioritizing the allocation of funds towards affordable housing initiatives, we can ensure that hardworking residents and employees have access to the basic human right of safe and stable housing.

I urge you to take decisive action and prioritize placing the housing bond on the 2024 ballot so that voters can have a say in shaping the future of our community. While I recognize that there are competing priorities, I firmly believe that investing in affordable housing is a critical first step towards building a more equitable and inclusive Chapel Hill.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Laine Staton (she/her)

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From: Town Council
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 5:23 PM
To: Blanca Gonzalez
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Subject: RE: PLEASE SUPPORT!

Hello Blanca,

Thank you for contacting the Mayor and Council. With this response, I am sharing your email with the Mayor and Council members, as well as appropriate Town staff members.

You can find out more information about the Town's [Affordable Housing work here](#).

Best,

Shay Stevens



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From: Blanca Gonzalez <bjgonzalez19@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 4:15 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: RE: PLEASE SUPPORT!

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Dear Mayor,

The Town has identified a \$50 million funding gap for affordable housing over the next five years. I am calling on you to prioritize this urgent community need. An affordable housing bond cannot wait! We want an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot for voters to decide.

We need at least \$35 million of the bond to go toward housing. Affordable housing matters to me because I have special needs kids with very limited income & also the cost of housing everywhere is unaffordable for many .

Yours Truly,

Blanca Gonzalez



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Amy Harvey

From: Yankaskas, James <james_yankaskas@med.unc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:30 PM
To: Town Council
Cc: Yankaskas, James
Subject: Affordable Housing

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Friends,

I urge you to place the affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot. Many of us recognize this severe housing shortage. My wife and I build houses every week with Habitat to help. Our continuing contributions are not adequate. We need your leadership to prioritize a solution to the affordable housing shortage and thereby improve our community. Working together we can make things better.

Thank you,

James Yankaskas
UNC Professor of Medicine (retired)

Amy Harvey

From: Art Eccleston <ajeds819@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:05 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: More Affordable Housing needed

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Dear Mayor Anderson and Town Council Members.

Please, please, please prioritize the moral responsibility to fund more affordable housing in Chapel Hill. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY URGENT and CANNOT WAIT!!!

There needs to be an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot for voters to decide, and at least \$35 million of the bond should be for affordable housing.

We are all in this community together, and Chapel Hill needs to step up and do the right thing. Ensure that there is sufficient affordable housing available to all people in the town.

Thank you.

Art Eccleston

Amy Harvey

From: Sandy Paz <Sandy.Paz@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 8:37 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Urgent Action Needed: Affordable Housing Bond for 2024 Ballot

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Dear mayor,

I am reaching out to express my deep concern about the critical issue of affordable housing in our community, particularly in light of the upcoming decisions regarding the allocation of funds for this essential cause.

As you are aware, Chapel Hill faces a significant funding gap of \$50 million for affordable housing over the next five years. This shortfall underscores the urgent need for decisive action to address this pressing issue that affects the well-being and livelihoods of many members of our community.

I am calling on you, as a leader in our town, to prioritize this matter and take concrete steps to bridge this funding gap. Specifically, I urge you to support the inclusion of an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot, allowing voters to have a say in this crucial initiative.

It is imperative that we allocate a substantial portion of the bond—no less than \$35 million—towards affordable housing initiatives. This allocation is essential to ensure that we are effectively addressing the needs of our residents who are struggling to find safe, stable, and affordable housing options.

Affordable housing is not just a policy issue; it is a matter of human rights. Every member of our community deserves access to decent and affordable housing, regardless of their socio-economic status. By prioritizing affordable housing, we are not only fulfilling our moral obligation but also fostering a more equitable and inclusive community for all.

I urge you to stand with us in this critical endeavor and champion the cause of affordable housing in Chapel Hill. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our residents and create a brighter future for our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your support in advancing affordable housing initiatives in Chapel Hill.

Sandy Paz y Miño V.

(She/Her/Hers)

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Thank you for your time.

Sandy Paz y Miño V.

