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From: ma954@aol.com
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 12:29 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Main Street road closure

Everyone,

I'm writing to you because I was taken aback by how the last five minutes of the Thursday night meeting played out. When no one mentioned the road opening/remaining closed in the first 2.5 hours of the meeting, I assumed most people felt it was time to open the road. As a resident and property owner in the Historic District I believe that, in the absence of a documented safety issue, the road should be open for through traffic. And, with all respect to Jon and Allan, I also feel that the vocal few shop owners who delayed this conversation until the very end should not be calling all the shots on an issue that affects a much larger group of residents, business owners, and commuters. Please open Main Street now!

Again, thank you for all you do for us.

Respectfully,
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From: Teri Michel <teriamichel@gmail.com>
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To: CouncilMail
Subject: Main Street access

Good morning,

I understand that the county council will be voting this week on the question of keeping Main Street closed between OCP and Maryland Avenue. If that portion of Main is deemed safe for travel, I would like to see a period of time reserved for unrestricted access and parking for residents and business owners before it reopens to the public. It would not be appropriate to jump from restricted access straight to open access. That would not be fair to the people who still have so much to do to clean and salvage what they can.

I know the businesses that are open on upper Main Street are eager for the connection to Baltimore County to reopen and I understand their concerns and inconvenience. I live off of OCP and commute each day to BWI. I'm eager for that route to be available too. These businesses can be accessed two ways by car and a third way on foot (from the Fels Lane parking lot). That's enough for now, while their neighbors try to catch up.

Thank you

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From: Christopher Schisler <metalmanec@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 10:35 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Fwd: Main Street Closure

Council Members:

I am writing you as a constituent and as a credentialed resident affected by the May flooding and closure of Main Street.

I live on Mulligans Hill Lane, a small road off of Main Street, with a total of three residences. Although we may have often been overlooked in the series of unfortunate events that have plagued Historic Ellicott City in the past 10 years: a wall collapse, a train derailment, 2 floods, etc, we are none the less directly impacted. The recent announcement at the very end of of an informational meeting with little discussion and input, to extend the closure of Main Street for another month does nothing but exacerbate the flood's damage and impact.

Many businesses and services on the west end of town have already re-opened, they are directly impacted by continued closure of this road. They've already been knocked down, why knock them out by continuing to negatively impact their ability to recover by a seemingly unnecessary closure?

Personally, this closure extends what was a 10 minute walk to my doctor's office every two weeks to a 20 - 25 minute drive around a road closure of a few hundred feet. This closure has forced me to call delivery services on a daily basis to argue about the accessibility of my property for packages and important business communications. The closure adds to an already long daily commute time. It impacts surrounding neighborhoods now inundated with detour traffic. The closed road prevents me and my family from experiencing our community fully, to take part in commerce and the social aspect of a community, to check on and help our neighbors that we would normally see many times a week. It puts a strain on our already severely dysfunctional Post Office. It puts a strain on county services, such as trash collection, public works, etc. It closes a major thoroughfare for fire and EMS services to access the east side of town, impacting response times and creating a potentially dangerous situation. Not to mention the added expense of police and security services.

I do understand the life changing impact of this flood on lower Main Street businesses. I do understand they would like more time to work without gawking. But gawking is not a major impact, it's an annoyance but overall people who stop to ask someone how they are doing are not being aggressively inconsiderate, they are often showing concern and trying to process this event in a shared community. Community does include people who value the Main Street experience and the time they have spent here, maybe they are not residents or property owners--these people were also impacted, they also are grieving a loss. I know a select few businesses in this lower Main Street area view these visitors as annoyance, but remember at one time they viewed them as customers. Businesses that have reopened would love these customers to come and annoy them.

I feel in considering to extend the road closure for another month the county is yielding to a small number of people/business owners who are aggressively vocal. While I do completely appreciate the impact repeated floods have had on their lives and livelihood, and I certainly advocate for the county support them in any manner that's appropriate, I think it is rather selfish and short-sighted to demand closure of a road that will affect an entire community for the benefit of a select few (many of which have announced they will not be returning to area).

Respectfully,
Christopher Schisler

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