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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:33 PM
To: Boyette, Todd R
Cc: Allen Buansi; Donna Bell; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Lindsey Bineau; Michael Parker; Nancy Oates; Pam Hemminger; Rachel Schaevitz; Town Council; Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Catherine Lazorko; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Roger Stancil; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Boyette, Todd R [mailto:tboy@email.unc.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Kidzu's request

Dear Mayor Hemminger and members of Chapel Hill Town Council:

I'm writing to support Kidzu's request to authorize Chapel Hill staff to continue working on a public/private partnership in Southern Village. Kidzu has been a strong contributor to the education ecosystem of Chapel Hill since its inception and they are poised to do even more with an expanded facility. The experiences children have during their earliest years are critical to their development and children's museums are uniquely positioned to provide opportunities for these children and their families to engage in learning together. As the home of the first public university in the country and the first planetarium in the south, Chapel Hill can continue to lead the way in education by supporting Kidzu's efforts in meeting the expanding needs in our community.

I look forward to continuing working with Kidzu as a cultural and educational partner in the region. Please do not hesitate contacting me if you have any questions or concerns about this project.

Kind regards,
Todd Boyette

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 8:55 AM
To: Pat Heinrich
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From: Pat Heinrich [mailto:heinricp@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 7:13 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Chapel Hill Carrboro Children's Museum (Kidzu)

Mayor Hemminger and Town Council Members:

As you know The Chapel Hill Carrboro Children's Museum (Kidzu) will be discussed at the Town Council meeting on Wednesday June 13. I kindly ask that you support Kidzu's request to further the partnership between Kidzu and our community.

Like many college town communities, Chapel Hill has one of the widest student achievement gaps in the United States. While there is no single solution to this gap, opportunities for childhood enrichment can be one part of a larger approach to addressing this challenge. Children's museums like Kidzu provide this kind of child enrichment outside of the traditional classroom.

Together with our library, afterschool programs, community Pre-K, community centers, Food for the Summer, and other programs and services, Kidzu is part of the fabric of resources that serves the children of our community. However, Kidzu can do more. Kidzu is constrained by the space available at the current location. Additional space would enable Kidzu to serve more children with deeper enrichment. And Kidzu is currently in a commercial establishment. This may have some influence on the demographics of the families that visit Kidzu. If Kidzu were in an easy to access but non-commercial location this would enable Kidzu to reach an even broader cross section of our community than it already serves.

As leaders in our community I realize that you have finite resources to address competing priorities. Outside of the benefits to children The Chapel Hill Carrboro Children's Museum conservatively estimates that a new children's museum would attract 200,000 visitors annually. These visitors would provide an economic impact of almost \$4,000,000 per year, and the new museum would provide over 55 direct and indirect jobs for our community. Additionally the site that Kidzu is inquiring about is not far from Chatham County. A new museum at this location would likely attract many visitors and their tourist dollars from Chatham County.

I am writing to ask that you support the request by The Chapel Hill Carrboro Children's Museum (Kidzu) to negotiate for the provision of space for a new Children's Museum at 100 Sumac Road. The space would be used for a new museum to expand the services Kidzu already provides to our children. This request is an opportunity to combine tourist revenue, new jobs, and child enrichment for our community.

Many claim that the best way to address student achievement gaps is to never let them open in the first place. A rightsized, thoughtful, and well run children's museum in a space that welcomes our whole community can be one of the tools that helps us reach that goal.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Pat Heinrich

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 10:40 AM
To: annelise hardin
Cc: Allen Buansi; Donna Bell; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Lindsey Bineau; Michael Parker; Nancy Oates; Pam Hemminger; Rachel Schaevitz; Town Council; Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Catherine Lazorko; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Roger Stancil; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: annelise hardin [mailto:annelisehardin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:27 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: In support of Kidzu

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am writing to share my support for Kidzu's permanent home in Southern Village. I am a Chapel Hill native, a mother of two, a Southern Village business owner, and a Kidzu board member. I have seen the need in our community for a children's museum over the past 40 years. As a child, we drove to Durham to go to the Museum of Life and Science. As an adult, I have taken my kids by bus, by bike, by car and by foot to Kidzu. We have all benefited by having a children's museum in such close proximity to our home. I believe that Southern Village offers the best permanent home for this amazing museum.

