

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Susan Lyons
Cc: Judy Johnson; CHRIS BLUE; Allen Buansi; Amy Ryan; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Catherine Lazorko; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: A citizen's view of the Rosemary Parking deck

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Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



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From: Susan Lyons [mailto:Susan.Lyons@hemsleyfraser.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: A citizen's view of the Rosemary Parking deck

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Mayor and Council

I am writing as a citizen about the West Rosemary Street parking deck. My concern is that for many newcomers and visitors to our town, the new parking deck will be one of the first spaces they are welcomed to. That space should have a look and feel as if it is something more than a back street to get by. It should set the stage for the walk to Franklin and be just as inviting as we want Franklin Street to be.

As I review the current concept plan, I see a concrete parking structure with lots of dead visual space and very little about it that is inviting---from the massive size to

- the look and current materials that are flat and provide no visual interest.
- the pop up space that will not be filled all the time and has nothing to draw people in to the space or be visually appealing unless it has food trucks. There is nothing about that space when it is empty that makes it look anything more than a loading dock.
- the visual appearance from Columbia Street. This is wide-open and very much unappealing.
- the massive structure.

I thought that the goal was to activate a basically dead block of Rosemary with a structure that would welcome visitors. I don't feel that the current concept does that.

If it were possible to build two separate structures with a garden walk-way down the middle and cover with a green plant screen on all sides or combine brick with the concrete as has been done with the structure in Durham any of those would help. I now also question 1100 spaces in one massive structure.

Please give consideration to what can be done to make this structure feel less like a backstreet and more an inviting and welcoming space for our downtown.

In general I support the project, but this design does not project the look and feel that will revitalize Rosemary and welcome people to our town. Below are several examples of better looking parking decks including one in Durham.

<https://austin.curbed.com/2019/7/9/20687690/austin-top-cool-parking-garage-t3-danze-blood>

<https://www.balfourbeattyus.com/our-work/project-portfolio/city-of-durham-downtown-parking-garage>

<https://schoolcraftconnection.com/2018/04/16/parking-structures-should-be-used-instead-of-parking-lots/>

<https://www.fullframefest.org/parking-transportation/>

Best

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From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:03 PM
To: dschwartz1965@mac.com
Cc: Dwight Bassett; Judy Johnson; Allen Buansi; Amy Ryan; Hongbin Gu; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Carolyn Worsley; Catherine Lazorko; Flo Miller; Laura Selmer; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Rae Buckley; Ralph Karpinos; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: FW: Materials for April 22 meeting FW: Public comment
Attachments: Parking garage design.pptx

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From: Amy Harvey
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To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Materials for April 22 meeting FW: Public comment

Good afternoon

Please see reference materials that Mr. Schwartz will refer to during his comments. He doesn't intend to show them on the screen.

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From: David Schwartz <dschwartz1965@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:10 PM

To: Amy Harvey <aharvey@townofchapelhill.org>

Subject: Re: Public comment

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Thanks Amy. Do you have an idea of what time item #9 will be taken up?

Also, please distribute the attached slide presentation to the mayor and council to accompany my comment.

Thanks,

David

On Apr 22, 2020, at 12:11 PM, Amy Harvey <aharvey@townofchapelhill.org> wrote:

Good afternoon

When you register for the event, there are two additional questions. Fill it out accordingly (image below). https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_m6D4XCtRRE6fMCIYW3x3iQ

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

From: David Schwartz <dschwartz1965@mac.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:03 AM

To: Amy Harvey <aharvey@townofchapelhill.org>

Cc: Julie McClintock <mcclintockjulie@gmail.com>

Subject: Public comment

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Hi Amy. I plan to offer public comment on agenda item #9 this evening. How do I sign up to comment?

Thanks,

David

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