

Subject: Re: Re: Cary Values]

From: "jbrobinson" <jbrobinson@nc.rr.com>

Date: Sun, 26 Jun 2005 22:44:31 -0400

To: <bobkelly@mindspring.com>

CC: "Ernie McAlister" <ernie.mcalister@townofcary.org>

Dear Mr. Kelly,

I want to clarify my comment from Thursday night's Council meeting after which I scolded the audience. Clarification is important to me because I never said that I thought it was a good thing to put a sewage treatment plant in New Hill. First, here is exactly what I said (I watched the replay and wrote down my remarks):

"...Addressing Mr. Roseland's concerns about the large amount of land set aside for this - I interpret that differently. I really thought that was actually a benefit to the community because of the...purchased open space around it..." (After the laughter and the scolding, I go on to weigh the appeal of having open space buffering a sewage treatment plant vs. having development up against the treatment plant as it is in North Cary).

It is important for me to make this distinction because I do not think that having a sewage treatment plant in New Hill is a good thing (and I never made a remark to that effect). Personally, I think that it would be better situated to our West where Cary meets Apex, but this would require us to discharge into Jordan Lake which doesn't comply with the Interbasin Transfer requirements imposed upon us by the State legislators.

While New Hill is clearly outside of our ETJ area, it is important to note that Cary is acting on behalf of several municipalities and the County in the construction of the plant. At our meeting, we had letters from the mayors of the Holly Springs, Apex and Morrisville requesting that we proceed with the acquisition of the land for the plant (as specified in Technical Memorandum No. 8.1).

In regard to the figure of \$27M to pump to another site on the other side of U.S. 1, I was given that number by Tommy Esqueda of CHM2Hill at a meeting earlier in the evening. This estimate was given when I asked what it would cost to pump the water to sites on the other side of U.S. 1. Regardless of whether the cost to pump under U.S. 1 is \$18M or \$27M, such a high amount is not feasible.

I based my decision to proceed on the fact that several sites have been thoroughly analyzed (based on environmental impact, cost and fewest number of residents directly affected) and the necessity to move this forward in order to meet the Interbasin Transfer Requirements by the 2011 deadline. This decision was difficult because of the human factor to which Mr. Joyce alluded. No one likes condemnation, especially for a sewage treatment plant, but we were tasked with this responsibility and needed to move forward.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Robinson

Jennifer Robinson
Cary Town Council
District A Representative

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

From: "Bob Kelly" <bobkelly@mindspring.com>
To: <council@townofcary.org>
Cc: <wwakecitizens@theotts.org>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2005 2:31 PM
Subject: [Fwd: Re: Cary Values]

Mayor McAlister, tonight's Cary Town Council Meeting was a great example of the Cary Town Council not following the Statement of Values adopted 16 years ago.

If you and the the 3 council members who voted for condemning the property in New Hill had followed your published values, you would have respected the democratic process by not condemning land when the current owner has no say in the condemnation process. You would not be condemning land that is not even in the ETJ for Cary.

The residents of New Hill were certainly not treated with dignity and respect when we were scolded by Ms. Robinson after she made a ridiculous statement that putting a sewage treatment plant in New Hill is a good thing.

The decision made by the Cary Town Council tonight was not honest, ethical, or fair. You, Mayor McAlister made statements during the meeting that you know are not true. You did not answer our questions during your Wednesday meeting with the four residents from New Hill? Do you, Mayor McAlister, think you are being honest, ethical and fair when the Town of Cary does not share information, and we are forced to use the Freedom Of Information Act to obtain it?

Do you think the Town of Cary is being honest and ethical when the Cary Town Manager sends an email stating:

We had a meeting with Progress Energy today. The gist of the meeting was that Progress Energy does not want the wastewater plant on their site even if it could work economically. if you have questions about their position, please call marty clayton 878-5300 or 616-3704. thanks, bill

William B. Coleman, Jr.
Town Manager

We called Marty Clayton and he told us he has never been approached about putting the sewage plant on CP&L property. The meeting with Mr. Coleman was so Cary could update CP&L on their plans to use site C.

Late last week we were told the cost to utilize Progress Energy land for the sewage treatment plant was eighteen million dollars. Wednesday the cost changed to twenty million dollars. Tonight we were told the cost is now twenty seven million dollars. How can the figure grow seven million dollars in 24 hours?

So, yes, the Cary council is acting contrary to the values they adopted 16 years ago!

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Subject: Re: Cary Values
Date: Thu, 23 Jun 2005 15:20:36 -0400
From: Bob Kelly <bobkelly@mindspring.com>
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Yes sir, I am.

Ernie McAlister wrote:

Mr. Kelly, are you implying that the Cary council is acting contrary to these values?

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

From: "Bob Kelly" <bobkelly@mindspring.com>

To: <council@townofcary.org>

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2005 7:20 AM

Subject: Cary Values

When I spoke at the June 9, 2005 Cary Town Council Meeting, I reminded you of the values Adopted by Town Council February 23, 1989.

After hearing from my neighbors who met with Mayor McAlister yesterday, I feel I need to again remind you of the Statement of Values adopted 16 years ago. I'm also providing a link to them so you can refresh your memories prior to your June 23 meeting where you are scheduled to vote

to

condemn land for a sewage treatment facility in New Hill.

<http://www.townofcary.org/depts/missionandvalues.htm>

Let me again call your attention to items 5, 6, and 9:

The town will:

5. ... uphold the values of the democratic process.
6. ... citizens and employees will be treated with dignity, respect and fairness.
9. ... decisions made by the Town will be honest, ethical, and fair.

Please refresh memories on your adopted values prior to voting to condemn the land in New Hill for the proposed sewage treatment plant.

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