

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

From: Daniel Wieland (mailto:daniel.wieland@statefarm.com)

Sent: Thursday, May 13, 2004 4:37 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Proposal to rename Airport Road

To whom it may concern:

As a representative of the Michelle Carlisle-Kelly State Farm Insurance Agency at 1834 Airport Road, I would like to address our business' concerns with the proposed renaming of Airport Road to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. As a small business we have spent years building a trusted and valuable customer base that identifies the quality of our business with the physical location of our office, among other things. The proposed renaming of Airport Road is an unnecessary change that would only cause problems for our office and other small businesses in the area. In addition to the convenience that would be lost in this change, please take into account the cost to our business to reprint thousands of business cards, envelopes, letterhead, and other items with our address printed on it. Please realize that the costs of this change of name are great, while the potential benefits that might be gained are insignificant in the grand scheme of things. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Daniel Wieland
for Michelle Carlisle-Kelly

V I L C O M

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JAMES A. HEAVNER
PRESIDENT

May 13, 2004

PUBLIC HEARING SUBMITTAL

Chapel Hill Town Council
306 North Columbia
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Members of the Council,

Because I will be out of town on May 24 and will be unable to attend the town council hearing on the potential of renaming Airport Road, I would like for these comments to be updated and made known to you. They reflect in large part a note I sent to you a few months ago.

Your consideration of the proposal for renaming Airport Road was an excellent provocation for me to think about it. As I have thought about it and heard from others, I believe that it would be understandable, but misguided to rename a Chapel Hill thoroughfare for Dr. Martin Luther King.

Working at WCHL caused all of us here to be involved in the "recognition business" over the years, so your proposal brought to the foreground some thoughts about how local agencies, like the Town, should use local recognition opportunities, like the naming of things.

It has led me to these two suggestions. First, as a matter of town policy, I believe that your idea should provoke us to think more aggressively of local figures who should be appropriately honored. If we wish to recognize courageous and effective pioneers in civil rights, I believe we are overdue in a major recognition of Howard Lee, our first black mayor.

Mayor Lee transformed Chapel Hill politics in ways that, to this day, affects the makeup and philosophy of town government and community values. There will never be a Howard Lee Road in Washington, D. C., so if he is to be recognized for his contribution to us, it should be us, in our town, and while he is still alive.

We can also make an equally strong case for Bob Seymour or Rebecca Clark. I am sure there are others in that realm. But, with great respect for Edith Wiggins who first proposed this during the season of the already existing national holiday for Dr. King, but I truly believe the proposal is wonderfully well-intentioned but misguided.

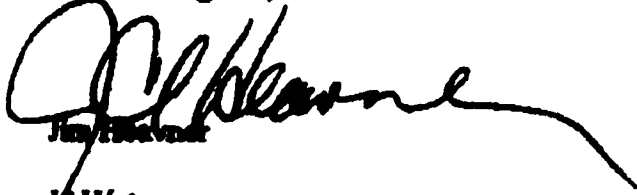
While we are at it, we already have a wonderful recognition for Chris Fordham in Fordham Boulevard. Yet, we do not have a Hardin Road. Chancellor Paul Hardin did more to promote town gown relationships, partnerships and progress than any chancellor in the last fifty years. At a time of current tension between town and gown, a recognition of the former Chancellor who did so much would do much today to send a signal of our appreciation for the value of our relationship with UNC.

Generally speaking, WCHL's policy has always been to leave national messages and recognitions to national media, so that we could use all our energies and resources to support local messages and recognitions. I believe that would be a good general policy for the Town.

I am hopeful that, in the areas I have discussed here, the council should have an assertive policy of initiating a periodic, perhaps annual, review of all those who should be so honored, relying less on response to outside requests.

I hope you find this suggestion helpful.

Warmest regards,



Jim Fiske

JAH/m

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

From: Brian Biswas [mailto:biswas@mindspring.com]

Sent: Saturday, May 15, 2004 6:40 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Potential Airport Road Renaming

I have never felt the need to write to the Chapel Hill Town Council, but I cannot remain silent on this issue. I have lived in Chapel Hill for fifteen years (the Briarcliff neighborhood) and I am totally against renaming Airport Road.

