



July 8, 2005

Mayor Keith Weatherly
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Dear Mayor Weatherly:

I attended the special meeting of the Apex Board of Commissioners July 5, 2005 and must tell you that I am disappointed that you and the Apex Commissioners are blindly following Cary in their quest to place a sewage treatment facility within the township of New Hill.

I sat in the audience and listened to the presentation by Tommy Esqueda and the questions asked of Mr. Esqueda. While Mr. Esqueda answered all the questions posed to him, he conveniently left out a lot of information. Also, apparently you and the Apex Commissioners have not read the engineering reports prepared by Mr. Esqueda and others, as you do not seem to have enough information to ask the right questions.

For example:

- When talking about the Environmental Impact Study, Mr. Esqueda and his company are only going to list Sites A, B, and C. Nothing about the other sites will be mentioned. Only listing those sites is stacking the deck against the residents of New Hill. When you compare only those 3 sites, of course Site C will look better than the other two. However, when you compare Site C against all the other sites in the study, you quickly see that Site C is not the best site. I am very disappointed that you and the Apex Commissioners did not ask the correct questions. I am also disappointed that you and the other partners can't see how information is being manipulated to make the site in New Hill look more favorable than it really is.
- When the Apex Commissioners went into closed session, we had an opportunity to talk to Mr. Esqueda informally. Even in an informal discussion, he still maintained that the residents of New Hill will have access to the Sewage Treatment Plant. Here again, he was making statements that are only half true. He knows that in order to have access to the facility we will have to be annexed by one of the partners, but again, he conveniently did not mention it until we brought it to his attention.

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- During our informal discussion with Mr. Esqueda, he mentioned he has never been on any of the Progress Energy property. We explained to him that Progress Energy has cut the trees on and around Site 20 and that very little clearing is necessary. Since he has not been on the property, he was not aware of the benefits of using that site.
- We questioned Mr. Esqueda as to why using the Progress Energy sites would be more expensive. He stated that information is on the partners web site. I mentioned that what is on the web site is only some gross numbers, and there is no supporting information as to how the 27 million dollars was derived. This is information we have been trying to get from the Cary Town Council and so far have been unsuccessful. It is our concern that their numbers may be in error, like other information in the engineering study. We can only assume the numbers are being generated now, or reworked, and that is why they are not being made available.
- Mr. Esqueda repeatedly stated that a cost comparison of the sites was not done, however, cost was one of the weighting factors in the information provided by the engineers.

Can you begin to see the problem?

At the beginning of the meeting, I stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance along with everyone else. Having served in the U. S. Army during the mid sixties, the Pledge of Allegiance has always had special meaning to me. When we came to the last line, “*with liberty and justice for all*”, I could not help but wonder where is the justice for New Hill. As you are aware, we had no say whatsoever in the decision to locate the sewage treatment facility in New Hill. We have no representation on the Cary, Apex, Morrisville, or Holly Springs Town Councils. Cary and the partners have spent years studying this facility; we were notified just a short while ago. Where is the justice in that? Where is the justice in condemning privately owned property when thousands of acres of previously condemned land is available just one mile down the road, i.e., Progress Energy?

Mayor Weatherly is it the intention of Cary, Apex, Morrisville, and Holly Springs that all of Wake County be developed similarly to how Cary is today? Do we want every square inch of Wake County developed with homes on quarter acre lots and strip malls on every corner? If the answer is yes, then Apex and the other towns are headed in the right direction. From the actions of Cary over the last few years, they seem to be satisfied with all development as long as there is a small greenway through the neighborhood. Personally, I do not want to see this type of development encroaching on New Hill or Western Wake County.

I do not want my grandchildren growing up in a place where they never get to see horses, cows, sheep or forests. I don't want them thinking hamburgers come from the grocery store, or that lumber comes from Home Depot.

My wife and I walk along the roads in New Hill late in the evenings. Quite often we encounter families from Apex or Cary that have stopped on the side of the road so the children can see horses grazing in the fields. You can't find this in Cary, Apex, Morrisville or Holly Springs, and if the partners continues to follow Cary, it will not be long before you will not be able to find it anywhere in Wake County. Is this what you want? Personally, I do not want Apex to turn into Cary South, and I do not want New Hill to turn into New Cary!

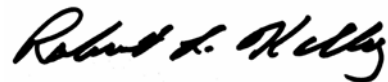
Also, what happened to the statements in Lincoln's Gettysburg Address:

"that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

This must only pertain to residents of Cary, Apex, Morrisville and Holly Springs, as it certainly does not pertain to the residents of New Hill. As you and the partners are aware, the governments that made the decision to place the sewage facility in New Hill were not governments of the people of New Hill, by the people of New Hill, or for the people of New Hill.

Mayor Weatherly, I encourage you and the rest of the partners to do the right thing and stop this sewage treatment facility from going onto property in the middle of our small, rural community.

Sincerely,



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