From:	wlmcewan8@optimum.net
То:	Board of Representatives
Cc:	Simmons, Caroline; Jacobson, Jonathan; Shaw, Ramya
Subject:	glenbrokk community center
Date:	Tuesday, September 20, 2022 7:27:35 PM

my name is Will McEWAN I LIVE AT 110 COOLIDGE AVE IN GLENBROOK AND ARE TOTALY AGAINST YOU SELLING THE COMMUNITY CENTER TO A DEVELOPER

I SPENT A LOT OF TIME AT THE CENTER AS A KID THEN AS AN ADULT WHEN I COACHED IN NORTHRUP LITTLE LEAGUE

IT LOOKS THE CITY IS FORGETTING ABOUT ITS RESIDENTS AND IS LETTING BUILDERS RUN THE CITY PLEASE START PUTTING A STOP TO THE OVER DEVELOPMENT IN EVERY NEIBORHOOD BY STOPPING THIS SALE

WE NEED PLACES LIKE THE CENTER FOR THE YOUTH AND ADULTS TO GO THAT IS SAFE AND LOCAL WHICH THE CENTER HAS BEEN FOR YEARS NOW MANY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE HAD MEETINGS THERE

PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING FOR THE PEOPLE OF GLEENBROOK AND THE CITY THIS CAN BE THE FIRST STEP IN MAKING STAMFORD THE PLACE I GREW UP IN WHERE YOU WHERE PROUD TO SAY YOU WHERE FROM STAMFORD NOT JUST THAT I LIVE IN STAMFORD

From:ELAINE ISAAC <emisaac364@gmail.com>Sent:Friday, September 23, 2022 11:11 AMTo:Board of RepresentativesCc:Tomas, Carmine; Simmons, Caroline; Boeger, SeanSubject:Glenbrook Community Center

Hello,

I wanted an opportunity to express my support for keeping the Glenbrook Community Center open. The people of Springdale and Glenbrook share a great sense of community. Our neighborhood is a place for which we care deeply, are proud of, and strive to maintain what we love about living here.

Prior to Covid, this center was well-used and well-loved by this community. There is no other such site in this area and its absence in the last couple of years has been keenly felt and has left a hole for which there is no present solution. I would ask that you please reconsider the decision to sell and instead, allow the center to be reopened for its original purpose.

Too often, the City of Stamford has been dismissive of the concerns of our neighborhoods. When we have raised issues in relation to the continued building of apartments in our area and the detrimental effect on traffic and parking, we've been met with an unsympathetic reception and unkind names (NIMBY) implied or outright stated on social media sites associated with city concerns. This is both disappointing and somewhat lacking in respect.

We worry about things like our safety and that of our children on Hope St. I've had near misses there and have personally witnessed school children attempting to enter or exit the bus or commuters in crosswalks nearly meeting with a bad end due to drivers' impatience attempting to navigate the intense congestion and subsequent delays. My work commute takes me up the Merritt to Norwalk. The longest part of that journey is often Hope St. On many occasions, it's taken me over 20 minutes to travel from Woodway to Hartford Ave, a distance of less than 2 miles.

Our concerns are legitimate and deserve consideration. We too are your constituents and are worthy of being heard in an *unbiased* manner.

With respect, Elaine Isaac

From:	Cristina US <cristina.us2008@gmail.com></cristina.us2008@gmail.com>
Sent:	Friday, September 23, 2022 4:51 PM
То:	Board of Representatives; Simmons, Caroline; Miller, Lindsey; DiCostanzo, Monica
Subject:	GLENBROOK COMMUNITY CENTER - KEEP IT!

please SAVE the Glenbrook Community center which provided essential social services and activities for our community located at 35 Crescent Street - Stamford - CT !!!!

Thank you!