A street's name is part of its history and identity. Changing the name would be like renaming a person in midlife. It would cause nothing but inconvenience to the many businesses along that road not to mention the rest of the town. Not only do you need to change street signs and business-related material (envelopes, letterheads, etc...), but also town maps, bus schedules, and town (and university) literature.

Indeed, I am against renaming ANY street in town for ANY reason. This is simply a waste of taxpayer money (and I hear that tax rates are going up). Please do not do this!

—Brian Biswas

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

From: TCOLLIERMD@aol.com [mailto:TCOLLIERMD@aol.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2004 3:47 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Renaming Airport Road

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my recommendation that the name of Airport Road not be changed. "Airport Road" is an apt name, given that it goes from the middle of town to, well, the airport. If you would like to name a street after Martin Luther King, let me suggest that there are more suitable candidates among street names that are less logical or even non-descript.

Thank you for inviting me to provide input on this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Collier, M.D.
Owner, 104 Mullen Court

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

From: Shirley Maddy [mailto:shirleymaddy@intrex.net]

Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2004 7:10 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Renaming Airport Road

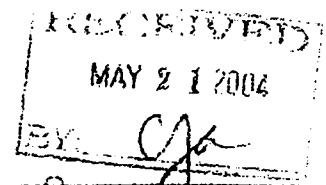
Honorable Mayor and Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council;

I respectfully request that the name of Airport Road not be changed. Although we have never moved from our present address of 1577 Airport Rd. our mailing address has changed four times in the past. As Chapel Hill expanded our address went from Rt. 2 to Rt. 4 to Rt. 8 and finally to 1577 Airport Rd. Each time we have had to change our address on all correspondence, checks, drivers licenses, mail boxes, Social Security, US Government, State of North Carolina, etc. This may seem a small task to those who propose a name change, but it will present a great deal of inconvenience to all businesses and residences on Airport Rd.

I'm sure the Council can find a more suitable way of honoring Dr. King that will not inconvenience 800+ citizens of Chapel Hill.

Shirley Maddy

John J. Ratz
700 Airport Road - Condo Unit A1
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(H) 919-967-6072 (Cell) 919-302-1069



Scan to M+TC
5/21/04

Date: May 16, 2004

To: Chapel Hill Town Council
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27516
Tel: 919-968-2743

RE: **Proposal to Rename Airport Road**

Dear Council Members,

I just received a notification that on May 24th you will be discussing a proposed name change of Airport Road to Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. I am strongly **opposed** to this action.

Prior to listing my reasons for opposition, I want to highlight a key piece of information that you omitted from this notice. Specifically, the individual / organization that proposed this change ... and the "political" reason that the Chapel Hill Town Council decided to spend my taxpayer dollars to print and mail these notices. ***How much money was spent on this notification?***

This "notice" expenditure is only the downpayment on the County, City, Business and Individual costs involved in renaming this road. And ... for what purpose?

Reasons for opposition ...

- ◆ Having a Martin Luther King Jr. roadway is hardly a novel idea. There are thousands around the country, two of which are in Durham and Raleigh.
- ◆ While I am a strong admirer of Dr. King, he had no direct impact on Chapel Hill's history.
- ◆ Horace Williams Airport, hence Airport Road, has been an important Chapel Hill feature, certainly enhancing the area's medical mobility and critical response reputation.
- ◆ If UNC's expansion to Chapel Hill North forces the closing of Horace Williams, Airport Road will remain as a historical legacy.
- ◆ The County and City will incur multi-thousands in expenses -- ranging from road signs to real estate maps, tax collection address updates, police and fire department updates, voter registration records, and a myriad of other expenses that I'm not even aware of. ***I'm hoping that the Town Council is cognizant of these other cost implications.***
- ◆ Businesses located on Airport Road will have to update their business stationary, advertising info, WEB sites, licenses / business registrations, etc. etc. etc.



