

## Michael Krantz

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**From:** Board of Commissioners  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 9:29 AM  
**To:** Commissioners; Department Heads; Jesse Bane; Patti Parker  
**Subject:** Public Input Fritch FW: meadow at Liriodendren

See message below.

**From:** Linda Fritch <lwfritch@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 16, 2020 9:04 PM  
**To:** Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>  
**Subject:** meadow at Liriodendren

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Please do not approve annexation of the meadow at Liriodendren.

Linda Fritch  
1530 Brierhill Estates Dr  
Bel Air, MD 21015

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**From:** Board of Commissioners  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 9:30 AM  
**To:** Commissioners; Department Heads; Jesse Bane; Patti Parker  
**Subject:** Public Input Arcilesi FW: Liriodendron

See message below.

**From:** Danielle Arcilesi <danarc@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 10:45 AM  
**To:** Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>  
**Subject:** Liriodendron

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I would like for you to vote No **to charter resolution 133-20 !**

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**From:** Board of Commissioners  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 9:32 AM  
**To:** Commissioners; Department Heads; Jesse Bane; Patti Parker  
**Subject:** Public Input Horning FW: Save the Liriodendron meadow!

See message below.

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

**From:** Dustin Horning <dustin.horning1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 17, 2020 12:37 PM  
**To:** Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>  
**Subject:** Save the Liriodendron meadow!

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Dear board,

I could not attend tonight's meeting due to COVID, but C'mon, there is plenty of places to build, do we really need to take part of the Liriodendron?

Give Bel Air a break, you will never get that space back if you give it up now.

Don't build in the meadow.

Dustin Horning

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**From:** Board of Commissioners  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 9:31 AM  
**To:** Commissioners; Department Heads; Jesse Bane; Patti Parker  
**Subject:** Public Input Walters FW: Save the Liriodendron

See message below.

**From:** Elizabeth Walters <elizabetha.walters@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 12:52 PM  
**To:** Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>  
**Subject:** Save the Liriodendron

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The Liriodendron is apart of Harford County history and needs to be preserved. Harford county needs to stop allowing these builders to take over every parcel of land and over populating our county. Bel Air has turned into the next Towson. Our infrastructure is not able to handle the influx of multiple family homes that these builders want to build. Our streets are crowded, the schools are overwhelmed and busting at the seams, jobs are hard to come by and it needs to stop. This land is apart of Bel Air history and is a focal point of our town. Growing up in that development we spent many spring/summer days enjoying picnics in the fields and gardens. The ma and pa trail was added and it is a beautiful place to walk in the fall as the leaves change. It should be a place to enjoy nature and the beautiful architecture of an old era. We need to fight for this place and let our children know there is more to Bel Air then just stores, apartments and cars, we are a beautiful small town with a history and we are losing our small country feel to opportunistic money grabbing politicians.

Save the Liriodendron!!!!

Bel Air Town Resident  
Elizabeth Walters

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** Board of Commissioners  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 9:33 AM  
**To:** Commissioners; Department Heads; Jesse Bane; Patti Parker  
**Subject:** Public Input West FW: Testimony Against Catherine Street Annexation 11.16.20

See message below.

**From:** Jonathan West <jonathanwestart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:31 PM  
**To:** Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>  
**Subject:** Testimony Against Catherine Street Annexation 11.16.20

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Here is the testimony I presented at the November Town Commission meeting:

My name is Jonathan West, 411 W. Gordon Street. I live in a Community Legacy area of town. My father built this house in 1961 on the property purchased from the Kelly family abutting the Liriodendron estate, forming the original Town limits. My property seems to be the one most affected by this annexation, I am opposed to it.

As a long time tax payer and respected artist, it is well known that Kelly Field is my muse. My daily experience of the million dollar sunset over the hill with Liriodendron featured in silhouette is the most important blessing in my life, part of my inheritance. This view recharges the battery of my soul, artistically and spiritually. This land is listed as described in both the State and National Registers as it was part of the original Dr. Howard Kelly estate. HPC's brochure states "At the Federal Level, the National Register is the official list of the Nation's Cultural Resources worthy of preservation. The list is not limited to the buildings. Archeological sites and environmental settings are also included.

