Item 11 - Correspondence



From: Trish Wysong <trish.wysong@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 7:48 AM
To: Lindsey, Amy <amy.lindsey@montgomeryplanning.org>
Cc: 'Cris Bombaugh' <cbombaugh@mchumane.org>
Subject: Plan #12019100, Montgomery County Humane Society Campus

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Montgomery County Planning Board Attention: Amy Lindsey Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission 2425 Reedie Dr. Wheaton, MD 20902

Dear Members of the Planning Board:

The purpose of this e-mail is to indicate my support for the Montgomery County Humane Society (MCHS) Campus, which is being planned for the property at 13730 Georgia Ave., also known as the Aspin Hill Memorial Park, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

My family has a special interest in this property, as we have three beloved family pets buried at the Cemetery dating back to the mid-1970s.

I am familiar with MCHS's plans for the property. By improving/restoring the existing structure facing Georgia Avenue along with maintaining the historic grounds, this will

create an animal welfare center designed to further promote the bond between pets and humans. It is also my belief that these plans will be beneficial for the future of the property, the Cemetery, the immediate Aspen Hill community, and all of Montgomery County.

As a devout animal lover, I am also familiar with the MCHS as an organization, and have been a financial donor to MCHS for several years. Based on the organization's long history serving Montgomery County, its strong base of donors and supporters, and its management team, I believe that MCHS is well suited to see this project through, and create a truly beneficial asset for Montgomery County.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Patricia McCallum Wysong

From:	Jane Dean
To:	Lindsey, Amy
Cc:	MCP-Chair
Subject:	Letter in support of Plan #12019100, Montgomery County Humane Society Campus
Date:	Wednesday, October 7, 2020 12:36:31 PM
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October 6, 2020

Ms. Amy Lindsey Montgomery County Planning Board Maryland - National Capital Park and Planning Commission 2425 Reedie Drive Wheaton, MD 20902

RE: Plan #120190100, Montgomery County Humane Society Campus

Dear Ms. Lindsey,

This letter is being sent to express my support for the Montgomery County Humane Society Center being planned for the property located at 13730 Georgia Ave., also known as the Aspin Hill Memorial Park. When the Montgomery County Humane Society took over the property, I knew that finally, it would be taken care of the way it should have always been.

I have a special interest in the cemetery for the following reasons:

- 1. I have three beloved cats buried there with a beautiful pink memorial headstone designed by me to honor their memory, "Stately, kindly, lordly, friends . . .";
- As a child, my mother and I went to church at St. Mary's next door. I always skipped Sunday School so I could go over to the cemetery and wander around among the headstones I loved. It was like my own personal Sunday School; and
- 3. I've lived in my house near the cemetery my whole life (67 years) and know of other families I grew up with who have their beloved pets buried there as well.

I am familiar with the Montgomery County Humane Society's (MCHS) plans for the property – to create an animal welfare center designed to promote the bond between pets and humans – and I believe that these plans will be beneficial for the future of the property, the Cemetery, and the Aspen Hill community. In addition, a volunteer who is a Library of Congress retiree named Julianne Mangin, does historical research on the pets buried there as well as the history of the cemetery and has a website that is shared with subscribers in the community

(https://petcemeterystories.net/events). Her attention to detail and her meticulous corroboration of stories about the cemetery also adds human (and pet) interest as background to this historical

site.

I am also familiar with the MCHS as an organization and have been a financial donor for several years. Based on the organization's long history serving Montgomery County, its strong base of donors and supporters, and especially its management team, I believe that MCHS is well suited to see this project through, and create a truly beneficial and beautiful asset for Montgomery County.

Sincerely,

Jane A. Dean 3900 Isbell Street Silver Spring, MD 20906