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Amy Harvey

From: Laura Wells <lauraw@hopenorthcarolina.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 8:11 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Affordable housing bond

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Mayor Anderson and Town Councilmembers:

I am writing to encourage you to please put the \$50 million referendum bond on the ballot this calendar year and not wait until 2025. We know what the needs are and we know they are urgent. Putting this bond off for another year is simply not acceptable. We at HOPE NC are so grateful for your adoption of the Affordable Housing Plan and Investment Strategy because there are so many individuals with disabilities who will never be able to live alone without the creation and preservation of affordable housing. Living on an income of SSI, even if you are working part-time, means that it is impossible to afford housing in good times but especially with the cost of housing today. We are about to be in a crisis with all of the caregivers who are over age 60 not being able to take care of their adult loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities soon. We need to increase the supply of affordable housing and we all know how long that typically takes to build, so it needs to happen now. I also urge you to consider at least \$30 million of the bond going towards affordable housing. While \$10 million seems like a lot of money, it will nowhere near fund what we need to add to the supply of affordable homes while at the same time providing adequate salaries for housing staff, money for home rehabilitation and preservation of the affordable units we already have.

Please put the bond on the 2024 ballot and please fund affordable housing with at least \$30 million.

Thank you for all the work you do to make Chapel Hill the great place it is to live. I want to make sure that everyone who has a disability and lives with their parents in Chapel Hill can afford to live on their own and not have to go into an institution due solely to the cost of the available homes!

Laura

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Laura Wells, MSW, LCSW
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Amy Harvey

From: jon legakes <corkyleg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 5:35 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Affordable housing

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Please make this happen this year, it cannot wait until 2025. Let the voters decide this year, Thank You. Jon L.
Sent from my iPhone

Amy Harvey

From: Blanca Gonzalez <bjgonzalez19@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 9:07 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: RE: PLEASE SUPPORT!

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Many thx, a great number of people in our community will appreciate it!!!

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On Tue, Apr 23, 2024 at 5:22 PM, Town Council
<mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org> wrote:

Hello Blanca,

Thank you for contacting the Mayor and Council. With this response, I am sharing your email with the Mayor and Council members, as well as appropriate Town staff members.

You can find out more information about the Town's [Affordable Housing work here](#).

Best,

Shay Stevens



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From: Blanca Gonzalez <bjgonzalez19@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 4:15 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: RE: PLEASE SUPPORT!

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Dear Mayor,

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Yours Truly,

Blanca Gonzalez



Amy Harvey

From: Cayson Tiedge <caysontiedge@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:25 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Quick Message About Affordable Housing

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Hi there, my name is Cayson Tiedge and I am a current senior at UNC and will be attending grad school here next year. I have been involved in a lot of community work the past few years I've been here, and I've seen a severe lack of access to affordable housing for many individuals and families in Chapel Hill/Carrboro. The Town has identified a \$50 million funding gap for affordable housing over the next five years. I am calling on you to prioritize this urgent community need.

An affordable housing bond cannot wait! We want an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot for voters to decide. We need at least \$35 million of the bond to go toward housing. I'm also calling on you to be at Saturday May 4th's House Us Now March to show your support for the many individuals who have been hurt by the current system we have in place.

I appreciate your time and hope you have a good weekend.

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Best, Cayson Tiedge

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Amy Harvey

From: Margaret Pendzich <margaret.penzich@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 11:40 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Affordable Housing is a crisis issue

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Dear CH Town Council Members,

The Town has identified a \$50 million funding gap for affordable housing over the next five years. I am calling on you to prioritize this urgent community need.

An affordable housing bond cannot wait! We want an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot for voters to decide.

We need at least \$35 million of the bond to go toward housing. Affordable housing matters to me because I have an adult son with developmental disabilities who cannot afford to live in our community. He lives with his father and I because he cannot afford market rate rent between his disability payments and low wages.

Sincerely, Margaret Pendzich

Amy Harvey

From: Kylie Reeves <kylieereeves@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 12:53 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Prioritizing Affordable Housing Please!

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Hello! I have been a full-time resident of Chapel Hill since 2022 but grew up in Hillsborough and spent most of my youth across the Triangle. As you know, the Town has identified a \$50 million funding gap for affordable housing over the next five years. I am calling on you to prioritize this urgent community need. We want an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot for voters to decide and we need at least \$35 million of the bond to go toward housing.

