

MATTERS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR AGENDA

4/14/20

I. COVID-19 Related Matters

a) *Rent Payment Concern*

i) Shanna Richardson

(a) Questions & Concerns about if she must pay rent during Pandemic.

b) *Keeping Government Business Essential*

i) Gail Dunham

(a) Request to cancel Re-zoning Hearings, so it may be done as a traditional public hearing.

c) *Allowing Businesses to Reopen* – Diadem Jewelers asking to return to business complying with Social Distancing Requirements on April 17, 2020.

i) Sterling Vanderwerker

ii) Andrea VanDerwerker

iii) Brian Wilson

iv) Kathy Jones

v) Rob Allison

d) *Parking Enforcement and Transit Concern*

i) Philip Marsh - Question as to whether code enforcement and parking services were suspended during current Order.

II. Re-Zoning Issues (both matters scheduled for hearing on April 21, 2020)

a) Sedgefield-Groometown (**10 comments- 1 in favor of conditions if granted, 9 opposed**)

b) Lawndale-Lake Jennette (**13 comments – 1 in favor 12 opposed**)

III. Marcus Smith Case

- a) Several comments in favor of compensation to family of Marcus Smith Case (**8 comments**)

IV. David Wray Pension

- i)* Fred Gregory requests City settle David Ray Case.

V. D.H. Griffin Stewart Mill

- a) Ghali Hasan.... **Pdf pg. 45**
 - i)* Video Clip regarding 2017 Stewart Mill Project

Voice Mail Comments for City Council Meeting April 14, 2020

| Date | Time | First Name | Last Name | Phone Number | Email | Concerns/Comments |
|---------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|--|--|
| 4/9/20 | 6:49am | Dolly | Olson | 207-0979 | No email address | Zoning – Sedgefield – Groometown Rd – opposed – traffic bad enough now – busy stores |
| 4/9/20 | 10:10am | Paul | Brown | 547-9946 | Pbrown860@att.net | Zoning – Groometown- opposed – overcrowded schools/ traffic/ disrupt community history |
| 4/11/20 | 12:05 p.m. | Jada | Tullis-Anderson | 936-443-5322 | No email | Zoning – Lawndale/Lake Jeanette – opposed – no commercial rezoning |
| 4/13/20 | 11:09 a.m. | Rita & Jim | Jennings | 336-707-1694 | Left e/m in Virtual Comment | Zoning – Lawndale/Lake Jeanette – opposed – preserve park/lost tree canopy/climate change; redo traffic study (DUPLICATE TO V/M) |
| 4/13/20 | 12:48 p.m. | Sterling | VanDerwerker | 336-681-3483 | sterlingv@royaldiadem.com (Owner of Diadem Jewelers) | COVID-19 – request permission to open business under Governor’s order /return employees to work (DUPLICATE TO Email) |
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Lord, Angela

From: Beth Bromund <bbromund@olgsch.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 5:17 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Lawndale triangle rezoning

Dear Council,

I want to be on the record as being opposed to rezoning the 3 acre Lawndale-Lake Jeanette land from residential to commercial. I urge the council to deny this rezoning.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bromund
Greensboro resident

Lord, Angela

From: Shanna Richardsrdson <richardsonnicole27@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:52 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Affected by corona

Me and my family moved here back in April before all of this pandemic went about. I Seen that the governor of North Carolina said that no residents had to worry about paying rent. I didn't know who to ask the Yes Community that we reside in says we still have to pay that we better go talk to local churches to get money because they do want it and don't really care if people here got laid off or hours got cut. As this progress into something more major for our community I don't think they should go against the governors rules. But we got this letter saying that certain percentage was taken off but went to pay on app for community they said that it don't work. Now they said we owe late fee even tho we tried to pay it on the app. They told us to do a money order instead but that is endangering my family when it was so simple to just take it from our bank accounts, But they lowered our rent but it was just the fact that it was a governors rules. I don't know if our places like mine is doing the same thing. There are no jobs that are gonna hire people right now because of the virus concerns so what are we low income family living paycheck to paycheck supposes to do. Having two jobs to afford all of our bills now isn't happening because no apps are being looked at at this time.

Thank you for your time
Nicole

Lord, Angela

From: Lorrie Winkler <lorriewinkler@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:34 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Rezoning of 17 acres on Groometown - Sedgfield Showgrounds

Question: In 1991 the Showgrounds property was deemed to be of historical value so that the bypass would not be constructed through that area (which it wasn't), so what has changed from 1991 to now in regards to the properties historical value?