Cristina Harrer 44 Lenox Ave, Stamford, CT 06906

From: Sent: To: Subject: Doug Panaro <dpoldcar37@yahoo.com> Sunday, September 25, 2022 5:32 PM Board of Representatives Fwd: The Glenbrook community center

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Doug Panaro <dpoldcar37@yahoo.com> Date: September 25, 2022 at 5:20:31 PM EDT To: CSimmons@stamfordct.gov Subject: Fwd: The Glenbrook community center

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Doug Panaro <dpoldcar37@yahoo.com> Date: September 25, 2022 at 5:18:05 PM EDT To: Bdrep@stamfordct.gov Subject: The Glenbrook community center

I just found out the city of Stamford wants to close the Glenbrook community center. I think that's a big mistake. First of all. I've been here for almost 50 years or longer. That is an asset to Glenbrook itself. The community center is very helpful for the people in Glenbrook also for the well as people in the city of Stamford it's a shame to see this building being sold for \$700,000 that property is worth a LOT more than \$700,000 I want to see the building will be left open like it was before giving opportunity for childcare for summer camps You can head basketball leagues there. You can rent it out for parties you can have AA programs local meetings in Glenbrook area. In the winter time they used to have ice ring behind the building so the kids after school can go there and ice skate every year. It's really a shame that you're selling this building for \$700,000 that's we're losing money. I think the representative of the city really should think hard about this!!! Thank you for hearing me out Douglas Panaro property owner

nn Romanillo <mrsromo1122@yahoo.com></mrsromo1122@yahoo.com>
lay, September 25, 2022 6:06 PM
d of Representatives; Simmons, Caroline; Imiller@stamfordct.gov; DiCostanzo,
ica
brook Community Center

I was just informed from another district board of reps that the Mayor wants to sell the Glenbrook Community Center to a developer to build 51 units of affordable housing.

I was born & raised in Stamford and in my 68 years of living in what was a town has become the ruins of a city. I firmly believe in growth, however, to sell a historical building that has provided essential social services & activities for many years for "another" housing unit is a total disgrace! We have more working parents and single parents trying to stay afloat and paying top dollar for after school activities for their children to keep them off the streets and out of trouble. We have parents & single parents that need a community center! Perhaps offer low cost pre K classes to prepare children for school, offer music, acting, dance classes to both young & old at lower rates. We have nothing in this area to offer both young and old and it's about time this city and the people that run it stop thinking of the almighty dollar!

Don't the engineers realize we keep adding apartments, condos to this city that our sewer systems can only hold so much? Places built in the south end are sinking, I'm sure you thought that was a bright idea to clean up an area and now presented with more problems. What about traffic? I'm sure you all don't live in the area and there is more congestion, accidents and not to say road rage! You need to keep & reopen the GCC to help this neighborhood but most of all to help the children in this area.

What is the city going to do with the \$700,000, I'm sure pay increases are on the table for the city officials? Our taxes keep increasing each year with nothing in return! Many have left and/or preparing to leaving this city because of the way it is run and the high property taxes as we will be following.

The city offers community centers throughout Stamford, is Glenbrook any different? We all know you say "affordable" housing, BUT we also know it will high rentals with a "low" percentage of affordable housing. This is a prime location for people who work in NYC being a hop, skip & jump to the Glenbrook train station, you're not benefiting anyone but the people putting up these units and pocketing the money instead of benefiting the community.

Sent from my iPad

From:	John Delelle <jdelelle315@gmail.com></jdelelle315@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, September 26, 2022 8:47 AM
То:	Board of Representatives
Subject:	The Glenbrook Community Center

Hi to all, I am a former resident of Glenbrook and now live in Turn of River. I am strongly against the conversion of the center's proposed conversion to apartments and I urge all our district Representatives to vote against this conversion and allow it to remain a community center.

John Delelle 159 Sun Dance Rd. Stamford Ct. 06905 cell 203-536-7374

From:	Carolyn Romaniello <cromaniello@sbcglobal.net></cromaniello@sbcglobal.net>
Sent:	Monday, September 26, 2022 2:35 PM
То:	Board of Representatives
Cc:	Mayor's Office
Subject:	Glenbrook Community Center

I am against the sale of GCC. We need a community center in the Eastside as other areas of Stamford currently have. Restore the GCC. This is a ridiculous sale. For \$700,000 a developer stands to make millions and the people and agencies that formerly used the center lose.