There still exists an idyllic pasture of grass and violets surrounded by a lush canopy of tall pines and tulip poplars. There is a chill in the air. You can embrace the sheer beauty of the

Maryland State Champion Dawn Redwood tree, which is breathtaking in all seasons. How tragic it is to see it adorned with a pink ribbon today.

This field still offers full views of the starlight night sky, the home of deer, fox, owls , hawks and many spirits. This is the magical Kelly sandlot field, where neighborhood children learn to stargaze and play. Dogs chase sticks , groups practice yoga, children laugh and artists gather to paint. When something is perfect, adding anything will ruin it. We must preserve our heritage and green spaces by not encouraging unwanted growth.

I would hate to be even partially responsible for being part of the generation of vipers and fools who would allow for such a travesty to take place. No annexation equals no building.

This current administration's integrity and common sense must be questioned for sanity and motivation. The condominium project recently constructed in the Bynum Run flood plain, followed by bills permitting flood insurance, and plans for the county to give land to the town to alter nature's course, are prime examples of mismanagement. Having created their own Ellicott City - I'm certain many fingers are crossed every time it rains.

You bait and you switch enticing new residents to enjoy the small town charm that already exists and then propose to snatch this perfect pearl of timelessness from their hands.

The question must be raised – How many LLC's does it take to destroy one small acre of historically perfect land with 3 unnecessary houses.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views...

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**From:** Board of Commissioners  
**Sent:** Friday, November 20, 2020 9:43 AM  
**To:** Commissioners; Department Heads; Jesse Bane; Patti Parker  
**Subject:** Public Input West Coleen FW: Testimony Against Catherine Street Annexation from Coleen West 11.16.20

See message below.

**From:** Jonathan West <jonathanwestart@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:38 PM  
**To:** Board of Commissioners <boardofcommissioners@belairmd.org>  
**Subject:** Testimony Against Catherine Street Annexation from Coleen West 11.16.20

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Here is Coleen West's testimony from the November Town Commission meeting:

Good evening members of the Town Commission, my name is Coleen West. I live next to Liriodendron at 411 W. Gordon Street.

I oppose this annexation because the property is a rare - natural open space in the heart of Bel Air. The open field abuts a charming country lane that creates a story book entrance to the historic mansion and Heavenly Waters Park. It is a popular destination for people who both live in the neighborhood and work downtown to walk to - and enjoy. This field is a special place and must be preserved.

Bel Air's Comprehensive Plan states that maintaining its small town charm and character is a priority. It is full of vision statements and goals that appear to support that. In the interest of time I will cite only 2:

The vision statement for the Chapter on Historic Preservation (Page 19) is to maintain Town character and enhance appearance by encouraging preservation of sites that reflect important elements of our cultural, social, and architectural history.

The Housing Chapter (Page 73) explains how Existing developments - primarily older, historic areas - are sensitive to new proposals and states that purchasing property can

be used to preserve historic structures or provide additional park and open space to ensure compatibility with the existing character. Our neighborhood is designated as a community legacy area.

Annexing this property for development does Not support the Plan's vision and goals for preservation of historic sites, parks, and small-town charm. It does NOT support the character of a legacy area nor is it what the community wants. This fall, in just two days, we collected over 150 signatures – mostly from Howard Park residents who oppose this annexation. And, amid a world-wide pandemic, we had 60 community members – attend – in person - the Planning Commission meeting to voice their opposition.

The Kelly Family approached the Town about purchasing the property and the Town declined. Who made that decision and why aren't we here tonight talking about annexing the property as green space instead of destroying it?

Does this Commission really want to be remembered for ruining the original setting of one of the Town's most iconic sites against the wishes of residents who live in the neighborhood? Once it is gone, it is gone forever – is that a legacy you can be proud of?

I urge you to do the right thing for the community you were elected to serve – deny this annexation. Instead, negotiate a purchase price and establish a park that will preserve the integrity of one of our Town's remaining significant historical sites and provide much needed green space for Town residents to enjoy for generations to come. Thank you.