Lorrie Winkler | 336.908.6821 | lorriewinkler@gmail.com

Sent from my iPad

Lord, Angela

From: Nicholas Oberlies <nicholasoberlies@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Comment regarding development on Lawndale

Dear City Council Members:

I'm a resident of Greensboro, living in the Westerwood neighborhood. I oppose the proposed development by Kotis Properties. It seems that Kotis Properties is interested in building new buildings. However, they do a poor job of keeping the ones they already own rented. Look at the corner of Friendly and Josephine Boyd. There are numerous properties in this area, owned by Kotis, that sit vacant. The claims he is making to the neighbors on Lawndale are the same ones he made to the Westerwood neighborhood about a decade ago. These were empty promises.

Furthermore, giving the current economic crisis, do you really think this town will need more office or retail space? There will be plenty after too many businesses fold. I'm sorry about this, but we can all see it coming.

In short, I see no need to encroach on this neighborhood with new development.

Sincerely,
Nick Oberlies
903 Courtland Street
27401

Sent from my iPad

Lord, Angela

From: Tom Anderson <tlanderson08@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 10:37 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: rezoning at Lake Jennette and Lawndale

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I live at 30 Dutchmans Pipe Cove, Greensboro. I drive by the corner of Lake Jennette and Lawndale daily. There is no way anyone will build a single family home on those lots. There is already too much traffic and the traffic goes on two sides of the lots. With the new freeway opening, the amount of traffic will only increase on Lawndale. The City needs to either grant the zoning change or buy the lots. To deny commercial use of the lots means its basically useless and the City will be required to buy the lots anyway.

Thomas Anderson

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Lord, Angela

From: Teresa Sullivan <tsullivan2hands@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 11:55 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: upcoming council meeting April 14th

I wish to submit comments pertaining to the rezoning issues, to be discussed at the upcoming April 14th City Council meeting.

I am writing in opposition to the rezoning of the 17 acres of the Sedgefield Show Grounds for apartment buildings. This land is a central and historic part of the Sedgefield community ; actually, the only land remaining that was part of the historic annual Sedgefield Hunt. Another section of this historic land currently is the home of All Saints Episcopal Church, and the land is blessed each year on Rogation Sunday, when the blessing of our land resources and animals is remembered. This Sedgefield historic property is a strong link for the community life, and vital to the residents who live around it.

A multiple building site of apartments would overcrowd the school systems in the area, plus increase the traffic on the streets. Currently, interstate 73 has greatly increased commercial traffic on Groometown Road, along with additional issues with speed. The Circle K already has intense traffic at various times of the day, a regular stopping place for workman in the area.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments,

Teresa Sullivan

Greensboro, NC

tsullivan2hands@att.net

Lord, Angela

From: Lynda Dixon <ldixon@tgic.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:17 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Rezoning Sedfeild Show Ground Property
Importance: High

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The City Council will be voting on the rezoning of the Sedgefield Show grounds property, 17 acres of historic land, on next Tuesday April 14. I concur with the opposition to this rezoning as I feel that this move would overcrowd the schools, increase the traffic (and speed) on Groometown Rd (which has already seen greater speeds and increased commercial traffic due to interstate 73), plus most importantly, destroy a very vital part of the Sedgefield history. The show grounds have been there for a century, and was home to the Sedgefield Hunt.

Thank you,

Lynda L. Dixon
5107 Autumncrest Drive
Greensboro, NC 27407

Lord, Angela

From: John Woolsey <johnwoolsey@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: ReZoning of Property at the corner of Lawndale and Lake Jeanette Road

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this issue. It should be clear that the residents surrounding this property on all sides are strongly opposed to allowing commercial development on this tract of land. I believe the Zoning Board has already voiced their opinion against it but it would appear that "Money May Talk... and Residents Be Damned!" Please say this isn't so by voting against this travesty financed by Marty Kotus!. All you have to do is drive up Lake Jeanette Road and see house after house almost up to the circle with "No Zoning Sign on their front Lawns... and this has gone on for months!. Please put yourself in their shoes and ask yourself how you would vote if the issue was next door to your property or your surrounding neighborhood.

Thank You for your consideration... and Vote **"NO!"** to Rezoning.

John Woolsey
2303 Glen Meadow Drive
Greensboro, NC 27455

Lord, Angela

From: James Bennett <jimbennett915@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:41 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Rezoning Lawndale/Lake Jeanette

My name is James Bennett. I reside at 2607 Mackinaw Drive, Greensboro, 27455. I drive Lawndale regularly from my home to most places in the city. I am very familiar with Lawndale Drive, as I have lived nearby for most of the 22 years I have lived in Greensboro.

