Appendix B
Support Letters

Dear Neighbor,

You recently received an official Legal Notice of a public hearing regarding The Dole property, as required by the City of Crystal Lake ordinances. I wanted to reach out to you personally to give you an overview of the reason for that Legal Notice and update you on our plans to continue our mission to preserve and protect The Dole Mansion and surrounding 12 acres of green space. At the hearing, we will present information on The Dole Board of Directors' current and future plans for The Dole property, including:

- With our assistance, the City created new language to be included in their Zoning Ordinance that better defines a special use such as The Dole as both a Community and Arts Center. This definition is essentially equivalent to the activities being conducted at The Dole under the two Special Use Permits already in place. The new language will expand the scope of persons or entities that might rent single studio spaces at the Dole, although the potential users are similar to the low intensity uses currently allowed at The Dole.
- We have made the unilateral decision based on feedback from some neighbors to reduce the footprint and number of vendors at The Farmers Market and have worked with the City on a plan for parking that better manages event parking and creates a green grass buffer zone along Golf Road where cars will be prohibited from parking.
- We are adding temporary help to remove the rope lines for parking each week that had been in place during the past summers and we are adding a limited number of paved parking spaces on the property to allow more cars to park on the property and reduce the likelihood of cars parking on the street.

We have met with and listened to many local neighbors and made these types of adjustments to address concerns that were raised at those meetings. We understand that there may be some neighbors that will believe our efforts do not adequately address all concerns. We believe we have and can continue to peacefully co-exist with our neighbors, as has been the case for the past 159 years since the Mansion was constructed.

The Dole's operating budget is over $1m a year. It is only in the last few years that The Dole has not been operating at a loss. The recent improvements to the property are a direct result of The Dole's events such as Farmers Market+ and other events engaging the larger community. The funds have been used to:

- Clean up and paint the exterior of the Mansion and the Lakeside building and add landscaped lighting to highlight and enhance the beauty of the buildings at night.
- Commence the most significant restoration of the second floor of the Mansion in 100 years.
- Replace the unsightly glass block windows with plywood and air conditioners with white paned windows that replicate the original windows installed in 1925 when The Dole was the first Crystall Lake Country Club.
- Plant 90" spade white swamp oak trees, the same indigenous varietal, to replace the old oak trees that have died due to age or storm damage in the main central gathering area of The Dole.

In summary, we are diligently continuing our efforts to make sure The Dole is a place that we all can all be proud of and enjoy, which requires that we provide the events to obtain the income to remain a viable and responsible neighbor.

We firmly believe that The Dole is both a historically significant property in Crystal Lake and one that continues to give back to the community in ways that were unimaginable when the property was saved from demolition. On behalf of the entire Board and Staff at The Dole, please continue to support us or join us in supporting our Petition before the City.

Sincerely,

Jay LeCoque

Jay LeCoque

Board President of The Dole

To the Planning and Zoning Committee and the Crystal Lake City Council

Almost 25 years ago, my husband and I, along with many others in the Crystal Lake community including the Crystal Lake Jaycees, children raising money with lemonade stands, signs in local stores labeled "Save The Dole" for people to donate, were able to raise the amount of money needed to save the Dole Mansion and Lakeside Center from demolition. This culminated in the creation of the Lakeside Legacy Foundation, a non-profit dedicated to preserve and protect the Mansion and Lakeside buildings for the community of Crystal Lake to enjoy.

The question then became, what do we do with two historic buildings that are in need of so much repair and restoration, and where do we raise the money again to achieve such a goal?

Luckily the community had a very generous philanthropist, Vince Foglio, who stepped in for quite a few years to help put the Lakeside building to the point where it could be utilized for fund raising events. Unfortunately for The Dole, the Foglio Foundation stepped away from supporting historic properties in 2018, and since then, the Lakeside Legacy Foundation has needed to generate its own income and can no longer rely on generous donors to continue its mission.

