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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] the Kingstonian & Fair St

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From: jon spencer [mailto:jsbxrcknrll@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 11:25 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>; Smith, Summer <:ssmith@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] the Kingstonian & Fair St

Dear Kingston City Common Council,

I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed Kingstonian project and the closure of Fair street. While my wife and I are relatively new to the city, we both feel that these projects would mar the special and unique qualities of the Uptown neighborhood.

Thank you,
- Jonathan Spencer
22 Noone Lane, Kingston

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From: Tinti, Elisa
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From: Rachel Winograd [mailto:rachelwinograd@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 11:54 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] comment on partial abandonment of Fair Street Extension

I could not attend the hearing on January 12th but would like to submit a comment:

My name is Rachel Winograd. I live on Merilina Avenue. I have been a resident of the City of Kingston for 5 years and a resident of Ulster County for the majority of my life. I have seen the changes on and off in Uptown Kingston for the past 30 years. My concerns with the Kingstonian project are based on the discrepancies in procedure as well as the devastating loss of future tax revenue for Kingston City Schools.

Such a large project in our small city should be able to progress along the proper chains regardless of who is involved and how much power its allies and opponents hold in local politics and society. I believe that the process has been tainted by the immeasurable willingness of local government actors including Mayor Noble and the Kingston Local Development Corporation to push it forward. It's not fair to our community, as well as our children and grandchildren, to make this decision based on effusive feelings toward the developers or the unreliable promise of economic growth for all of us who live here.

The Kingstonian project, as well as the partial abandonment of Fair Street Extension, should be processed and analyzed soberly and carefully by our leaders including the Common Council. In a time when Kingston is undergoing massive economic transformation we need our leadership to show procedural tenacity, rigor and caution.

Thank you.

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- Uptown Kingston desperately needs public parking. In order to provide a first class parking garage at NO cost to taxpayers, local business leaders came together to offer to build a public parking garage as part of a hotel/apartment/retail project. In addition to 277 public parking spots, the Kingstonian will also provide more tax revenue, affordable housing, public restrooms, new housing stock, over 300 new daily consumers to the uptown district, construction jobs, increased sales tax, tourism and ADA compliant pedestrian access to the business district. In order to make this project a success, it is necessary to partially close a portion of Fair Street Extension. Once closed, developers will construct, for use by the general public:
 - A plaza which will contain a kiosk promoting historic sites in and around Kingston and the Hudson Valley.
 - Storefronts inside the pedestrian plaza creating sales tax and employment.
 - An ADA compliant pedestrian bridge to link the uptown business district to Kingston Plaza and additional parking.

- The pedestrian plaza and ADA compliant bridge are part of the DRI grant and specifically included in how the DRI funds must be used.
- The bridge encourages walkability and pedestrian safety - two important items the project was specially asked to provide.
- As presented from the onset, the linking of both sides of the street is what makes the project most beneficial to the community and economically feasible to build. It allows the project to meet multiple goals outlined in advance by the City of Kingston and so much more—public parking, housing, employment, walkability, pedestrian safety, public restrooms, affordable housing, and public gathering space.

Thank you!

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From: Joan Horton [mailto:faeryfeathers@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:32 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>; Rita Worthington <rmwpdw@aol.com>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street Extension

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The people of Kingston, the people of Ulster County, and the people of the future should have a say about whether or not they want to allow this invaluable asset to be taken from them without great discussion and probably a referendum.

Thank you very much for your consideration, I hope that you will do the right thing.

Joan Horton

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Members of the Kingston Common Council,

Thank you for the time and energy put forth in service to our community. Your commitment to the betterment of Kingston and Ulster County is recognized and sincerely appreciated.