Herb Holland Company

Property Management LLC

608 Airport Road • Chapel Hill, NC 27514

(919) 968-4545



May 17, 2004

Re: Renaming of Airport Road

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

This letter is to inform you of our feelings here at Herb Holland Company concerning the suggested change of name for Airport Road. Let me preface my remarks by assuring you that we have nothing against Dr. King, knowing what he has done and meant for our country, and we feel that he can and should be honored in another way in Chapel Hill, such as a monument built for him or a prominent building named after him, or a new road built in our area that has not been named. There is already a freeway named for him just down the road off 15-501 Boulevard in Durham County.

The road in front of our office has been named Airport Road as long as I can remember and I've been in Chapel Hill since 1947. It is a part of the history of this town and should remain intact in name for that reason alone!! Also, it will put a real burden, financially and time-wise, on all businesses and residences to have to change addresses on letterheads, bills, leases, agreements and correspondence notifying everyone we know and do business with everywhere, as well as the expense of changing business signs.

We will appreciate your careful consideration in how this will affect so many who live and work on Airport Road, when another way can be found to honor Dr. King. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Catherine D. Holland

Catherine D. Holland

◆ As an individual, I will have to ...

- ◇ Update governmental agencies -- Federal IRS ... NC Department of Revenue ... NC Department of Motor Vehicles (license and registration)
- ◇ Legal Fees -- Home Deed Address ... Mortgage Note 1st and 2nd Changes
- ◇ Home / Auto ownership -- Home and Auto Insurance changes
- ◇ Creditors -- Credit Cards ... Utilities ... Bank Loans
- ◇ Personal Contacts -- At least 60 "Change of Address" cards

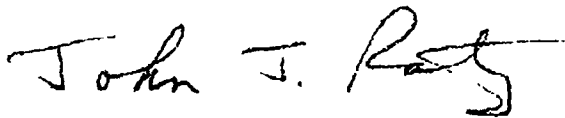
For this no-benefit symbolism, especially when governmental and personal budgets are tight, can the Chapel Hill Town Council justify these frivolous across-the-board governmental / mandated personal expenses? *Please ... regain your touch with reality.*

To reiterate, I want to know -- who has manipulated the Town Council to push this issue? This is a simple question? I expect a direct, but comprehensive, answer!!

Also, please include the costs (or estimated costs) for the following:

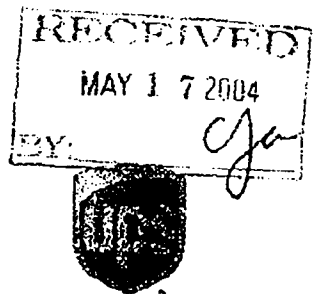
- ⇒ Postcard Mailings "regarding name change" meeting May 24th
- ⇒ Future County / City costs to develop / implement this change
- ⇒ County / City signs / record updates / tax updates, etc.
- ⇒ Airport Road businesses -- Number -- Cost per Business
- ⇒ Airport Road residences -- Number -- Cost per Residence
- ⇒ TOTAL COST -- Governmental / Private Business and Residence
- ⇒ Town Council "Cost Justification" -- Overall Cost vs. Benefits Derived ??

Sincerely,



John J. Ratz

cc: Kevin C. Foy, Mayor, Chapel Hill
891 Willow Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (B) 919-942-7002 (H) 919-932-1925



1818 Airport Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
919.960.0900 Tel
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To: The Town Council of Chapel Hill

Fr: The UPS Store
1818 Airport Road
Chapel Hill NC 27514

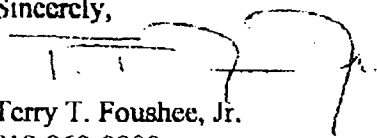
Re: Proposed name change for Airport Road

For the record: We are against changing the name of Airport Road in Chapel Hill. We are sure you are aware of the significant expense and inconvenience that would be imposed should we need to change our address on advertising, business cards, vendor accounts, invoices, etc. Additionally, our small business services customers include approximately 70 individuals that use private mailboxes in our store with Airport Road addresses. Changing the name of Airport Road would impose the same inconvenience and expense on each one of these patrons. And keep in mind that the majority affected are Chapel Hill residents, living and working in the vicinity of Airport Road, and most notably paying taxes and voting in your municipality.