Affordable housing matters to me because everyone, no matter their background, should have access to housing. It affects so much more than just “physical housing” in our community: mental health, food insecurity, access to public schools/education, and so much more. Chapel Hill would not be the place I know and love without the people we would force out of town because they can’t afford housing prices.

An affordable housing bond cannot wait!

Thank you so much,
Kylie

Amy Harvey

From: Elena Lebetkin <elenalebetkin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:07 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Climbing wall funds

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To the Mayor and Town Council of Chapel Hill:

I am writing to express my strong support for allocating funds to repair and expand the climbing wall at our Chapel Hill Community Center. I believe that investing in this facility will not only enhance recreational opportunities for our community but also promote physical fitness, skill development, and social engagement among residents of all ages.

The climbing wall at our Community Center serves as a valuable asset for Chapel Hill, providing a safe and accessible space for people and families to participate in a unique and engaging physical activity, now an Olympic sport. With other nearby climbing gyms charging more than 5 times the cost per visit, the CHCC climbing wall is one of the only climbing walls in the triangle that is truly accessible to all residents.

This is why the CHCC climbing wall has been a beloved fixture of the community for over 30 years. However, over time, wear and tear have taken a toll on the infrastructure, resulting in limitations on its usability and if left unrepaired will eventually create safety concerns.

By allocating funds for this priority project, we can ensure that the climbing wall is maintained to safety standards, while also modernizing the wall to accommodate growing interest in climbing as a sport and to attract more members of the community.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to seeing our Chapel Hill Community Center thrive and continue to serve as a hub for recreational activities for years to come.

Sincerely,
Elena Lebetkin

Amy Harvey

From: Timothy Sheahan <timothy.sheahan@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 8:39 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Community Center Climbing Wall

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Dear Mayor and Town Council of Chapel Hill,

My name is Tim Sheahan. I've been a Chapel Hill resident for 14 years and am a Professor at UNC Chapel Hill studying coronavirus (heard of it?). After spending 5 years in New York City doing postdoctoral research after graduate school at UNC, we made it a point to move back. We now have two daughters in Chapel Hill Public Schools. I love this place.

I am writing to express my strong support for allocating funds to repair and expand the climbing wall at our Chapel Hill Community Center. I believe that investment in this facility will not only enhance recreational opportunities for our community but also promote physical fitness, skill development, and social engagement among residents of all ages.

I have been climbing at the Community Center the whole time I've lived here and now I visit "the wall" with my kids. Everytime we go, there are people climbing spanning 3 generations. With other nearby climbing gyms charging more than 5 times the cost per visit, the CHCC climbing wall is one of the only climbing walls in the triangle that is truly accessible to all residents.

The above exemplifies why CHCC climbing wall has been a beloved fixture of the community for over 30 years. However, over time, wear and tear have taken a toll on the infrastructure, resulting in limitations on its usability and if left unrepaired will eventually create safety concerns.

By allocating funds for this priority project, we can ensure that the climbing wall is maintained to safety standards, while also modernizing the wall to accommodate growing interest in climbing as a sport and to attract more members of the community.

Thank you for considering my request. I look forward to seeing our Chapel Hill Community Center thrive and continue to serve as a hub for recreational activities for years to come.

Sincerely,

Tim Sheahan

Amy Harvey

From: Kat Calabrese <krich21@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 2:55 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Chapel Hill Community Center Climbing Wall

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Dear Mayor and Town Council of Chapel Hill,

I'm writing in regards to the current state and future of the CHCC climbing wall. As you are likely aware, the CHCC climbing wall is continuing to be actively used and has been for over 30 years. The relatively small footprint of the climbing wall has been a significant community-builder and a huge success towards the mission of the Community Center and Chapel Hill Parks and Rec: *it brings people together and promotes a healthier, more livable community*. We have built friendships, lifelong relationships/ partners, and support networks from climbing at the CHCC.