We are at a seminal moment here in Kingston. You and your colleagues have a historic opportunity to impact our community in a positive way. **To that end, I am writing in support of the Kingstonian project and the resulting abandonment of Fair Street Extension.**

- The project is a collaborative effort between the City of Kingston and the development team that brings substantial private investment to this community. This public/private partnership will bring jobs, additional housing, added tax revenue, and much-needed parking to uptown.
- The investment of \$58,000,000 million dollars sends a message that our community fosters business investment at a time of unprecedented economic uncertainty. Please do not let this opportunity pass.
- There is a significant need for additional housing and development. As retirees and pre-retirees look to downsize, this migration makes additional housing available to others, including younger families. This movement creates a ripple effect as it creates more options within the housing market.

I implore you to seize this opportunity and support sound economic development in our community.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Ryan, CFP®
12 Lynette Blvd
Kingston, NY 12401

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From: Jeff Embree [mailto:jeffreyembree@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:34 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>; Noble, Steve <SNoble@kingston-ny.gov>; info@kingstonianny.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] I Support the Partial Road Closure of Fair Street Extension

City of Kingston Common Council
c/o Elisa Tinti, City Clerk
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401
Email: emtinti@kingston-ny.gov
Phone: (845) 334-3915

Dear Mayor Noble & Kingston Common Council Members,

I am writing in favor of the Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension. I believe the multitude of public benefits the Kingstonian project brings speaks for itself and clearly warrants this decision.

I thank you for your continued support of this vital economic initiative.

Thank you for your service and thoughtful consideration in regards to this matter,

Jeffrey Embree

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From: Mika Mahr-Hale [mailto:mm8115@bard.edu]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:38 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] objection to the fair st. proposal

Dear members of Kingston City Government,
I highly object to giving away and closing down the Fair Street Extension.
We do not want to give our city, OUR city property, the residents' tax paid for property to developers.
This will set a terrible precedent, congest traffic, and make our roads even more unsafe than they already are.
The meeting was rigged, having no hybrid option left so much of us out.
We demand that the city give them ONE MORE THING.

-Mika Mahr-Hale

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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] I oppose abandoning Fair Street Extension

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—Original Message—

***From: Allan Goldhammer [mailto:lightblue@hvc.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:45 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] I oppose abandoning Fair Street Extension***

The impact of this street abandonment reaches further than it's effects on city residents. I live in Esopus.

Fair street extension is important to travel between the mall and uptown. Without it a lengthy detour is required either through Frog Alley or through the mall to N. Front St.

Keep this street open. It's very useful. Splitting uptown from the mall is counterproductive.

***Allan Goldhammer
lightblue@hvc.rr.com
845-706-0969 cell***

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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:27 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] No to fair street

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From: clare manchon [mailto:claremanchonissleeping@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:47 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] No to fair street

As an uptown resident for the last 7 years I have to say no no no to a fair street easement. This process of the kingstonian has been a secretive mess since day one. It's so sad for uptown.

Thank you,
Clare Manchon

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From: Hill, Barbara
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:57 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Cc: tcshanley@yahoo.com
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair St Extension

Fair Street Extension comment for the record

From: Tom Shanley <tcshanley@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 13, 2022 3:50 PM
To: Hill, Barbara
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair St Extension

Ms. Hill,

As a resident here in Ward 1, I am urging you to vote in favor of closing the fair St Extension to the developers of the Kingstonian project. This is a project that will help boost the uptown area here in Kingston. It provides solutions to many problems in that area.

1) Parking lot. The present lot is not only an eyesore, but also is not friendly to those who shop in the historic district. Try walking up the steep hill and broken sidewalks of the Fair St. Extension. the other option is the steep broken down staircase that tends to be broken much of the time. the cost of maintaining this will be transferred to the developer.

2) Fair St. the intersections at present are dangerous. The all way stop sign at both ends are dangerous.

3) Fire and Safety. Outsider Neil Bender hired outside help to publish a report saying to close the street is dangerous. that is one opinion. The other opinion is the person who has to make sure the fire trucks can navigate the streets, Chief Chris Rea. He says that allegation is untrue and there is no danger to closing the extension.

Again, I thank you for the moment to hear me out.