Lawndale Drive, between I-840 and Lake Jeanette Road is a unique roadway. One side is almost entirely taken up by Country Park, Battleground Park, and the Science Center. These three together form a scenic, green, and peaceful setting that is attractive to all. Together these three draw over 1,000,000 visitors each year, people who are in part attracted by the beauty of the area.

The other side of the street is a mis-match for the beauty of the south-west side. Piecemeal zoning over the years has allowed some of that side to be developed as commercial, though much of that side is still residential, either single family homes and condos or apartment complexes. It is long past time to allow this piece-meal approach to continue. Rather than allow more commercial development on the corner of Lake Jeanette and Lawndale, the city must look at the total picture and develop a plan for the entire street that meets the needs of the Science Center, the parks, and the current residents and businesses.

Given the interstate intersection at the north end, it seems apparent that the traffic load on the street will steadily increase. I am not aware of any traffic study that forecasts the volume, but one should be done if one does not exist. In addition to a traffic study, the plan should address the streetscape, signage, sidewalks, bike accommodations, etc. The plan should be developed as transparently as possible with input from all the stakeholders, especially current residents of the area.

I do not want Lawndale Drive to become another Battleground Avenue. There is still time to pause and develop a plan for that beautiful area that will make it attractive to all, residents and visitors alike. Until such a plan is developed, I am opposed to the rezoning request for the property at the corner of Lake Jeanette and Lawndale. Rezoning piece by piece is exactly the wrong thing to do.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Lord, Angela

From: Michael Frierson <m_friers@uncg.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: save the historic Sedgefield Showgrounds

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing in hopes that you will vote to save the historic Sedgefield Showgrounds. This property is unique to this area, in much the same way that the Cascade Saloon is unique here.

There is so little remaining of the buildings that define and illustrate the culture of the central Piedmont that it is senseless and shortsighted to tear down this facility. Just like the Cascade, there are uses for this space that we have not yet imagined. Please take the long view and preserve this historic place.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michael Frierson

Lord, Angela

From: Marianne Melvin <marianne.frierson.melvin@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 10:34 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please don't destroy the Sedgfieldbarn

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Fred Gregory <fhgdea@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Pubnlc Comment CVity Council 4-14-20

My name is Fred Gregory

I reside at 9 Cascade Ct., Greensboro, NC 27410

Phone # 336-294-4237

email : fhgdea@aol.com

My comment:

I think it is high time that the city council put aside their pettiness and pay former Chief of Police David Wray his legal fees . This saga has gone on far too long. The city has spent twice what Wray is asking for fighting him in court . It is time for the Council to cut its losses and move on.

Lord, Angela

From: gadunham@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Fwd: please cancel rezoning public hearing

From: gadunham@aol.com
To:
Sent: 4/11/2020 10:50:39 AM Eastern Standard Time
Subject: Fwd: please cancel rezoning public hearing

Please keep government business ESSENTIAL.
Please cancel the rezoning public hearing now scheduled for April 21, 2020.
In the future the city will have the opportunity for a TRUE Public Hearing.

Thank you for the good work you are doing.

Gail Dunham
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GADunham@aol.com

Lord, Angela

From: Laura Allred <ljalred@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Cc: Hugh Black
Subject: Rezoning request for Sedgefield Showgrounds

Hello, my husband and I live at 3103 Sedgefield Gate Road and pass by the intersection of Groometown Road and Vandalia Road several times per week.

While it will be sad to lose the historical nature of the present Sedgefield Showgrounds, the property is not being maintained as it should be by the owners.

And Greensboro DOES desperately need more affordable housing. We'd much prefer for this property to become residential, rather than commercial development.

Our concern is that 220 units on 17 acres is too dense for the area! Sedgefield Elementary is already one of the lower performing schools.

If this rezoning application is approved, we would like to request certain restrictions to become part of the approval:

1. Limit the number of apartments to medium density: 12 units per acre = 204 units on this 17 acre property.
2. Require that buildings be no more than 3 stories tall.
3. Require that landscaping include mature trees and shrubs to enhance the view from the street and hide features such as dumpsters, parking lots, and mechanical structures.
4. Require that fencing (wooden, wrought iron, brick, and/or stone) be constructed to separate the apartment complex from surrounding homes/businesses, and to protect children living in the apartments. NO chain link fencing to be allowed.

We are optimistic that a reasonable compromise can be met which will even serve to raise the aesthetic standard for other homes and businesses along Groometown Road, since so many people utilize this road as access into our city from I-85.