The Lakeside Festival found a permanent home at The Dole, which has been a fantastic yearly event, not only for Crystal Lake, but all of the surrounding communities, and has been a great source of funding for The Dole. Needless to say, there was still much work to be done to keep the Mansion open and begin to restore what is perhaps the most historic building in our part of Illinois, dating back to 1865. Many different events were tried and although some were popular with the community, they did not raise the revenue needed to maintain and restore the property.

Fast forward to the present time. The idea of Farmers Market was hatched and with the hard work and dedication of many volunteers in the community, spearheaded by Sharon LeCoque, the market has become not only a huge success in our Crystal Lake area, but has been named the Best Farmers Market in Illinois. The revenue brought in by the Farmers Market along with the Lakeside Festival are the engines that keep the property running. Without them, The Dole property may be lost again!!

Understandably, the two events do affect the people living near the property. Unfortunately, this is a problem which cannot be solved without some understanding of the value that The Dole represents to the entire city of Crystal Lake. It has become in my estimation one of the "crown jewels" of our city and must be preserved!!

I firmly believe that we should all embrace The Dole Mansion and continue to preserve and protect this historic property.

Yours sincerely,

Louise LeCoque

Louise LeCoque

Date: April 30, 2024

To: Crystal Lake Planning and Zoning Committee

From: Walter & Eileen Butman

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Re: Dole Mansion and Lakeside Legacy Events

We are writing this letter since we will be out of town on May 15th, the date set for the Planning and Zoning Committee to review issues related to the Dole Mansion / Lakeside Legacy events.

As close "neighbors" of the Dole Mansion (basically 100 feet from the Festival Main Stage), we want to reiterate our strong support for the revenue generating events and activities that help support the up-keep, maintenance and ultimate future of one of the most historic structures on the entire area.

Through the generosity and hard work of people like Jay and Sharon LeCoque, we have seen tremendous improvements to the building as well as the grounds, especially over the past 5 years.

Our close proximity has allowed us to observe the thoughtful management of each event and we appreciate the close communication, site management, timeliness and security.

We are available for discussion or review at your convenience.

Faithful supporters of the Dole Mansion and Lakeside Legacy,

-Walter & Eileen Butman

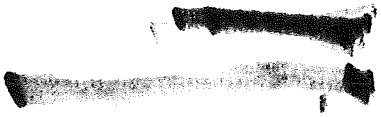
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Crystal Lake, IL 60014

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SERVICE LEAGUE

established 1925

May 1, 2024

Dear Liz Maxwell and committee members,

I am writing to express my support for the Lakeside Legacy Foundation and the Farmer's Market+ at the Dole, two vital components of Crystal Lake.

As the President of the Service League of Crystal Lake, I'd like to voice my unwavering support for Dole, and the Lakeside Legacy Foundation, in their efforts to bring Crystal Lake onto the Chicagoland map as a place to gather and experience all that our beautiful community has to offer. The Service League of Crystal Lake was established 99 years ago, and has provided direct, immediate and anonymous financial outreach to Crystal Lake Residents since its inception. Additionally, we provide educational scholarships for Crystal Lake students based on need. We have provided millions of dollars in assistance over a century of service, and most importantly, we keep every dollar we earn in Crystal Lake, as our bylaws state that we only serve zip codes 60014 and 60012.

Thankfully, we have been chosen by the Farmer's Market+ at the Dole as their charity of choice, meaning we share in their profits from every Farmer's Market. Service League has received over $50,000.00 in the past few years from Farmer's Market profits. With these donations, we've established funds for the social workers working under Sgt. Aimee Knopp to assist with outreach as they see fit, we've begun working with every school in districts 155, 47 and 46 providing funds to teachers with supplies they need, increased outreach and scholarship budgets, and so much more. Without the funds from the Farmer's Market+ at the Dole, our annual budget would be decreased.

As a long-standing member of this community, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact that initiatives like the Farmer's Market+ at the Dole have on our town. These events not only bring together residents from all walks of life but also serve as a beacon of vibrancy and vitality in our ever-evolving suburb. We are seeing more *non-residents* attend the market each year, as this award winning market is a great way to spend a few hours on summer Sundays.