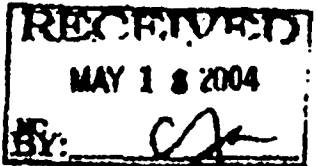
For the record: We are white, American, a small business owner, and a banker. We study and respect the life and impact of Martin Luther King, Jr. Our two sons, ages 7 and 4, already know and appreciate Martin Luther King, Jr.. They recognize his face and at least two of his speeches. Jake and Luke have acquired their awareness of Dr. King not because of any street or monument named in his honor, but because their schools and their parents have discussed the Civil Rights Movement with them, they have watched video tapes of speeches, and they have read age appropriate books regarding Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. I certainly cannot speak for the King family, but I will not hesitate to assume that the descendants of Dr. King would choose education, discussion, and enlightenment over a mere street name as the preferred means to honor the family patron.

For the record: Any person or group wishing to honor Dr. King, or any one else, in any manner, should do so at their expense, not the expense of the business people in the proposed area. Land could be purchased to locate an honorary park. A site could be designated to place an honorary fountain. Or the interested parties could host honorary readings of Dr. King's speeches. The possibilities are varied and many. The proponents of any memorial to Dr. King should demonstrate their collective passion for their ideas with efforts that do not cause others significant expense and inconvenience.

Sincerely,


Terry T. Foushee, Jr.
919-960-0900

The UPS Store



Chapel Hill, NC
May 17, 2004

To: Chapel Hill Town Council: Mayor Kevin Foy, Sally Greene,
Ed Harrison, Cam Hill, Mark Kleinschmidt, Bill Strom, Dorothy
Verkoren, Jim Ward, Edith Wiggins

I am writing to request that the Council let the name "Airport Road" stand as is. This road has held that name for a long time and is part of the history of Chapel Hill. Some would argue that should the airport close, the name would be obsolete. However, it would be important to retain the name in memory of the airport's role as a World War two training center as well as serving as home base for ANEC. Planes carrying medical personnel to provide health care to rural areas of the state. It also has personal history for me, having lived near the road and using it for approximately fifty years. I would hate to see the name gone.

There are other suitable ways to honor Dr. King. Some examples of things that could bear his name:

1. The new aquatic center to be built at Homestead Park
2. The new community park to be built near Southern Village
3. A building could be named (or renamed) for him
4. A statue
5. A different road that does not have the historical significance of Airport Road.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely
Cora M Lewis
313 Peach Lane
Chapel Hill NC
27516
919-2636

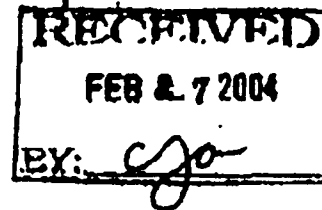
George Small

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DAVID R. WORK
139 OLD FOREST CREEK DR.
CHAPEL HILL 27514-5423

February 26, 2004

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There has been significant publicity in the media lately about the proposal to rename Airport Road after the Civil Rights Leader, Martin Luther King. I believe this is a well intentioned but misguided proposal.

The primary reason for my opinion is that the current name, Airport Road, is natural as the street runs by Horace Williams Airport. It is also established historically in the mind of every person who has lived in Chapel Hill. The fact that the airport may close in the future will not erase that memory.

Changing its name to honor Martin Luther King, I believe, would have the same effect which occurred in Manhattan when Seventh Avenue was renamed Avenue of the Americas. Every local person still calls it Seventh Avenue which is its natural description and rejects the official name.

I believe the same thing would happen if Airport Road were renamed for the Civil Rights Leader. People would continue to use the Airport Road label thereby snubbing the memory of Martin Luther King. Some would take every opportunity to use the Airport Road designation as an affront to his name. I believe that would be a classic case of unintended consequences.

Very truly yours,

David R. Work

P.S.—Please place my name on the notification list for this subject.

ATTACHMENT 3

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

From: traceymo@mindspring.com [mailto:traceymo@mindspring.com]

Sent: Monday, May 17, 2004 1:06 PM

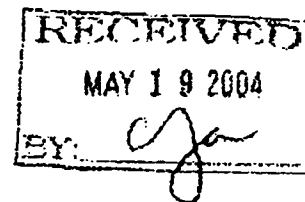
To: Town Council

Subject: Airport Rd Name Change

Hi-

I received a postcard in the mail asking for comment on the proposed name change of Airport Road. I live just off Airport Rd, and I do not think the name should change. Airport Road has a large number of small businesses right on the road and it would be too expensive for them to change all of their business material. I think the impact on our fragile economy would be too negative.