Surely there are other areas in Stamford that can be looked at for affordable housing such as as the vacant Fairway building or the site of the former police department, etc. Do not take away the neighborhood community center.

Carol Romaniello

Sent from my iPad

From: Sent: To: Subject: Joe Rich <jj5977@gmail.com> Monday, September 26, 2022 3:26 PM Board of Representatives Glenbrook CC.

As a resident of Glenbrook I would like to say I hope the Glenbrook Community center is not sold and returned back to a Community building. I played basketball there as a teenager and it has been home to daycare , dance studio , AA meetings. We need to keep a sense of Community. Please vote not to sell the building. Thank you. Joe Rich 103 Coolidge Ave. Stamford Ct 06906

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Georgina Franco <Georgina.Franco@homeserveusa.com> Monday, September 26, 2022 3:27 PM Board of Representatives Simmons, Caroline; Michael Franco NO SALE OF GCC

Hello,

I have lived at 220 Courtland Avenue for 10 years and do not want to see the sale of the Glenbrook Community Center happen. I am urging you to vote against the sale. I have been to the GCC for GNA meetings and even a rumba class. What we need is the community center not more housing. Our infrastructure cannot take it.

Thank you Georgina & Michael Franco

Georgina E. Franco Integration Manager

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From: Sent: To: laurie johnson <lauriej777@hotmail.com> Monday, September 26, 2022 3:50 PM Board of Representatives; Simmons, Caroline; Miller, Lindsey; mdicostanzo@StamfirdCT.gov

Glenbrook Community Center

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

I am sharing my views on the sale to make it housing. I have lived here since 1975 and my daughter grew up here going to the center for dance classes and Activities for kids program. I think it is important to keep it as a center for the kids to go to instead of having them in the streets or hanging out at the mall. I think we need to stop crime not teach them how. It seems like other centers were remoldeled and kept open why not the east side seems a little fishy to me. Also don't you think we need to stop building housing there seems to be plenty and we always seem to have a water shortage. Why do you think. I think we need to concentrate on servicing the people and children who live here and are paying taxes. I'm hoping something good comes out of this. Laurie Johnson. Fairmont Ave

From:	Timothy Coupe <tim@coupeware.com></tim@coupeware.com>
Sent:	Monday, September 26, 2022 5:27 PM
То:	Board of Representatives; Simmons, Caroline; Miller, Lindsey; DiCostanzo, Monica;
	Sherwood, Nina
Subject:	Glenbrook Community Center

My name is Tim Coupe and I have lived at 25 Tremont Avenue since 2016. I recognize the need for and importance of affordable housing in Stamford, however I feel that the important work and activities that have taken place at the Glenbrook Community Center over the past decades must continue (at the existing center). Please note that I OPPOSE the sale of the Glenbrook Community Center to a real estate developer for conversion to an apartment building. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Tim Coupe 25 Tremont Avenue Stamford, CT 06906 Tim@coupeware.com 2034615397

From:	Sarah Hansen <sarahrhansen11@gmail.com></sarahrhansen11@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, September 26, 2022 5:47 PM
То:	Board of Representatives
Subject:	Oppose Apartment Development at Glenbrook Community Center

Hello,

My name is Sarah Hansen and I live at 251 Courtland Ave in Stamford. We have lived in Stamford for over 1 year now, but oppose selling the Glenbrook Community Center to a developer to build an apartment building. Stamford is already crowded, and the Glenbrook neighborhood is absolutely congested. There is already a lot of road traffic that moves through Hope Street, Glenbrook Ave, Church Street, and Courtland Ave - all of the streets surrounding the potential site of a future apartment building. We don't need any more cars added to what is already using the roads.