Thank you,
Laura Allred
William H. "Hugh" Black, Jr.
336-856-1196

Lord, Angela

From: hester@rootsandreliefs.info
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2020 5:28 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: April 14, 2020 Public Comment Submission

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Hester Petty

336-601-0905

hester@rootsandreliefs.info

I have the front page of the November 15th, 2018 issue of the News & Record attached to my refrigerator and every day I look at the yellowed, wrinkled headline: “Our community refuses to forget about Marcus.”

We have been asking for justice for Marcus Smith and his family for 18 months and we will not stop until the Smith family is compensated for their loss.

Early on we got nothing but inaction and excuses from you, our elected representatives, but that changed last year when you began an expensive legal defense instead of accepting responsibility for Marcus’ homicide and settling the Smith family lawsuit.

In spite of our pleas for you to compensate the Smith family, you are apparently willing to continue the legal fight against a just resolution which will ultimately cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees, win or, as is most likely, lose.

So, I ask you yet again, please settle the lawsuit with the Smiths and allow that family a respite from all of the stress and torment that has resulted from the unlawful death of their son.

I cannot find *any* justification for the excessive force used by the officers against Marcus who was unarmed and not a threat to police or civilians and I am disheartened that apparently some of you must believe that Marcus’ homicide was justified. Why else would you keep wasting tax dollars on lawyers.

There is of course some good that will come out of a protracted legal battle if you force the lawsuit to continue.

Long before the trial goes before a jury and in-court testimony is heard, we will get answers to many of the questions that have been raised about Marcus’ death in police custody; questions in the form of interrogatories and depositions.

Officer Lewis: While Marcus was getting into Officer Duncan’s patrol car, you went into the trunk of your car and put on a pair of black gloves. Why did you then turn your body cam video off?

Officer Lewis: Marcus was obviously agitated while in the patrol car. You were standing closest to the car with the best view of Marcus. Why didn’t you turn your camera back on?

Sgt. Bradshaw: Why wasn’t your body cam video turned on during the initial restraint and the hog-tying?

Sgt. Bradshaw: You were the highest-ranking officer on the scene and other officer's videos show you watching the hog-tying. Why didn't you intervene when Marcus' legs were pushed past the 90° angle?

Officer Bailey: You were close to Marcus during the restraint process, squatting near his head. During the restraint process Marcus' breathing began sounding weaker and eventually he made no sound at all. Why didn't you alert the others of his worsening condition?

Officer Bailey (*and all other defendants*): From the time the hog-tying was completed until you got into the ambulance, did you ever see Marcus begin to breathe again on his own?

Chief Scott: Officer Montalvo was one of the officers who hog-tied Marcus. Why wasn't he put on administrative duty as were Officers Duncan, Lewis, Payne and Lewis?

These are just a few of my questions. I'm sure Flint Taylor has many, many more questions for the *all* of the defendants, including representatives of the City of Greensboro.

Be assured, our community refuses to forget about Marcus and we will not rest until his family is compensated for his loss.

Lord, Angela

From: Mike Booher <gowake@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 12, 2020 7:34 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: No rezoning for Lawndale & Lake Jeanette

City Council Members,

We have lived at 6 Pineburr Court since building a home there in 1990. Love the neighborhood, all the trees, proximity to Country Park and the Greensboro Science Center and plenty of convenient stores. However, as our neighborhood has grown, the amount of vehicle traffic has exploded. So many vehicles are exiting existing stores, the gas station, apartment complexes, etc. by zipping out into the middle turn lane (alias, suicide lane) on Lawndale Avenue and Lake Jeanette. Hardly a day goes by where we find ourselves shaking our heads at the risks being taken by drivers on both Lawndale Avenue and Lake Jeanette Road. Rezoning the property located at the "Devil's Triangle" would only increase the traffic, which would increase the number of vehicles turning off or on to Lawndale and Lake Jeanette. Besides, the rezoning of the corner, triangle lot would make Lawndale Avenue into another crazy Battleground Ave. Enough is enough . . . For the sake of the safety and sanity of our neighborhood, we urge you to deny this rezoning request.

Mike and Patty Booher
6 Pineburr Ct, Greensboro, NC 27455
336-210-4987

Lord, Angela

From: jeannelaw <jeannelaw@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Lawndale/Lake Jeanette rezoning request

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Please vote against this request.

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Lord, Angela

From: jeannelaw <jeannelaw@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Lawndale/Lake Jeanette Rezoning Request

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Please vote against this request.