I moved to Carrboro 13 years ago for work and during my first month a co-worker introduced me to the sport of rock climbing at the CHCC. I was immediately welcomed into the most gracious, generous, and supportive network I have ever known. This is not an exaggeration. I met my husband at the CHCC climbing wall; friends from the CHCC climbing wall were in our wedding; one CHCC climbing friend married my sister and is now my brother-in-law; some are listed on emergency forms for our kids' schools. We now bring our kids to the wall to climb and are teaching them perseverance, that growth and learning occur from being challenged and trying new ways of movement, the mental and physical benefits of exercise, and the value of the outdoors that come with this unique sport.

The wall being located at the CHCC allows the entire Orange County community to access a new Olympic sport. Perhaps a gold medal will one day originate from the CHCC! It's on a bus route, has biking paths linking to other parts of town, free parking, and to climb only costs about \$5 (compared to 5x all the way in Durham). Being at the CHCC is wonderful for families with young kids because of the playground. Being indoors allows for physical activity during the peak summer heat and the ability to use the space in all kinds of weather. There is an active youth engagement through the youth climbing club. The CHCC climbing wall makes climbing approachable and accessible to anyone, seasoned climbers and first-time attempts.

The CHCC has done all they can for upkeep of the ropes, safety gear, and climbing holds. But the wall itself is in dire need of replacement. For this existing structure currently in active use by the local community, I am requesting that Town Council support and prioritize investment in the CHCC climbing wall with the bond.

The current bond proposal suggests a very small portion of the overall bond value to be allocated to Recreation Facilities, with the climbing wall noted as a priority project and only needing a fraction of the suggested allocation. It would be a loss for the Community Center, and Chapel Hill, if the climbing wall were allowed to continue deteriorating. Please retain the CHCC climbing wall as a priority project. Not only to ensure that it is maintained to safety standards for the current community members, but also so that it continues to exist at the CHCC.

Thank you for your sincere consideration for this special facility.

Kind regards,
Kat Calabrese

Amy Harvey

From: Town Council
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:38 PM
To: Rachel Valentine
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Elizabeth Sharp; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Melissa McCullough; Paris Miller-Foushee; Theodore Nollert; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; CHRIS BLUE; James Baker; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Susan Brown; Sarah Vinas
Subject: RE: Affordable Housing Bond is urgent!

Hello Rachel,

Thank you for your email. With this response, I am sharing your email with the Mayor and Council members, as well as appropriate Town staff members.

Best,

Shay Stevens



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From: Rachel Valentine <rvalentine@ocrcc.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 4:02 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Affordable Housing Bond is urgent!

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Hello Mayor Anderson and Council Members,

I'm writing I'm my capacity as Executive Director at the Orange County Rape Crisis Center. I'm the last 3 years we have seen a steady increase in the number of unhoused neighbors seeking support immediately following a sexual assault. Across a diversity of ages, genders, occupations, mental health diagnoses, etc. the most pressing issue that has contributed to their vulnerability to assault is lack of affordable housing. Safe housing is a protective factor against many types of violence, including sexual violence. I understand that one question before the Council this season is whether to put the affordable housing bond to a vote this year. Our agency believes that the urgency of the growing (and increasingly criminalized) experience of homelessness in our community is impossible to overstate. Please do not delay the solutions that could save hundreds of residents the myriad traumas that continued homelessness can precipitate.

I am happy to speak directly with any member that wants further details or connection about this message. I can be reached by email or mobile: 919-914-3111.

Sincerely,
Rachel Valentine
Executive Director
Orange County Rape Crisis Center

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Amy Harvey

From: Town Council
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:41 PM
To: Sarah Bergmann
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Elizabeth Sharp; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Melissa McCullough; Paris Miller-Foushee; Theodore Nollert; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; CHRIS BLUE; James Baker; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Susan Brown; Lance Norris; Bergen Watterson
Subject: RE: support for Ephesus sidewalks

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for your email. With this response, I am sharing your email with the Mayor and Council members, as well as appropriate Town staff members.

Best,

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From: Sarah Bergmann <sarahwbergmann@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:10 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: support for Ephesus sidewalks

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Dear Mayor and Town Council,
I would like to voice my support of including Ephesus Sidewalks in your upcoming bond proposal.

