

PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum allows the public an opportunity to address the Board.
Mayor Weatherly will recognize those who would like to speak at the appropriate time.
Individuals having made requests to the Town Clerk to speak will be recognized first.
Your comments must be limited to 3 minutes to allow others opportunity to speak.

Jeff Kaiser, Charleston Village, supports the Resolution to officially oppose the Wake County School Reassignment Plan. He shared negative affects on the neighborhood; has two nodes and would like to see alternate recommendations. They have a proposal to have Salem Elementary remain as the base option with Turner Creek as the year round option.

Bill Lot, New Hill, addressed the wastewater site, concerned with views of the process, with someone being first and appreciates the resolution that was passed and looks forward to the next steps.

Female spoke negatively about the wastewater site at New Hill and its impact on their neighborhood and children; Apex will come that way, and asked if they wanted it there and who would want to move there.

Cal Noric, New Hill, suggested those opposed to Site C have the Attorney to come up with wording to make that clear and all could agree on and vote on again; noted majority against Site C.

David Bristol, New Hill, stated site selection process was unfair and near center of town; staff represented at all meetings – stated head stated New Hill was a zip code and not a community, noting it arrogant and dismissal of their community didn't make them feel represented. Debate gives them some representation and hopes they continue to do so in the future.

Tonya Forbes, New Hill, understood documents stated site selection required unanimous approval from all partners; if Apex Board didn't vote on this, if letter was sent without the Board having opportunity to vote on this, she doesn't understand how it equates unanimous approval by all Partners. Thinks the process was derailed; New Hill has not been represented; if alternative site is equivalent to Site C then she doesn't understand why they have to insist on keeping Site C on the table; if alternative site is better than Site C, it definitely doesn't make sense. She doesn't understand the unwillingness of this Board to take a leadership role – this is opportunity to do this. She wants to take further those that oppose that site and lead for them. She is a part of Apex and relies on Apex to do the right thing for them; continue the discussion.

Darrell Hughes, 1002 Lynnfield Court, opposes Site C with those he's heard from being opposed and having no choice; doesn't understand how Apex Board of Commissioners didn't get a chance to vote on this. He stated to Mayor Weatherly, to say this is futile and is not going to make a difference if they write a proposal – he feels that's not right for Town of Apex. Mayor Weatherly stated his comments were directed at the Resolution, not the process. He understood they should not go forward with challenge of the site selection. Mayor Weatherly responded absolutely not; he would highly recommend all concerns be addressed within the process; the process is the permitting, public hearings and other input with the State of North Carolina; that is the appropriate place to address concerns and the state will make the ultimate decision on whether this is an appropriate site or not and he would certainly encourage folks who have questions about the process, or the site to engage themselves in that way; that's been his position from the beginning; there should be no confusion about this. Hughes responded in going back to partnership and the attorney, it has to be a unanimous decision and still doesn't think it properly came before this board to approve.

John Brubaker, New Hill, is also a member of South Wake Planning District; seems site was selected as a result of Holly Springs leaving the Partners – as result the wastewater treatment site left Holly Springs' long range planning jurisdiction and entered Apex's. He wanted to make sure Apex wasn't selling away its future along with them.

Bob Kelly, New Hill, highlighted notes about the process: Cary is lead agency had communication plan and never followed it. He read email from Susan Moran – avoid publicity as long as possible; requested all documents from board and staff, receiving it from staff, gotten zero from any elected official. He read: Bill Coleman writes N&O that Cary is complying. Attorney Fordham interrupted him, if he were saying emails weren't provided, that it was inaccurate.

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Kelly asked from the elected staff. Attorney Fordham responded they had provided emails on CD that had emails that touched on this. Kelly stated he has been through that and found zero from one commissioner to another commissioner, or to another elected official. Dialogue began between the Mayor and the Board with the Mayor saying he doesn't normally communicate with emails to commissioners and in his ten years had very few. Kelly stated he had gotten some from Cary that originated from Apex to them or them to Apex; it came from Cary staff, not from him. Mayor Weatherly asked if he were saying they are violating the law in that regard, with Kelly responding the elected officials of the Partner Towns have not complied with their request with Mayor Weatherly stating is a violation of law and highly resents the accusation and charges him to back it up, with Commissioner Schulze agreeing saying he had turned everything of his over and knows others have. Kelly responded he was sorry it didn't make it on the CD. Mayor Weatherly added he was saying communication with other members of the board and if you hadn't had any, obviously there wouldn't be any there. Commissioner Schulze added all his emails related to this issue to anyone was turned over. Kelly mentioned an email that said New Hill is a zip code and not a community – that shows a lot of respect; if you get communication from the media, send them to Susan Moran, if you get any communication with the citizens, send them to the website; this shows a lot of respect. David Cooke Wake County Manager referred to them as mob commentary and his goal is to help keep them on track with the board having to get involved; that's the only people that represent them. Susan Moran saying one incorrect complaint is New Hill will not be served, complying they will be served; not going to happen. Susan Moran, why did she say on TV you have to pump twice as much sewage to put on CP&L property as you do on Site C; she want answer him. Question is have we ever asked CP&L for their property; they tell them they have never been asked; Cary tells them they have been asked; doesn't make sense. He asked why they have to ask CP&L if they will take it; no one came and ask the owners of the property if they could have it; they took it away from them. Jennifer Robinson – historical issues were not considered when the site selection process was undertaken; was disappointed when she learned the preferred site impacted the community that it does. No body is willing to be first in turning this around. He agrees this vote is not one that complies with by and for the people. Seems they have uncovered a tremendous amount of work that consultants are doing is being given to Progress Energy so they have a leg up to go develop their vast holdings down there and that's land they have already taken away from them. They told the guys back in the summer if they put it on Progress Energy property you don't need 200 acres you only need 40 or 45 there; all would sit down and shut up and you would never hear from them again. No body is willing to do that and he doesn't know what would go any better with a nuclear plant than a sewer plant. Carl Dean – we need to develop a method to handle these utility projects without the public hearing requirement; this gives him a warm feeling. Was PGN property ever evaluated – Progress Energy property, yes it was. Was PGN contacted about their property; no. Bill Coleman says they were contacted – Stephanie Sandino says no they weren't. Phil Stout, Wake County, actually it is absolutely their preference to not be a part of the land acquisition; again Wake County is the only ones that represent them. He shared them to get a bit of a feel from where they are coming from; they have been totally left out when Wake County Manager comes down and refers to them as mob commentary – and then says it's his goal to make this happen without the Wake County Commissioners getting dragged into it. He hopes the Board understands where they are coming from. Commissioner Schulze commented that he agrees some of the emails are wrong in tone, but none of those emails came from anyone in Apex or their staff. He has no control of the actions of other staffs. Kelly understood, however, he thinks Mr. Bristol had some somebody has to go first. As he understands the Interlocal Agreement there was suppose to be unanimous consent from the four towns to support this site. Apex never voted on this and from reading the Apex Town Charter, addressing Mayor Weatherly, he doesn't think he can sign something that hasn't been acted on. Mayor Weatherly responded it was for this board to decide that, with Mr. Kelly responding he didn't know, he thinks it's a legal question. Mayor Weatherly added this board has adequately considered those actions in that regard.

Mayor Weatherly closed public comment at 8:47 p.m.