In addition, the city in Stamford is in need of several things. More green spaces. More gathering locations that are free to Stamford residents and serve the community. Right now, the only space I can think of like that is the public library locations. Wouldn't it serve the people of Stamford better to renovate the center? Provide a space where classes of all types could be offered for all ages? Even UConn or Norwalk Community could teach in those spaces.

We don't need more congestion in Glenbrook. The roads are already an issue. Traffic is already an issue. The schools are already overcrowded.

Thank you kindly, Sarah Hansen

From:	mike reynolds <mrwrap3658@yahoo.com></mrwrap3658@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Monday, September 26, 2022 6:10 PM
То:	Board of Representatives; Simmons, Caroline; Jacobson, Jonathan; Shaw, Ramya
Subject:	Re: Glenbrook Community Center

Hi all,

I went to the GNA meeting. 23 million to refurbish the Center is a lie / manipulation of the facts and circumstance. It is a stone cold lie that the center was closed for 4 years. It was open but a day care had closed. Covid had shut it.

Now your credibility is shot.

Your redirecting the meeting, that its affordable housing or the costly repair of the center is reprehensible.

Glenbrook definitely needs a Community center

Find a solution to the housing elsewhere.

The maybe solution of 3000 feet was insulting.

M of MBR&C

On Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 09:54:07 AM EDT, mike reynolds <mrwrap3658@yahoo.com> wrote:

To all

Why would you close the community center? Why would you sell it for \$700,000.00? Why wouldn't you renovate it? Why would you spend money to build a library a block away? Why would you think 2,500 is affordable? Why would you believe 900 square feet for a 2 bedroom is adequate? Why aren't you not valuing the pre pandemic 300 visitors a day?

I did not vote for you to make a decision like this!

With the questions above: the follow up question (motivation) is it a favor being repaid?

This is not a good move for Stamford!

What is your motivation?

Mike Reynolds

81 Coolidge Ave.

M of MBR&C

From:	Ryan Pirro <pirror1@yahoo.com></pirror1@yahoo.com>
Sent:	Monday, September 26, 2022 10:00 PM
То:	Board of Representatives
Cc:	Simmons, Caroline
Subject:	Gleenbrook Community Center

To the Leaders of our Community,

As a third generation Glenbrook Resident, this community has always meant a lot to me. I have always strongly believed in the saying "it takes a village to raise a child", and that village for me was always the Glenbrook Community Center. It was my home away from home. Over the years, I laughed, I cried, and truly grew as a person within the walls of the Center.

The reason I'm reaching out now, is due to the back and forth of what direction our city is going to take the center in. I truly urge you to vote to keep the community center alive and wanted to show my complete interest in taking over the center, operating the day to day needs. I would love to work alongside the city to find a way to guarantee a successful Community Center. In other words, I'm looking to be the next Jerry Pia, as long as we are able to come to an agreement that works for everybody.

I believe with my dedication and your support, we can get the center back to where it once was. I think back to when the center was booming, with every corner of the building full of our community members; whether it was a kids first day of preschool or a war veteran battling his addictions through AA meetings, the building always felt alive. Working within the community, I understand the importance of having a place for youth to escape and feel safe. I cannot bear to hear about another teenager getting involved in a shooting, or see another kid sitting on their phone from sunrise to sunset. It is our duty to provide outlets and show the youth how amazing life can be once you decide to start living it. Providing schooling, after school enrichment, summer camp, community outreach, elderly support, and tons of other programs is just the beginning.

Although affordable housing is great, we have to be realistic with how affordable housing really works. It is not being occupied with our city workers of firefighters, garbage men, teachers, etc. We are loosing these essential Stamford workers because of over population, which in turn is bringing them to move to surrounding cities. We continue to grow the number of residents in Stamford, while losing activities for people to do and overlooking the residents that are the true backbone that this city was built on.

I hope you seriously consider my interest and vote against selling the community center. This can be the vote that you are remembered for to the next 50 years of Stamford residents.