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy Tablet

Lord, Angela

From: Rita Jennings <rbjenni2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Lake Jeanette/Lawndale Rezoning

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Dear City Council Members,

As you consider the rezoning request for the Lake Jeanette/Lawndale site, please hear the neighbors and homeowners from this area. The delay from the initial scheduled meeting and the weather have wreaked havoc with the display of “No Rezoning” signs, and the stay at home orders and Covid-19 have distracted many, but rest assured that the homeowners of this area are very much opposed to the rezoning request for the property at the corner of Lake Jeanette and Lawndale.

First, the rezoning commission did not recommend rezoning for this piece of property. Their professional and thoughtful decision should be recognized and honored.

Second, in listening to the vague plans from the Kotis company, there have been no suggestions of businesses that would add to or enhance the living experience of area residents. As Aaron Terranova pointed out at the Rezoning Commission meeting, there are more than enough businesses to serve the area’s needs within a 2 mile radius of the property. None of the possible businesses suggested by Mr. Kotis’ representatives would benefit this neighborhood. No one is going to switch banks because one is built at that corner. No one is going to change physicians or dentists because a new office is built at that corner. This is an established area that has attracted families and homeowners because of the natural appearance and green spaces, and close proximity to needed businesses. No one wants additional commercial businesses to encroach on our area.

Third, the property in question is the gateway to the park district – The Greensboro Natural Science Center, Country Park, and easy access to the Battleground Military Park. The area needs to be preserved and to represent the natural beauty and history found in these parks.

Fourth, the one thing that can help with climate change is trees and tree canopy. With the Greensboro Science Center’s recent expansions, the establishment of the new Devonshire community, and the construction of the 840 Loop, this area has lost an enormous amount of tree canopy. We need to protect our environment with our efforts, not continue to disrupt it. This is a small piece of property compared to the mentioned ones, but setting an example that preserving our green spaces, no matter how large or small is vital to establishing practices to protect our communities.

Fifth, a traffic study was supposedly conducted on the impact on the Lawndale and Lake Jeanette corridor. We have lived on Lawndale Drive for 34 ½ years. We have witnessed first hand traffic changes over the decades as new developments, businesses, and schools have opened the south and to the north of us, and as the Greensboro Science Center has grown. Based on the information I have received about the traffic study, it was not done at a time that truly represented traffic on Lawndale. Since being home with Covid-19 orders, I have been able to more closely monitor traffic. First, we aren’t doing a very good job at staying home. But with regard to the issue of rezoning, there is an increase in the amount of commercial truck traffic. With the 840 by-pass opening, trucks are now using that to access their businesses south of the highway. This has added heavy traffic to Lawndale Drive. The aforementioned traffic study was conducted prior to the opening of the 840 Loop. The study is no longer relevant since there have been recent changes in traffic usage and patterns on Lawndale.

Please consider these arguments and thoughts for denying the rezoning request of the Lake Jeanette/Lawndale property. We are residents, neighbors, taxpayers, and citizens who want a healthy, safe, personal neighborhood. Commercial development is contrary to all that we want. Consider if this was your property where you lived, not property that you used for income such as rent. If you were actually living here, or if a family member of yours was living here, what would you want for the area? Would more commercial development improve the neighborhood? The residents of this area say "no". Please hear us.

Thank you for deliberately considering these remarks and concerns,
Jim and Rita Jennings
4300 Lawndale Drive
Greensboro, NC

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Lord, Angela

From: Betty Byron <bettybyron@att.net>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Rezoning of Lawndale Dr and Lake Jeanette Rd

Please leave this property zoned residential. That area is a park oriented area that is, unfortunately, leaning towards commercial. It is being stripped of the village feeling with billboards and a large storage facility. Please help prevent Lawndale from becoming a Battleground!

Respectfully,
Betty Byron

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Vincenzo Ritorto <ritorto9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Lake Jeanette and Lawndale Rezoning

I oppose the the rezoning for the Devils Triangle at Lake Jeanette and Lawndale Dr because I believe the rezoning would take away from the area and add more traffic along the corridor. I also believe that we have enough commercial buildings that are empty and should be filled in before we decide to add more.

Vince Ritorto
Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: MARY ESPINOLA <espinolam@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Lawndale/lake Jeannette rezoning.

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We are writing to express our strong opposition to rezoning the Lawndale/Lake Jeannette corner from residential to commercial.