Thank you for your consideration,
Annelise Hardin
Southern Village Pediatric Dentistry

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 10:40 AM
To: Rosemary Waldorf
Cc: Allen Buansi; Donna Bell; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Lindsey Bineau; Michael Parker; Nancy Oates; Pam Hemminger; Rachel Schaevitz; Town Council; Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Catherine Lazorko; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Roger Stancil; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
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From: Rosemary Waldorf [mailto:rosemary.waldorf@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:26 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Cc: Roger Stancil <rstancil@townofchapelhill.org>; Mary Jane Nirdlinger <mjnirdlinger@gmail.com>; Ralph Karpinos <rkarpinos@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Kidzu petition

Dear Mayor Hemminger and Members of the Town Council,

I write to support Kidzu's request to build its permanent home on the tract adjacent to the Southern Village Park and Ride Lot. I support this location for several reasons:

1. It is in Chapel Hill and we want to keep Kidzu in Chapel Hill.
2. The Southern Village neighborhood and Village Center will be great neighbors and partners for Kidzu. The neighborhood is teeming with children (always — children grow up and more come). Scroggs Elementary School and Chapel Hill Day Care are close by. Many activities that are scheduled on the Village Green might dovetail with Kidzu's programming and mission.
3. The proximity of Southern Community Park is a plus for Kidzu, and the families who might visit Kidzu and want to make a day of it. A Kidzu museum would make the park more special.
4. In the course of this discussion, some have described the property Kidzu wishes to use as park property. As you all know, this is not the case. The Southern Village Master Plan identified this tract as a site for a recycling center. That use never came to fruition. Thus the property is unencumbered by any park restrictions or other restrictions, to the best of my knowledge.

I have one final comment as a former member of the Town Properties Task Force chaired by Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Anderson and Council Member Michael Parker. One of the highest priority uses our committee identified was a cultural arts facility, such as a children's museum.

I hope the Council will decide to endorse this site, for this priority. I well understand the town's reluctance to let go of town property, as land has long been our scarcest resource. But a children's museum on this site, while not a town facility, would be a marvelous community resource.

Kidzu leaders have worked long and diligently to secure a home. I hope you will determine that this site is the perfect home for a Chapel Hill children's museum.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Waldorf

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From: Al Leach [mailto:ALeach@baeringgroup.com]
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Subject: Kidzu at Southern Village

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

I am very excited and supportive of the potential for a public-private partnership between The Town of Chapel Hill and Kidzu Children's Museum at Southern Village. As an academic rich community that is also heavily family-oriented, Chapel Hill needs a fun, creative environment that exposes children to STEM education early on in their development. From an economic development standpoint, Kidzu's expanded presence will span Chatham Park, Pittsboro, Chapel Hill/Carrboro, Durham and several more communities. The Southern Village location is bus-friendly and the resident families in Southern Village alone will help ensure the strong financial performance of the Museum. I am excited and hopeful that this vision of Kidzu at Southern Village can become a reality with your support.

Thank you.

-Alfred Leach
Chapel Hill resident
& Kidzu Board Member

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To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>; Jess Anderson <janderson@townofchapelhill.org>; Donna Bell <dbell@townofchapelhill.org>; Nancy Oates <noates@townofchapelhill.org>; Michael Parker <mparker@townofchapelhill.org>; Pam Hemminger <phemminger@townofchapelhill.org>; Allen Buansi <abuansi@townofchapelhill.org>; Hongbin Gu <hgu@townofchapelhill.org>; Rachel Schaevitz <rschaevitz@townofchapelhill.org>; Karen Stegman <kstegman@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Kidzu

Dear Chapel Hill Town Council Members

I am a parent and community member. I am involved in the PTA at Estes Hills Elementary and serve as the president of the the board at Preschool at the Chapel of the Cross. Like many of my fellow parents, I greatly value the hands-on, creative, fun, and educational experiences that Kidzu provides my family. It is a wonderful asset to our community.

Please authorize a non-binding Letter of Intent and Good Faith Negotiations between the Town and Kidzu to facilitate the sharing of ideas and vision for Kidzu Children’s Museum in Souther Village.

Like many others, I’m so excited about the prospect of having Kidzu at Southern Village. What a wonderful, interesting, creative offering we have in Chapel Hill!

Thanks,

Leigh Ann Dasher