Best Regards,

Ryan

From:	Lisa Seeger <lisaseeger4@gmail.com></lisaseeger4@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, September 26, 2022 10:00 PM
То:	Board of Representatives; Simmons, Caroline; Imiller1@stamfordct.gov; DiCostanzo,
	Monica
Subject:	Save our Center!! Save the Glenbrook Community Center!

To Whom it May Concern:

Our family has been living in Glenbrook for over 20 years. Our children enjoyed using the Glenbrook Community Center for various activities. It is disheartening to hear that the Mayor wants to sell it. What will our community do without this center?! We need a community center for our children, seniors and adults alike. We deserve a vibrant and functioning community center! Save OUR Center!!

Best,

Lisa Seeger

From:	Jane <tiernan393@optonline.net></tiernan393@optonline.net>
Sent:	Tuesday, September 27, 2022 11:24 AM
То:	Board of Representatives
Subject:	Glenbrook CC

Please don't vote for turning the Community Center into apartments. Stamford has so many immediate needs that it seems that is the least of Stamford's problems. Stamford is overdeveloped with no forethought as to how it will accommodate new residents. We have illegal apts, our roads are a mess, parking is nonexistent not to mention the schools but let's ignore all the immediate needs and bring more people in. Stamford was a bedroom community of the City now it is a city with no forethought as to the transition. All of you Reps were elected by the residents of your districts - please remember that and vote for the will of the people who elected you. NO MORE BUILDING OR OVERDEVELOPMENT without a plan.

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: PAULA WEEKS <pmpw@aol.com> Tuesday, September 27, 2022 8:38 AM Board of Representatives Simmons, Caroline Save Glenbrook Community Center

I am a resident of Glenbrook for 30 years and the center is a vital place that has served the community for several decades with adult and youth programs, my husband is a former Glenbrook School Alumni. The investment in our community is needed to continue to provide services and opportunities that will help enhance our community

Please save the center that means so much to so many people

Thank you Paula and Tim Weeks 29 Midland Avenue

From:	Thomas Maker <tsm1962ad@gmail.com></tsm1962ad@gmail.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:44 AM
То:	Board of Representatives; Miller, Lindsey; Simmons, Caroline; DiCostanzo, Monica
Subject:	Glenbrook Community Center

As a 50 plus years Glenbrook resident I do not support the Mayor's idea to tear down the beloved Glenbrook Community Center in order to build a densely populated apartment complex in an already densely populated area. The GCC has been used for many community functions over the years which I have been a part of. These types of centers are part of the fabric of one's community. Please do the thing and keep it intact.

Sincerely,

Thomas Maker 84 Sutton Drive Stamford, CT 06906

From:	MARY ANN BROWN < maryann_brown@msn.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:53 PM
То:	Board of Representatives
Subject:	Glenbrook Community Center

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Let me introduce myself. I've lived at 254 Hillandale Avenue since May, 1998. I was a single parent and needed the support I found in my community - namely at the Glenbrook Community Center. My daughter attended Jerry Pia's Activities for Kids for after school care and summer camps. She even took dancing lessons at the GCC. I attended GNA meetings there until Covid.

The sale to JHM and Viking supported by the Mayor does not have my support. I think there are other options still available but they were not given the consideration necessary to make an informed decision because of the way the prior administration set about to get bids.

Please withhold your current support for the sale of the GCC and try to save the only public center on the East Side. The JHM/Viking plan cannot sustain 51 single and multi family units and offer any kind of community space. Parking would be an overwhelming issue and residents would soon resent the public on their doorstep. This community deserves a space that will serve the community.

Regards, Mary Ann Brown 254 Hillandale Avenue

From:	Michael Pellicci <mike.pell@icloud.com></mike.pell@icloud.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, September 28, 2022 6:08 PM
То:	j.jacobson@stamford.gov
Cc:	Board of Representatives; Simmons, Caroline; Shaw, Ramya
Subject:	Save our center

I hope you guys come to your senses and save the Glenbrook Community Center! I think we have enough affordable housing going up in our city. You should fix this Center up just like you have with the other centers across our town.