The recent development on Ephesus Church Road has made a fabulous multi-use path stretching from Frances St. to the new traffic circle and then onwards along the new Elliot Road extension.

Unfortunately, this multi-use path ends abruptly at Frances St, which requires one to either walk dangerously on the side of the road for approximately a block or cross Ephesus Road twice (without crosswalks) to enter my neighborhood via Eden Lane.

I have faced this decision many times while biking with my 6 year old and have hoped for years that the connecting sidewalk from Frances to Eden would someday happen.

I would love to see this small, yet important stretch of biker and pedestrian safety remain included in the upcoming bond.

Regards,
Sarah Bergmann

Amy Harvey

From: Town Council
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:37 PM
To: Timothy Miles
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Elizabeth Sharp; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Melissa McCullough; Paris Miller-Foushee; Theodore Nollert; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; CHRIS BLUE; James Baker; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Susan Brown; Sarah Vinas; Shenekia Weeks
Subject: RE: Fyi Justice Department Announces Finalized Compliance Dates for Title II Rule on Web and Mobile App Accessibility

Hello Timothy,

Thank you for this information. With this response, I am sharing your email with the Mayor and Council members, as well as appropriate Town staff members.

Best,

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From: Timothy Miles <timothy.miles@triangledac.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>; Anne-Marie Vanaman <amvanaman@carrboronc.gov>; Jackie Thompson <jthompson@townofchapelhill.org>; Melissa Allison <mallison@orangecountync.gov>; Barbara Foushee <bmfoushee@carrboronc.gov>
Subject: Fyi Justice Department Announces Finalized Compliance Dates for Title II Rule on Web and Mobile App Accessibility

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Date: April 25, 2024 at 9:57:18 AM EDT

To: tmsmiles@gmail.com

Subject: Justice Department Announces Finalized Compliance Dates for Title II Rule on Web and Mobile App Accessibility

Reply-To: usdoj@public.govdelivery.com

The Federal Register published the Department's [final rule](#) under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which applies to State and local governments, to improve web and mobile application (app) access for people with disabilities. The rule clarifies how State and local governments can meet their existing ADA obligations as many of their activities move to the digital space. This rule, [signed by the Attorney General](#) earlier this month, adopts a technical standard for web and mobile accessibility to ensure that people with disabilities can better access important public services like health care, voting, and education.

With today's publication, the dates by which State and local governments have to comply with the rule's requirements are now finalized. State and local governments with a population of 50,000 or more will have to be in compliance with the rule's requirements beginning on April 24, 2026. State and local governments with a population of less than 50,000, as well as special district governments, will have to be in compliance beginning on April 26, 2027. This means that State and local governments' web content and mobile apps will have to generally meet the technical standard in the rule by these dates and on an ongoing basis after these dates.

In the meantime, State and local governments still have existing Title II obligations. This means that even before the compliance dates, State and local governments must provide people with disabilities equal access to their services, programs, and activities offered via the web and mobile apps.

For a high-level summary of the final rule, read the [fact sheet](#). Individuals can also find the official version of the full rule in the [Federal Register](#). The Department also plans to issue a Small Entity Compliance Guide to assist small State and local governments in complying with the rule.

To find out more about the ADA, visit ada.gov or call the Justice Department's toll-free ADA information line at 1-800-514-0301 (voice) or 1-833-610-1264 (TTY).



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Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 1:24 PM
To: Sarah Snyder
Cc: Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Elizabeth Sharp; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Melissa McCullough; Paris Miller-Foushee; Theodore Nollert; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; CHRIS BLUE; James Baker; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver; Susan Brown; Atuya Cornwell
Subject: RE: Rainbow Fields

Hello Sarah,

Thank you for your feedback about the parks. With this response, I am sharing your email with the Mayor and Council members, as well as appropriate Town staff members. Also, we welcome you to join us in the coming months for public meetings to discuss our upcoming planning process for our Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Town of Chapel Hill Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The Town will begin a comprehensive parks and recreation master plan in Summer/Fall 2024. We look forward to inviting the community to public meetings when the master plan project begins in the coming months. For Parks & Recreation updates and more information about the master plan meetings, subscribe to Parks & Recreation updates from the Town [here](#).