Tracey Moore
100 Black Tie Lane
Chapel Hill NC 27514



Adelaide Walters Apartments
603 Airport Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
May 18, 2004

Mayor and Town Council
Town Of Chapel Hill
306 N. Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Adelaide Walters Apartments located at 603 Airport Road. Adelaide Walters Apartments is a Section 8 HUD housing facility for low income older adults and the Board of Directors oversees its management.

The purpose of this letter is voice the Board's concern with the proposed name change of Airport Road. Because of the complexity of communication which HUD oversight of the property entails and because the residents depend upon social security and other government income support, an address change would have a profound impact on the residents and management.

The Board of Directors is enthusiastic in its support of naming a prominent landmark in honor of Dr. King but would encourage the Mayor and Council to consider an alternative to a name change of Airport Road.

Sincerely,

Jean E. Kincade, President
Board of Directors

From: Joyce Smith
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2004 2:11 PM
To: Sandy Cook
Subject: FW: Citizen Comment RE: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr



Joyce A. Smith
Town Clerk
Town of Chapel Hill
919-968-2757
919-967-8406 Fax

From: Carol Abernethy On Behalf Of Cal Horton

Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2004 11:54 AM

To: 'RCarpenNO@aol.com'

Cc: Sally Greene (w); Bill Strom; Cam Hill; Dorothy Verkerk ; Ed Harrison; Jim Ward (w) ; Kevin Foy; Mark Kleinschmidt ; 'Jim Ward'; 'Edith Wiggins'; Toni Pendergraph; Bruce Heflin; Cal Horton; Flo Miller; Joyce Smith; Ralph Karpinos; Owen Franklin; Catherine Lazorko; Emily Dickens

Subject: Citizen Comment RE: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr

A copy of your email message has been forwarded to each Council Member.

Carol Abernethy
Exec. Asst., Manager's Office
Town of Chapel Hill

—Original Message—

From: RCarpenNO@aol.com [mailto:RCarpenNO@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2004 9:12 PM

To: Town Council

Subject: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr

We are grateful for the suggestion to rename Airport Road in the name of Martin Luther King, Jr because it reminds of a useful means to honor him, but we feel that this is not an appropriate way to recognize this great leader.

We want to add our support to those who prefer to honor Dr. King and the civil rights struggle by naming a public school for him. East Chapel Hill High School would be an excellent choice. Perhaps an even better alternative would be the third high school now being planned.

Our public schools represent a fundamental community institution and offer a far more fitting opportunity to show our respect for Dr. King and his mission.

Thanks for your consideration of this proposal,

Ray and Pat Carpenter

HI, MY NAME IS DAVE WALKER. AIRPORT RD HAS BEEN MY HOME FOR THIRTY EIGHT YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A LARGE PART OF MY LIFE . I HAVE RAISED FOUR CHILDREN AT THAT ADDRESS WHO ARE NOW SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE U.S.A. . THEY ALL RELATE TO THE NAME AIRPORT RD.. THIS IS ONE OF THE REASONS I AM OPPOSED TO CHANGING THE NAME TO ANYTHING OTHER AIRPORT RD.

ON APRIL 19 TH, I ATTENDED THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING CHANGING THE NAME OF AIRPORT RD. I SPOKE TO THE COUNCIL AND ASKED THEM TO GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON TO CHANGE THE NAME AND TO THIS DATE THE ONLY REASON I HAVE HEARD IS BECAUSE “ WE THINK IT SHOULD BE CHANGED “ AND NOTHING ELSE BUT THAT WE THINK IT SHOULD BE CHANGED TO HONOR DR. KING.

WHILE I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO DOING SOMETHING TO HONOR DR. KING, I CAN THINK OF MANY REASONS NOT TO CHANGE THE NAME .