1. Honor the recommendation or your own rezoning board!!
2. Commercial is out of character to the area. There are no businesses on Lake Jeanette Rd. currently between Lawndale and the Library and Fire Station
3. The argument that the property has been “passed over” for residential is misleading. There is a new housing development under construction just a few houses away selling in the \$300,000-\$400,000 range. New single family homes have been built on Lake Jeanette Rd just a few lots away.
The suggestion that people don’t want to buy adjacent to Lawndale or Lake Jeanette has therefore proven to be false.
4. The developer has refused to present a plan. How can you consider overruling the planning board to permit development if you yourself do not know if it would be a benefit the the nearby or greater community?
5. The threat of the “Domino Effect” is real. Do you want to open the Battleground Parks District to random commercial redevelopment to whoever comes along with the most money?
Is zoning only a pretense? What about the city’s vision for the future?
6. Do we need another Battleground or High Point Road on Lawndale? We already have at least one of everything you can imagine within 1 mile.
7. The suggestion that a potential medical office will be in line with making Greensboro a more walkable community is absurd. Who is going to change doctors so that they can walk to a new provider. (Also the east side of Lawndale currently doesn’t even have sidewalks in that stretch from Lake Jeanette Rd. going north.)

We will concede that single family homes are less likely to be developed on that corner. However other residential options need to be explored.

Please consider the following: Multi-family, tiny homes, senior living or innovative accessible housing for seniors or the disabled.

A last resort would be multi-use with retail on 1st floor and residential on upper story. That might actually be walkable if sidewalks are extended.

Respectfully submitted by Mary and Thom Espinola

4204 Lawndale Dr.

4/13/2020

Lord, Angela

From: Sterling VanDerwerker <sterlingv@royaldiadem.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: COVID19 business operations in the city of Greensboro, NC

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The Governor of the State of North Carolina, in the executive order pertaining to COVID19 business Conduct allows us (Diadem Jewelers) to operate as long as we meet the requirements of social distancing in addition to the other standards in the NC Executive Orders #121 and #131.

We are able and willing to do so.

These guidelines will enable our Greensboro and Guilford County businesses to once again open for business. More importantly, I, the Employer will then grant my four full time employees and one part time employee permission to return to their workplace. The health, both physically and financially of our associates will benefit from their right to work.

I would encourage and exhort you to utilize your influence and the authority of your elected and appointed office to return to work with no further delay.

Thank you,

Sterling VanDerwerker Certified Gemologist Appraiser (AGS), Graduate Gemologist (GIA)



Diadem Jewelers

336.288.7211

2130P New Garden Road

Greensboro, NC 27410 Learn more about us online at: www.royaldiadem.com See daily designs

and special deals on our [Facebook](#) page!

Lord, Angela

From: Andrea VanDerwerker <andrea@royaldiadem.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: COVID-19 Business Operations in Guilford County

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I am writing in regards to the ability to return to work. I am an employee in a family owned and operated business in Greensboro. Since the current stay-at-home proclamation and restrictions are set to expire Thursday, April 16, 2020, I am earnestly asking each of you to allow me and the several other employees to return to work. As a young, single woman, I am my only source of income and going any longer without work will be a detriment to my livelihood and my ability to pay bills and purchase necessities.

Since the governor's executive order allows us to operate as long as we meet the requirements of social distancing and the other standards in the NC Executive Orders #121 and #131, I hope these guidelines will enable our many businesses to once again be open for business and we, the employees in need of our livelihood to return to work with no further delay

I appreciate your time and consideration in this most urgent need for Greensboro and it's people.

Andrea VanDerwerker Sales Associate
Jewelry Designer



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Lord, Angela

From: Brian K. Wilson <brian@royaldiadem.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Please do not extend the stay-at-home declaration

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I am a retail jeweler in Greensboro, trying to support my family and keep our small business alive, and I would like to return to work. It is vital to our small business that we be able to return to work. The governor's executive order makes allowance for us to operate providing we can meet the requirements of social distancing, and other standards in NC Executive Orders #121 and #131. I plead with you to let the Executive Order be the standard and not issue a stronger standard or continue the one in place.

Thank you for your time and consideration and for working to make the right decision for our county.

Brian Wilson Store Manager
Certified Gemologist Appraiser, American Gem Society®
GIA Graduate Gemologist



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Lord, Angela

From: Carol Simpson <usercas2999@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Rezoning

To the City Council:

Greensboro is becoming a less desirable place to live as the City allows highways and commercial developments to cut through residential neighborhoods. Marty Kotis could surely find another property to develop in an area already zoned commercial or he could find a way to build a residential community at the corner of Lawndale and Lake Jeannette Road. Kotis gives money to city council campaigns and pays property taxes, but ordinary citizens pay taxes also and have a right to quality of life. The trend of allowing three story buildings next to residential sections such as Deuterman Law Firm and Bee Safe needs to stop. Lawndale should not become another Battleground Avenue.

With respect to Sedgefield Stables, Greensboro has a sad record of demolishing historic structures. The group that wants to preserve the stable should be allowed time to raise the money to buy the property.