Best Regards,
Thomas C. Shanley
90 Fairview Ave. 11-5

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From: Tinti, Elisa
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To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Objection to the Fair Street Extension Giveaway

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From: Adriana Magaña [mailto:adriana4ulster@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:57 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Objection to the Fair Street Extension Giveaway

Dear Elisa Tinti and Esteemed Members of the Kingston Government,

I am writing to let you know that I object to the give away and closing down of the Fair Street Extension to the developers of the Kingstonian.

This is the wrong decision for many reasons, one being that the current fair market value of Fair Street Extension, if it exists, has not been made available to the public. It's unfortunate, and not in the public good, that the majority of Kingston's Common Council voted in favor of giving away Fair Street Extension, a public asset, without making this crucial information not only public, but common knowledge.

A decision of this magnitude should be made with the primary stakeholders of this city: the citizens who use this street on a daily basis and the surrounding area's business owners and residents who will be most impacted. A more thoughtful process to ensure that the public good is prioritized would see that this decision is equitable.

Sincerely,

Adriana Magaña

Center for Bioregional Living
Ellenville, NY

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From: Christopher Harris [mailto:charris@marshallsterling.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:57 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Kingstonian Project

Thank you for the time and energy put forth in service to our community. Your commitment to the betterment of Kingston and Ulster County is recognized and sincerely appreciated. This is an opportunity to support progress in our community and the jobs, additional housing, parking and tax revenue it will bring to uptown.

I just want to let you know that I support the Kingstonian Project in uptown Kingston and the resulting abandonment of Fair Street Extension.

Thank you for listening

Chris

Christopher Harris, CIC
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***From: erik lamont [mailto:erikhlamont@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 12:57 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] kingstonian***

***i strongly oppose this project
erik lamont***

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***From: Kimberlee J Scott [mailto:kimberleejscott4@icloud.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 1:02 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Cc: Hill, Barbara <ward1@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Kingstonian***

Elisa,

I would like to express my approval for the Kingstonian project moving forward. I feel it will bring many positive changes for the people of Kingston. I feel the loss of the Fair Street extension is a very small loss compared to all we will gain having the Kingstonian. I have lived in Kingston most of my life and I feel that not doing this project would be a big loss for us. My husband and I are in full support of the project.

Sincerely,

Kimberlee Scott and John Mitchell

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From: Barbara Hill [mailto:bhillward1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 1:03 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Kingstonian project

Comment re: Fair Street Ext.

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From: Fred Seeger <fred@herzogs.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 3:29 PM
Subject: Kingstonian project
To: bhillward1@gmail.com <bhillward1@gmail.com>

Hi BARBARA my name is Fred Seeger . I have lived on Emerson Street for 42 years and in Kingston for my entire life. I am writing to urge you to support the Kingstonian Project in uptown Kingston. The benefits of this project to the city of Kingston area extraordinary. Kingston tourism, highly increased sales and commerce for the businesses in uptown Kingston, 700 FREE Parking spaces just to mention a few. I worked for Herzog supply Co. in Kingston Plaza for over 40 years. I used the Fair Street extension hundreds of times. I assure you that if that had not been available to me I could have gotten to the places I wanted to go in just a few hundred extra yards. Not an inconvenience at all. I have found no legitimate reasons not to move this project forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Fred Seeger III

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To: Sills, Dee
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From: Barbara Hill [mailto:bhillward1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 1:04 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Support of the Kingstonian

Another Fair Street Ext. comment

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From: Margie Seeger <margie.r.seeger@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 5, 2022 at 1:29 PM
Subject: Support of the Kingstonian
To: <bhillward1@gmail.com>

Hi Barbara

I have lived at 29 Emerson St for 41 years. I you hope will support the repurpose of Fair Street extension from a neglect Street to a beautiful public plaza for all to enjoy. It is what uptown Kingston needs as all businesses there are counting on the Kingstonian to revitalize there business as they were hit extremely hard by the pandemic. Please vote in support. Thank you

Margaret Seeger

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tinti, Elisa
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From: Joan Horton [mailto:jh8957@bard.edu]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street right-of-way

Historic rights-of-way belong to the people and to posterity. Giving them away sets a bad precedent.