FIRST IS THE TIME AND THE INCONVENIENCE IMPOSED ON 600 PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND OPERATE A BUSINESS ON AIRPORT RD. COUNCIL WOMAN EDITH WIGGINS STATED THAT THE INCONVENIENCE IS MINOR COMPARED TO THE GOOD IT WOULD DO .SHE WILL NOT BE INVOLVED WITH MAKING THE CHANGES WE WILL HAVE TO DO. AND I DO NOT THINK SHE GAVE IT MUCH THOUGHT BEFORE MAKING HER RECCOMENDATION . DOME OF THE THINGS INVOLVED ARE GOING TO THE POST OFFICE AND CHANGING OUR ADDRESS , GOING TO THE BANK AND CHANGING OUR CHECKS , CALLING THE CREDIT CARD , CALLING OUR INSURANCE CO. TO NOTIFY THEM TO CHANGE THE ADDRESS ON OUR INSURANCE POLICIES SO THAT IF WE HAVE A CLAIM THERE WILL NOT BE A LEGAL PROBLEM , CONTACTING OUR ATTORNEY TO HAVE THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION ON OUR DEEDS CORRECTED AND PAY THEM 125 DOLLARS PER HOUR TO DO SO, NOTIFYING SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE OF THE CHANGE, NOTIFYING OUR SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE CO. OF THE CHANGE, NOTIFYING THE MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU TO CHANGE OUR AUTO LICENSE , WE THEN HAVE TO GO TO THE DRIVER LICENSING BUREAU AND STAND IN LINE AND PAY THEM TO CHANGE OUR DRIVERS LICENSE, WE WILL HAVE TO CHANGE ALL OUR CALLING CARDS AND STATIONARY , AND WE MUST NOTIFY ALL OUR CREDITORS FROM PHONE TO GAS TO SATELLITE COMPANIES TO TO ELECTRICITY TO NEWSPAPER ETC.

THE SECOND THING IS THE EXPENSE OF THE CHANGE. THERE ARE TWENTY STREET SIGNS ON PIPE POLES AND TEN LARGE STREET SIGNS ON POWER POLES THAT WILL HAVE TO BE CHANGED . COUNCIL WOMAN WIGGINS STATED STATED THAT THE COST WOULD BE MINIMAL. THE ESTIMATE THEY GAVE FOR THE COST OF THE SIGNS . ON AIRPORT RD WAS \$ 16,700.00. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE CHANGING THE SIGNS ON THE EXISTING MARTIN LUTHER KING RD. YOU CAN ADD

ANOTHER \$ 5000.00 FOR THE EXPENSES. THEN COUNCIL WOMAN GREENE STATED THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE THE LARGE SIGNS ON I - 40 CHANGED TO REFLECT THE NAME CHANGE. THESE SIGNS ARE VERY LARGE AND VERY EXPENSIVE. ADD ANOTHER \$ 10,000.00 TO THE COST.

I WAS A BUSINESS MAN IN CHAPEL HILL FOR THIRTY YEARS AND I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE IF THE MATERIALS COST A CERTAIN AMOUNT THE LABOR COST IS ALMOST EQUAL . THEREFORE WE WOULD HAVE A COST OF AROUND \$ 60,000.00 OF TAX PAYERS MONEY JUST FOR THESE ITEMS . THEN WE HAVE THE COST IN TOWN HALL TO MAKE THE CHANGES TO ALL TOWN MAPS AND PLATS SHOWING AIRPORT RD, ALL RECORDS PERTAINING TO AIRPORT RD IN THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WILL NEED TO BE CHANGED. THIS WILL REQUIRE MANY HOURS OF PAID HELP TO ACCOMPLISH . I COULD GO ON AND ON BUT I THINK YOU GET THE MESSAGE THAT THE CHANGING OF AN EXISTING STREET NAME IS NO SMALL PROJECT . IT COSTS MANY HOURS OF WORK AND MANY TAX PAYERS DOLLARS .

WHAT ALSO DISTURBED ME WAS , THE NEXT DAY IN THE CHAPEL HILL NEWSPAPER THE TOWN MANAGER SAID WE NEED TO RAISE TAXES AGAIN BECAUSE THE TOWN NEEDS MORE MONEY. IF THE TOWN COUNCIL SPENDS ALL OUR TAX MONEY IN THIS RECKLESS MANNER IT IS NO WONDER THEY NEED MORE. I WISH THEY WOULD THINK ABOUT THE RESIDENTS WHO ARE RETIRED AND ON A FIXED INCOME.