Sincerely,

Carol Simpson
3000 W. Cornwallis Drive
Greensboro, NC 27408
336-632-4457

Lord, Angela

From: Robin Allison <robin@royaldiadem.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Comment for city council meeting

As an associate in a small family owned business in Greensboro, I am asking the City Council to allow us to return to work on Friday, April 17, 2020. There are only 5 of us there and we have room enough for us all to work 6' apart from each other. Safety in distancing is our priority within our store. Your consideration is vital to us being able to keep our heads above water and to provide for our families. We have one associate that is the sole provider in their household.

I personally have lived in southeast Guilford county for the last 37 years. I have been in the volunteer fire service now for 32 years, and have held many positions such as firefighter, Captain, secretary to the Board of Directors. I had a part in setting new protocols for our fighters amid this Covid19 pandemic.

Again, I ask you to please let us go back to work this Friday. Thank you in advance. Robin Allison

Lord, Angela

From: Kathy Jones <kathy@royaldiadem.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:05 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: comment for city council meeting

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I am writing in regards to the ability to return to work, Thursday, April 16, 2020. I am an employee of a family owned and operated business in Greensboro and also the sole-provider for my family. Since the current stay-at-home proclamation and restrictions are set to expire Thursday, April 16, 2020, I am earnestly asking each of you to allow me and the many other employees here in Greensboro to return to work

Since the governor's executive order allows us to operate as long as we meet the requirements of social distancing and the other standards in the NC Executive Orders #121 and #131.

I hope these guidelines well enable our many businesses and employees to once again be open for business and we, the employees in need of our livelihood to return to work with no further delay.

I appreciate your time and consideration in this most urgent need for Greensboro and its people.

Sincerely

Kathy Jones
Sales Associate, Jewelry Designer

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Lord, Angela

From: Tangela Stanley <tstan10623@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:35 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: For Marcus

Dear Ones

For all that is a moral imperative, please compensate the family of Marcus.

Thank you

Tangela Stanley

Lord, Angela

From: Catherine Holcombe <holcombecatherine@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Case for Marcus Deon Smith

My name is Catherine Holcombe, 1911 Rosecrest Drive 27408; email holcombecatherine@yahoo.com; phone 336-250-4348.

Based on Judge Biggs' ruling, the Marcus Deon Smith case is moving ahead. There have been other times in my past 71 years in Greensboro that City Council has dealt with lawyers and tax dollars to hush up wrong doing; perhaps to save face, or prevent anyone from being punished? I don't understand this for a bright and caring council like you.

Please show compassion and integrity this time by letting wrong doers be named to take responsibility. Apologize for these murderous mistakes and then make sure that it can never happen again in our town. Please do the right and honest thing for all your citizens.

C. H. Holcombe

Lord, Angela

From: Lynne Gray <kitties1942@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:01 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Time to put Marcus Smith behind us

As much as I want to support the police most times, it's time to admit treatment Marcus Smith didn't meet standards in place at the time - and certainly not now. It's time to admit that and move on. Perhaps the money saved by not continuing to trial could be used for additional police training.

Lynne Gray
336.315.6415

Sent from my iPhone

Lord, Angela

From: Marianne Woody <hbicmarianne@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Lawndale Drive and Lake Jeannette Rezoning

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Greetings:

We have lived in this area for nearly 33 years, just about 3 miles from the intersection in question. I have very strong reservations about rezoning the Lawndale Drive and Lake Jeannette intersection for several reasons.

Traffic in this area is already heavy, and even more so during regular commuter hours. With the just completed section of the bypass at Lawndale and the work being done on Lake Jeannette Road in preparation for the next stage on North Elm, it is only going to increase. And with the ongoing road and construction work going on the area, more of that is very unwelcome. I think I can say for many of us in nearby neighborhoods that we are really tired of it all.

The area in question is not huge, and being so close to the intersection of the roads, I do not see how entering or exiting the property can be accomplished without creating additional traffic hazards. Quite honestly, there is a lot of speeding and tailgating that occurs, especially on Lawndale. Changing this intersection in any significant way is asking for trouble.

The most serious issue, in my opinion, has to do with the fact that 2 facilities, located within a half mile or less of the intersection are assisted living facilities (Brookdale and Richland Place) . In addition, there is a Senior Living Community, The Carillon, located just under a mile away. There are frequent medical emergencies at all 3, and Lawndale Drive is the main route that the emergency vehicles use to respond. I think before even considering rezoning this intersection, that the number of emergency calls to these facilities should be taken into account. Before her passing, my mother resided at both Carillon and Richland Place and I lost count of the number of times I was contacted over the years regarding my mother being transported to the hospital.