This is literally seizure of an asset.

It's the use of eminent domain by a small City to profit a set of already wealthy individuals at the expense of the people of Kingston and Ulster County and their future descendants.

Joan Horton

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Object to closing Fair Street Extension

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From: Janice Cagnolin [mailto:equidans@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 1:19 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Object to closing Fair Street Extension

Dear and esteemed members of Kingston government,

I'm at work and cannot write a more personalized letter. Please accept this as my sentiments as well as those of the original author, thanks and credit given to Joan Horton.

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Janice Cagnolin

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From: Jim Shaughnessy [mailto:jfs515@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 1:34 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street Extension Public Hearing

I regularly use Fair Street Extension and will be negatively impacted if it is abandoned.

James F Shaughnessy, Jr.
11 Delta Pl
Kingston, NY 12401

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Cc: Noble, Steve <SNoble@kingston-ny.gov>; info@kingstonianny.net
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] I Support the Partial Road Closure of Fair Street Extension

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c/o Elisa Tinti, City Clerk
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Dear Kingston Common Council Member,

I am writing in favor of the Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension. I believe the multitude of public benefits the Kingstonian project brings speaks for itself and clearly warrants this decision.

I thank you for your continued support of this vital economic initiative.

Thank you for your service,

<< BE SURE TO ENTER YOUR FULL NAME HERE >>
Betsy Scheefel

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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:29 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] written comment for Fair st. ext. closure

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From: Theodore Griese [mailto:theodore.griese@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 1:50 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] written comment for Fair st. ext. closure

Hello- here is my written comment for the hearing.

My name is Ted Griese, I live uptown on Lafayette St, Ward 1. I have serious reservations about the traffic and safety implications of closing the Fair St. extension. I find the lack of analysis and due diligence as demonstrated by the peer review of the original traffic study incredibly disturbing. I am especially worried about the very short turn lane to Frog Alley on Schwenk drive, the impact on Clinton Ave. and Front St. intersections, and the implications for the frog alley fire station. I know that last bit is contentious right now but don't believe this has been properly or impartially studied by either side. While I have great respect for Fire Chief Rea, he is not a traffic expert. Seems like something you want to know for certain and not leave up for debate before you make this decision.

Although I believe the extension should remain open and personally question the entire premise of this project, if you do plan to vote yes- please do your due diligence. Even the original traffic study (which has been found lacking in scope) calls for additional signalization and street improvements to accommodate the closure. At a minimum the city should determine the cost for those improvements. Furthermore, there should be a written agreement ensuring the walkway to Kingston Plaza will be open 24 hours and lit at night as a public path. It should also be a minimum of 12 feet wide to allow for safe two way pedestrian and cyclist traffic.

You have a responsibility to not just rubber stamp this major decision. Please make an effort to determine the true impacts and their costs, find out what the actual value of what you're giving up is, and make a fair agreement. You have the power to get answers to the questions that go unanswered for us and you have the power to negotiate. You also have the power to say no. Do not fall victim to false dilemma and sunk cost fallacies presented by this administration and project developers. Kingston can do better. Stand up for us and our City.

And finally I just want to thank the members of the council who have actually shown up to hearings and read public comment, and ask that you hold your colleagues accountable in taking seriously the job they were elected and are paid by us to do. I've known about this since 2018 and have been waiting for the opportunity to express my concerns in a forum in which they will be heard, and it's really disappointing to feel like I'm spending my time and energy for no reason by lack of engagement from councilmembers who have already made up their mind about the project and are not thoughtfully considering these important approval processes. If this were just a simple procedural step as some people have made it out to be, there wouldn't be a public hearing and vote required. Thank you.

