

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
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At least one commissioner stands up for what is right

Apex Commissioner Bill Jensen has this Wake County citizens admiration and respect for his attempt to right what he considers an injustice to the folks in New Hill. I'm referring to his battle against the town's of Cary, Apex, and Morrisville whom are attempting to place a regional wastewater treatment facility in New Hill's historical district.

To date Commissioner Jensen has sent personal emails, stating his opposition to the current proposed site, to public officials involved in the decision making process. He has also presented a resolution to the Apex Board of Commissioners seeking consideration of another site.

Even though several board members agreed with his reasoning, his resolution failed to receive the required second.

Commissioner Jensen also made his position public through a personal editorial published by the News & Observer on September 14.

(Editor's note: The full content of Commissioner's Jensen's letter was published in the Apex Herald on Sept. 15))

Additionally, Commissioner Jensen has made it known that building the regional wastewater treatment plant in New Hill is not a wise business undertaking for Apex. In future years when Apex expands and annexes New Hill they will be stuck with a sewage plant adjacent to the intersection located in the middle of New Hill's historical district.

Once New Hill is annexed, the 219 acres housing the sewage plant will become prime developmental acreage suitable for residential growth, which will contribute to Apex's tax base. If the plant is placed in the currently proposed location it will not only stop residential growth on the 219 acre sewage plant site, but will also hinder growth in the area surrounding the plant.

Commissioner Jensen should be commended for his understanding of New Hill's plight and for his vision of the communities future as part of Apex. In my opinion it's rare, in today's political arena, to find an elected public official that can combine concern for a neighboring communities well being and balance that with what's best for his own constituent's future.

Thank you Commissioner Jensen for bucking the "process" in an attempt to do what's best for Apex and New Hill.

Hopefully the Mayor and other Apex Commissioners will soon see the logic in Commissioner Jensen's reasoning.

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