Also of concern are the proximity of the intersection to Greensboro Day School, the Natural Science Center and daycare and preschool facilities within a half mile, Sunshine House and Cathedral of His Glory. And let's not forget the already existing commercial establishments located almost a half mile away on the OTHER SIDE of a purely residential area.

All of the factors noted above would make living near a rezoned intersection most unpleasant. What will this do to the property values for the nearby residents? Has that been considered?

I urge you to reject the proposed rezoning request for the reasons noted above.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marianne Woody

5337 Summerwood Drive
Greensboro, NC 27455

Marianne Woody

Lord, Angela

From: HATTIE HOWELL 1 <howell.hattie@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Death of Marcus Smith on September 8, 2018

Dear City Council Members:

As a Greensboro Taxpayer, I respectfully request that the City Council do the right thing, legally, morally, and fiscally by settling and giving due compensation to the parents of Mr. Marcus Smith. I believe that it would help greatly in giving them some sense of closure in their pain and suffering, for the loss of their son.

In addition, the savings for the city could be wisely used in our current situation with the pandemic emergency.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration in this case.

Sincerely,

Rev. Hattie L. Howell
Phone No. 336-621-1176
Email: howell.hattie@yahoo.com

Lord, Angela

From: gutzwil@infionline.net
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Marcus Smith lawsuit

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To the Greensboro City Council:

Please compensate the parents of Marcus Smith now instead of going forward with a trial and spending lots of taxpayer money and then have to compensate the parents of Marcus Smith. It is the right thing to do from a legal, moral and financial perspective.

Thank you,
Patricia Gutzwiller
710 Plummer Drive
Greensboro, NC 27410

Lord, Angela

From: phillip marsh <pdmarsh7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:59 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Code/Parking Enforcement
Attachments: image1.jpeg; ATT00001.txt

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Good day council.

Thank you for the opportunity to get clarification on two matters in the city. Residents in Southside have a parking issue being addressed by GDOT. During the interim we continue to have to deal with overzealous parking enforcement. Parking was out giving tickets Thursday, 9 April. Is the code enforcement and parking services suspended during the pandemic stay in shelter advisory? Can staff withhold there name or identifying information while conducting city business in an employee position? Thanks you for the clarification and hope all remain safe in the community.

Lord, Angela

From: Betsy Jenson <betsyjenson@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Marcus Smith

Dear City Council,

I'm writing to share my opinion regarding the Marcus Smith matter. It seems clear that the morally proper thing for the city to do is to compensate the parents for the unjust treatment of their son that resulted in his death. It also seems like the financially prudent thing to do. Please just settle the case with his family, learn from the mistakes made, and let this family and the city put this tragedy behind us.

Best,
Betsy Jenson
Fisher Park
Greensboro

Lord, Angela

From: Tonya Hasan <ascentconstructionsolutions@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:23 PM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: D.H. Griffin - Stewart Mill Force Main Project

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* 2017 project concerns
submitted as video
provided to City Managers
office

Lord, Angela

From: Mary Nelle Smith <smith.marynelle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Marcus Smith

The man died at the hands of city employees. He was mentally ill. Surely we can do better. Please settle with the family!

Mary Nelle Smith
118 West Avondale Drive
Greensboro, NC 27403

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smith.marynelle@gmail.com

Please be aware that I do NOT check my email every day. If your message is time sensitive, please call me.

Lord, Angela

From: Virtual Comment
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:22 AM
To: CMO; Watts, Chuck
Subject: FW: D.H. Griffin - Stewart Mill Force Main Project

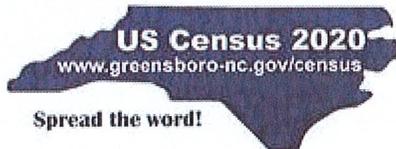
Kim,

This comment came in through the email portal in the form of a video. Thought I should share with you.

Thank you,

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Every BODY Counts!!!



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Lord, Angela

From: Mary Wakeman <mkwakeman1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:30 AM
To: Virtual Comment
Subject: Justice for the family of Marcus Smith

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Dear Mayor, Members of Greensboro City Council:

The legally, morally, and fiscally right thing for city and county elected officials to do is to quickly and fairly compensate the parents of Marcus Smith for his death at the hands of the Greensboro police. It is not proper to waste any more taxpayer money on enriching lawyers — and then still have to compensate the parents after a highly likely jury trial verdict in their favor months from now.

Thank you for listening,
Mary K. Wakeman
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