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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:29 PM
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Kingstonian Public Comment

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From: Rebecca Rojer [mailto:rebecca@beccatron.com]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Re: Kingstonian Public Comment

I also want to add that I was unable to attend Wednesday's meetings due to Covid concerns, and I think it was reckless for the city to hold an in person meeting as caseloads are skyrocketing.

Thank you,
Rebecca Rojer
121 Linderman Ave
Kingston, NY

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 14, 2022, at 2:00 PM, Rebecca Rojer <rebecca@beccatron.com> wrote:

As a Kingston homeowner who commutes to work Uptown exclusively by foot and bicycle, I want to express my vehement opposition to the abandonment of Fair Street Extension. Fair Street Extension continues to be the safest and most direct bicycle route to the plaza allowing cyclists to access groceries, UCAT, and the Midtown Linear Trail.

When I attended a class at Ulster Community College I rode by bike down Fair Street Ext before boarding UCAT to school. When I run errands in the Plaza on my bike, I take Fair Street Extension. This connection is critical for bridging the Stockade District to the Plaza, and in turn connecting to the Midtown

Linear Trail. The other possibility — taking John to Clinton — is congested, awkward, and dangerous — a right onto Clinton followed by an immediate left. Clinton Ave is often backed up, resulting in irritated and impatient drivers, making it unpleasant and dangerous for cyclists. The Kingstonian will only add to the congestion. In contrast, taking Fair Street extension and crossing at Schwenk provides superior visibility, and the four way stop makes cars more likely to pay attention.

So much investment has been put into creating bike paths and marketing our city as a “bike friendly” destination. But it seems little thought has been given to how these pieces will all fit together in practice — how those of us who live here and, whether out of necessity or preference, ride bikes to get around. Losing Fair St Ext as a thoroughfare will severely limit our ability to make Kingston work for cyclists, and all this investment will be for naught.

I fear our leaders are making a terrible mistake handing this public asset to private developers, and for free no less.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:30 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street Extention

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From: Pam Carle [mailto:pcarle531@gmail.com]
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To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street Extention

Kingston Common Concil Members,

I ask that you vote No on the transfer of Fair street extension to the Kingstonian group. .

I live on Center st in Kingston and I utilize fair Street extension very frequently. I use it to get back and forth to the Kingston plaza regularly.

I frequently go to Walgreens to pickup my medications. I shop at Hannaford in the plaza several times a week. I utilize all of the shops,restaurants and businesses in the Kingston plaza. I also frequent the shops uptown on Wall Street and North Front Street.

Giving away Fair street extension to a Private company would change the foot print of an historical area and greatly impact the residents and visitors of our city!!!

I urge you to vote No on the transfer of a public road to a private business.

I was signed up to speak at the meeting on Wednesday evening, but I could not attend because my Medical Doctor advised me that going to a public meeting was jeopardizing my health due to the rapid spread of covid in our area.

Thank you,
Pamela Carle
Center st.
Kingston, NY

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From: Emily Carey [mailto:emilycarey89@hotmail.com]
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Dear Mayor Noble & Kingston Common Council Members,

I am writing in favor of the Council voting to partially close Fair Street Extension. I believe the multitude of public benefits the Kingstonian project brings speaks for itself and clearly warrants this decision.

I thank you for your continued support of this vital economic initiative.

Thank you for your service and thoughtful consideration in regards to this matter.

Regards,
Emily Carey

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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair street extension

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From: anna tyborowska [mailto:anna.tyborowska@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:11 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair street extension

I am opposed to the partial abandonment of Fair Street Extension.

Anna Tyborowska
336 Maple St
Kerhonkson NY
12446

Sent from my Huawei phone

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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Save the Fair Street Extension please!

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—Original Message—

From: Sara [mailto:nussbaumsara@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:13 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Save the Fair Street Extension please!

To whom it may concern,

I reside at 43 Dewitt street, Kingston NY 12401.