Thanks,

Shay Stevens



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From: Sarah Snyder <sarahatunc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 7:24 AM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Rainbow Fields

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Hi there,

I am just proposing trash cans and a bathroom truck for Rainbow fields that serves so many of our residents. Yes, I realize it's a flood plain and you will not be investing in lights which would make it HIGHLY more convenient and useful year round for our residents. A raised mobile bathroom would make everyone's quality of life better especially on the weekends. Our parks are so pathetic compared to other cities.

Also, how about some fences around playgrounds to help keep our kids safe? Like the community center park that borders a deep creek and parking lot or Hank Anderson or Cedar Falls? As a mom of more than one kid, I was aghast when we moved here to discover the only fenced parks are Oakwood (which does not have a toddler friendly play area) and Southern Village. Why not help keep parents a touch more sane and protect our kids from cars/eloping? Why do we have to drive to Cary, Graham, Raleigh, Chatham, Holly Springs for beautiful, well designed, draining parks and fields with bathrooms and trash cans?

Please help make them better and more user friendly (and safer and cleaner). We love living here, but this area is seriously lacking.

Many thanks,
Sarah Snyder

Amy Harvey

From: Info - CAPA
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 6:20 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Message from Website

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1. Name

Charlene Whayne

2. Residency*

I am a resident of Chapel Hill

3. Message

We were promised by the new mayor, support towards athletics and expansion of pickleball courts.
We need bonds and funds towards maintenance and expansion.

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

Cmwhayne@gmail.com

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Thank you,
Town of Chapel Hill, NC

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Amy Harvey

From: Chip Gentry <ircil56@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 10:18 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: \$40million Bond

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I support Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation and in particular, pickleball.

Please consider funding for additional pickleball courts.

Thx!

~CHIP~



Chip Gentry
919-357-5737 (C)

Amy Harvey

From: julianah476@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:42 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: \$40 Million Bond

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I support Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation and in particular, Pickleball.

You will have many appreciative pickleball players voting for you again if you include additional funding for Pickleball courts in Chapel Hill. Having more Pickleball opportunities will help us live longer, so we can vote for you for many more years. This would be a great investment in the quality of life for those of us lucky enough to live in our community. Build them near the \$40 Million Low-Income Housing if you like. A nice park with recreation opportunities would be a great addition to your plans for new housing!

Please consider funding for additional pickleball courts.

Thx!

Julia C Hicks

Amy Harvey

From: Quinton Harper <quinton@peeweehomes.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 5:16 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: House Us Now: Place the bond on the ballot in 2024 and allocate \$35 million to affordable housing.

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Good afternoon Councilmembers,

My name is Quinton Harper. I'm a resident of Carrboro, and I write to you today asking you to place the bond on the ballot in 2024 and to allocate \$35 million to affordable housing. Additionally, I'm also asking you to commit a full two cents of the tax revenue to affordable housing.

I understand that there are a lot of competing interests and community needs., most pressing of these, I believe, is that people need a roof over their heads and housing that's affordable. Without significant government investment, the number of people who are homeless will continue to increase and the gap in affordable housing units available will widen and continue to fall drastically short of the need. Because the rent is so high and outpaces the growth in wages and earnings, increasingly more and more people in our community are housing cost-burdened and struggling/unable to make ends meet. This, we know, is a violent system of capitalism that puts profit over people and keeps many in our community trapped in poverty and unable to stabilize and advance economically. I believe, and I hope you will agree, that government has a significant role to play in calling out and providing a remedy for the opportunities historically denied to Black folks and poor folks, a role to play in affirming equality and a role to play in advancing us towards equity so that every member of our community has their basic needs met (ie: a roof over their head, food to eat).

You already know from the adopted Affordable Housing Plan and Investment Strategy that the Town recognizes a \$50 million dollar funding gap for affordable housing over the next five years. Friends - I ask you to consider that equity looks like putting the bond on the 2024 ballot with \$35 million dollars earmarked for affordable housing, and letting voters decide. This is a step towards advancing equity because it will enable nonprofits and community members to access the funding to help meet the needs of our community, in the face of being denied access to these opportunities historically. Again, providing affordable housing, in particular for those at 30% AMI and below, requires significant investment from our local government partners.