I AM NOT AGAINST HAVING A MONUMENT FOR DR. KING BUT I CAN THINK OF SEVERAL WAYS TODO THIS AND BE LESS EXPENSIVE AND NO IMPACT ON 600 TO 800 BUSINESSES AND RESIDENCES .

WE ARE BUILDING NEW SCHOOLS FOR OUR CHAPEL HILL STUDENTS AND NAMING ONE AFTER DR KING WOULD CERTAINLY BE APPROPRIATE. WE HAVE A BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY IN CHAPEL HILL WHERE BOTH BLACK AND WHITE GO TO FURTHER THEIR KNOWLEDGE THAT WOULD MAKE A GREAT MONUMENT . WE HAVE A NEW AND BEAUTIFUL HOMESTEAD PARK WHERE CHILDREN AND ADULTS OF ALL RACES GO TO PLAY SOCCER , BASEBALL AND SOFT BALL WALK THE TRAILS , AND HAVE PICNICS UNDER THE TREES.

IS THIS NOT MORE IN KEEPING OF THE VISION OF DR. KING RATHER THAN A STREET THAT DOES NOTHING MORE THAN ASSIST TO FROM POINT A TO POINT B AND ADDS TO OUR AIR POLLUTION.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS TO DISCUSS THIS AGENDA THEY WILL GIVE IT FULL THOUGHT AND CONSIDER THE FEELINGS AND CONCERNS OF THE MANY AND NOT JUST THE FEW WHO ARE ADVOCATING THE CHANGE MOST OF WHO DO NOT LIVE IN THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL.

Good evening, my name is Charles Carver, and I am a business owner on Airport Road. I am a CPA with a staff that has ranged from 5 to 15 persons with approximately 1500 clients coming and going during the year from my business on Airport Road.

Growing up in Roxboro in the 40's & 50's never would I have imagined that I would have a black son-in-law, whom I love and admire as my own son & to be also praying to become the grandfather of a bi-racial adopted child. Without Dr. King and his work, which I admire, my family literally would not be what it is today. I am many things, but racist is not one of them. One of the things I am is a small business owner.

In my own business this name change will probably cost me in excess of \$5,000 in out of pocket expenses. This involves changing my own signs, my letterhead, my website, my billing, my telephone listing, ect... I have also recently spent several hundred dollars with the Chamber of Commerce for these new updated maps. Many other people also contributed to this venture. I am in total disagreement with the lady that said, "It doesn't matter what it cost".

Along the same line, clients that I have trained for years, many of which are out of state will continue to use Airport Road. While the post office will forward mail for 1 year this will not help with the tax payer information that continues to arrive several years later. I do not want to imagine the problems that may occur because of returned mail. Problems for both my clients & myself. Professional malpractice is not something I want to entertain. These problems are there for other professions as well ie: Legal, Medical, Dental, Optical, Insurance, Real Estate and the list goes on.

I admire the work of Dr. King without which we would still be in the throws of Jim Crow Laws. I wholeheartedly agree that we should continue to honor the work of Dr. King. However another piece of pavement does not fit the bill. Airport Road should remain Airport Road.

I also encourage council not to take action due to the estimated \$60,000 cost to the town of Chapel Hill as well as to the business owners as mentioned earlier. We have heard a cost figure of

\$16,000 for signs, but that is only the surface and does not include all the underlying expense to make such a change ie: installations, maps, and the police department, ect...

What might be a better way to honor Dr King's work? We are constantly acquiring new and needed facilities that were important to him, ie: libraries, schools, renovated town hall, ect... Dedicate one of these new projects to him and use the dollars we have in a more humanitarian way.

Please listen to the citizens of Chapel Hill on this issue. Review the notebooks that you have been provided. Note the hundreds of signatures. Do not divided Chapel Hill on this issue. I would ask that the council find a way to honor Dr. King's work, a way in which all of the citizens can rally behind and be proud of.