I refused to attend last nights meeting because of the explosion of Covid in our town and want to state that I have used the Fair Street extension very often since moving to Kingston in 1983. It makes absolutely no sense to hand away any public street for some out of town, private business. I want it on record that I am strongly opposed to this give away with nothing in return plus unnecessary inconveniences for our local community. Save the Fair Street extension !

Sincerely,

Sara Nussbaum

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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:32 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street extension project

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Cc: Hill, Barbara <ward1@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street extension project

I am totally in favor of the proposed Fair Street Extension Project. Connecting the lower mall area with uptown will be a huge benefit to our community.

Karen Aspromonte, 310 Lucas Avenue, Kingston

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To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fair Street Extension

Dear Common Council:

I am opposed to "partially abandoning" Fair Street Extension – or, let's call it what it is, illegally conveying it to the developers.

I use FSE at least once each day I'm in Kingston because I exit from the mall via FSE.

I resent that the developers and government colluded to ensure that the hearing would present a Covid risk. The goal was to keep opponents away.

It is distressing that this five-year lie-a-thon continues unabated.

LIES: Here are some low-hanging fruit lies in the mayor's most recent letter:

1. He says: 270 parking spaces for the public
Truth: The plans 203 spaces for the public
2. He says: DRI grant at risk
Truth : The NYS DOS says: Nothing is at risk

Let's list a few more lies.

LIE: "At no cost to the taxpayers." GASB says otherwise. The Government Accounting Standards Board says government subsidies to businesses, whether grants or tax abatements, are the same as direct spending using taxpayer funds. A dollar spent on business subsidies is a dollar not spent on COVID assistance or clean water.

LIE: Increased tax base. Studies show new customers will never compensate for the lost tax revenue, because the multiplier effect of apartments is low.

LIE: Job creation. Even 40 new low-wage jobs won't compensate for the lost tax revenue.

LIE: Supporting local business. The new customers buy online, and the effect on local velocity of money will be de minimis.

LIE: Parking. If enough parking was created in the garage, Jordan would have had no need to build new spots for valet parking in the mall. Also, see mayor's inaccurate numbers listed in his letter.

LIE: In truth, the KLDC transfer and the FSE "abandonment" are maneuvers to duck legal requirements for a public sale and to ensure that only one insider buyer can control the property.

VOW OF SILENCE RE \$100 MILLION PROFIT: The developers are mum on profit. Here's why. The St. Louis Fed says multi-families double in price roughly every decade. At a cost of \$60 million, the Kingstonian will be worth \$120 million in a decade, the earliest an Opportunity Zone project can be sold. Subtract the remaining mortgage, estimated then to be about \$30 million, and that leaves \$90 million in tax-free profit. Add in NOI (net operating income) from that decade, which should be at least \$10 million on the apartments alone, and that gives investors \$100 million on a \$6 million cash investment. With this money coming from the public's pocket (see GASB opinion above), it's no wonder the investors don't want to be identified.

This project is wrong because

1. The benefits are illusory
2. The money IS coming from the public purse, and GASB agrees
3. It will enrich a few investors on the backs of the taxpayers, increasing inequality that is already spiraling out of control.

Ilona Ross
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From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Friday, January 14, 2022 3:46 PM
To: Sills, Dee
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Comment Regarding the "Partial Abandonment of Fair Street Extension"

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Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Comment Regarding the "Partial Abandonment of Fair Street Extension"

Dear Members of the Common Council,

Though many missed the opportunity to be heard at the December 12th public hearing regarding the "partial abandonment of Fair Street Extension", many more were not able to speak at the January 12th meeting. I myself did not attend, because I was concerned about the Covid 19 exposure risk. Others did not get to speak, because the meeting closed before their allotted time to speak.

I would like to encourage the Common Council members who were not in attendance at the December 12th public hearing, to please watch that meeting as well. Here is the link to the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZtHsWLS-bgs&ab_channel=CityofKingston

Thank you,
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