In my role as Executive Director for Pee Wee Homes, it's important to share that roughly 69% of the cost to build three new homes supporting people transitioning out of housing insecurity (Hill Street in Carrboro) has come from Orange County and Carrboro. That support has been critical in building these homes -- homes where residents pay no more than 30% of their monthly income on rent, and it has enabled us to increase our stock of deeply affordable housing from 7 to 10. The mission of Pee Wee Homes to build dignified and affordable tiny homes in caring communities can possibly continue in a big way. The investment of \$35 million dollars for affordable housing over the next five years is \$6 million dollars each year, as opposed to \$2 million dollars, which would be the case if the portion of the bond for affordable housing is reduced to \$10 million dollars over the next five years. With \$35 million for affordable housing, the vision to house and support elders in our community, can grow and expand in a significant, meaningful and impactful way, and could stretch our imagination to our wildest dreams. Imagine a tiny home community that houses and supports elders who are veterans, to transition out of homelessness. I don't want to make any commitments on the behalf of Pee Wee Homes, but we know that folks in our community, folks like Darin Campbell and Minister Robert Campbell have elevated this vision to meet that need.

Thank you for your consideration! Shout-out for the investments you've made recently and thus far. Let's keep it going!

House Us Now!

Amy Harvey

From: Bryan Reklis <breklis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 5:42 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Put an Affordable Housing Bond on the 2024 Ballot!

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Hello Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to urge you to prioritize funding for affordable housing asap by ***putting an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot with at least \$35 million of the bond to go toward housing.***

We've been hearing for years that housing is not affordable in our community, and the effects of that are showing more and more. While Chapel Hill strives to be a diverse community in almost every way possible, I believe we are failing at being income diverse. People with lower incomes are being pushed to the outskirts of the community and beyond.

That doesn't match our stated values. Many of us are struggling to afford basic needs, much less the things that allow us to be thriving, engaged members of the community. You may not see this so visibly, as it sometimes seems we have two separate and distinct communities here - the well-off and the not-well-off. That is certainly not a community I want to live in and not one we can be proud of.

Whenever there is an opportunity to do more for affordable housing, we should take it. We can't afford to wait or to do less. Homes are the backbone of everything we do in life. Everyone here needs a home - our entire community will benefit from that.

Please demonstrate your commitment to making this community affordable for everyone by putting an affordable housing bond on the 2024 ballot - we need at least \$35 million of the bond to go toward housing.

I'm really hoping to see some positive movement on this community issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

- Bryan Reklis

Amy Harvey

From: Corban Mcavineu <corbs1999@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 7:09 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: \$40 Million Bond Vote

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That title may not be accurate, it was a name I was given by others. I just wanted to say, I am part of the pickle community of Ephesus Park, and it is trying to be stirred up that pickleball / parks n rec should be receiving the funds more than affordable housing, and I just want to let you guys know I encourage you to press on with giving to affordable housing. It's a sad reality if we think playing pickleball or any sport is more important than providing affordable housing to people in a place like Chapel Hill. That is all, keep doing what you are doing.

Corbin Mcavineu

Amy Harvey

From: Laura Branan <laura.branan@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2024 11:21 AM
To: Town Council
Subject: Affordable housing

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Dear Mayor Anderson,

Our family supports affordable housing initiatives in Chapel Hill.

We need at least \$35 million of the bond to go toward housing.

Affordable housing matters to me because we have an adult son, Joe, 22, who is on the autism spectrum, and will never be able to afford a home of his own or pay monthly rental prices in this area. He only works 1/day/week for 3 hours. Monthly SSI funds are only enough support for food, clothing, and some local programs. This is our reality and also the reality of many other concerned parents of Orange Co. Our son also has no understanding of how expensive housing is even though he expresses his wishes to live in an apartment some day.

Please keep in mind our population as big decisions are made in this beautiful and thoughtful town.

thank you, Laura, mother of Joe, and resident of Chapel Hill

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Laura Branan
Chief Operating Officer, Joe's Wax