From:	Jane <tiernan393@optonline.net></tiernan393@optonline.net>
Sent:	Wednesday, September 28, 2022 11:26 AM
То:	Board of Representatives
Subject:	Conflicting Accounts Pepper Public Debate on Glenbrook Redevelopment Before Oct. 3
	Vote - The Connecticut Examiner

PLEASE READ—--

https://ctexaminer.com/2022/09/27/conflicting-accounts-pepper-public-debate-on-glenbrook-redevelopment-before-oct-3-vote/

From:	Roxanne Massa <rlmassa@landmarkbaptistct.com></rlmassa@landmarkbaptistct.com>
Sent:	Wednesday, September 28, 2022 10:49 AM
То:	Simmons, Caroline; Board of Representatives; vmassa@landmarkbaptistct.com
Subject:	SAVE OUR CENTER

Dear Mayor Simmons & Board of Reps,

My name is Vince Massa and I am the Pastor of Landmark Baptist Church in Stamford. I am writing this letter in regard to the upcoming vote about the Glenbrook Community Center and the possible decision to turn it into affordable housing.

Thirty-nine years ago my wife and I moved to Stamford and began Landmark Baptist Church. I am the founder of our church and as I mentioned, and since its beginning have been the Pastor. Our first service in November of 1983 was held at the Glenbrook Community Center. For the first 2 or 3 years of our church's existence, we held our services there. In September of 2001 we purchased and renovated the property at 66 Crescent Street, where we are currently located. The Lord brought us back to the same street where we originally began. Since our return to Crescent Street, we had continued to use the Glenbrook Community Center for our Children's Ministries when we needed more space. And if the Glenbrook Community Center was still open for use we would rent the gymnasium for a Wednesday Night Children's program.

I am well acquainted with the various meetings and services the Glenbrook Community Center has provided the community of Glenbrook, Springdale, and the Cove areas of Stamford through the years. Some included DayCares, after-school programs, AA Meetings, classes and instruction, space for religious services, and more. While I recognize the need for low-income housing in Stamford, I and our church congregation feel it would be a disservice to the people of our community to not allow the Glenbrook Community Center to remain as it was. Our city needs to offer more than a place for businesses and housing, it needs to be a place where families and individuals can share, develop and grow common interests regarding family, work, identity, recreation etc. Stamford needs to be more community oriented.

Therefore, I am asking that on Thursday, September 29th when an official vote takes place regarding the Glenbrook Community Center's future it might be determined by the Committee to keep the Glenbrook Community Center open as it has been, a complete center for Community activities in Glenbrook.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my voice and opinion regarding this matter.

Sincerely, Dr. Vince Massa, Pastor

Mrs. Roxanne Massa LANDMARK BAPTIST CHURCH 66 Crescent Street Stamford, CT 06906 Office: (203) 327-6162 Fax: (203) 327-2154

From: Sent: To: Cc: Subject: Roy <pepper4@optonline.net> Monday, September 26, 2022 11:13 AM Board of Representatives Mayor's Office GCC

I have been following the news on the GCC being converted into low income housing. I think that is bad idea that is a classic building. Our family went there for years and my worked wife worked in the day care. Put a little money into it for what needs to be fixed and leave at it at that.

Regards

Roy Mehner & Kathy Mehner

From:Jane <tiernan393@optonline.net>Sent:Tuesday, September 27, 2022 3:35 PMTo:Board of RepresentativesSubject:Stamford History Disappearing Piece By Piece - The Connecticut Examiner

Please read this and think very carefully about your vote. You represent your districts and were elected by your constituents we are trying to keep the integrity of Stamford alive.

https://ctexaminer.com/2022/09/25/stamford-history-disappearing-piece-by-piece/