Crystal Lake holds a special place in my heart, not only because my family has called it home for generations, but also because it has so much untapped potential. The Farmer's Market+ at the Dole has been a shining light in our town for a few years now, and has provided our town with great recognition as a destination town, not just a stop on the train line. Arlington Heights, Palatine, Barrington and more suburbs have unlocked the secret to becoming lovely summer towns, yet none of them have what we have; our gorgeous lake. It's what defines this town, and the Dole is the perfect location to show how amazing our community truly is.

From the pioneering efforts of my husband's family in establishing the first moving picture theater in the Chicago suburbs (now the Raue Center), to the ongoing commitment of organizations like the Lakeside Legacy Foundation to preserve our heritage, Crystal Lake is a testament to the power of community and collaboration.

It is imperative that we continue to support initiatives that promote economic development, as the farmer's market brings untold tax dollars, cultural enrichment, and community engagement. The Farmer's Market+ at the Dole is not just a marketplace; it is a gathering place where neighbors become friends, local businesses thrive, and the spirit of Crystal Lake shines brightest. Our next generation of Crystal Lake residents wants to have this market for generations to come, and progress comes with growing pains, which the Dole has addressed and assimilated into their plans for 2024. Restricting this market would be a horrible tragedy for our town. It's only 4 hours on Sundays.

As we look to the future, let us develop and foster a commitment to ensuring that Crystal Lake remains a well-rounded and progressive suburb—one that attracts tax dollars, fosters innovation, and nurtures a sense of belonging for all who call it home, and a fun destination for those who don't.

I stand firmly behind the Lakeside Legacy Foundation and the Farmer's Market+ at the Dole, and I urge you to join me in supporting these invaluable assets to our community.

Thank you for your dedication to enhancing the future of Crystal Lake.

Warm regards,
Myra Kirchberg
President-Service League of Crystal Lake

Service League of Crystal Lake is a designated 501(c)3 non profit registered with the IRS. Our Tax ID number is ***23-7346052.*** *Your donation is 100% tax deductible and all funds raised from the event stay in our community.*

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May 6, 2024

Ms. Elizabeth Maxwell
City Planner
100 W. Woodstock Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Dear Ms. Maxwell, and Members of the Planning and Economic Development Group,

I am writing to you today to convey my strong support of The Dole. The Dole is a cornerstone of our community, and has been since its construction in 1865. Its more recent change into the host and location of our town's extremely important Lakeside Legacy Foundation in 2002 has improved Crystal Lake in so many ways. The Dole is a go-to destination for families, artists, farmers, students, and many more. They support our d47 and d155 school districts by holding their art shows, providing spaces for various lessons in the mansion, and hosting many booster club fundraisers. The Lakeside Legacy Foundation has poured their blood, sweat, & tears into lovingly restoring the mansion and maintaining it as a place of beauty that Crystal Lake is proud of. They also support other nonprofits, including the Service League of Crystal Lake, of which I am the Vice-President.

Our partnership with The Dole and the Lakeside Legacy Foundation is invaluable to our community. We volunteer weekly at the Farmers Market, which has become a staple in Crystal Lake, and beyond, with thousands of people attending it each Sunday. It provides a wonderful gathering place for friends and family, nutritious, farm-fresh food, live entertainment, kids' activities, and so much more. The Market is an amazing addition to Crystal Lake that fosters fellowship among our residents. I vehemently disagree with the complaints brought forth to you by some of the neighbors. I believe the traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, is handled very well and safely. The benefits the Farmers Market provides far outweigh the minor inconveniences a few people are experiencing.

Furthermore, the Service League of Crystal Lake relies on our partnership with The Dole to help fund our scholarship and outreach programs. They have contributed over $50,000 to the Service League in the past few years. Through the generosity of The Dole, we are able to help so many more Crystal Lake residents. For example, last year we gave $68,000 in scholarships for continuing education to deserving Crystal Lake students. Hundreds of d155 and private school Crystal Lake students apply for our scholarships each year, and we are proud that we are able to help these kids further their educational goals. Other examples of how we help our community fall under our outreach programs. We are able to

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help residents with car repair bills, utility bills, dental bills, rent, and much more. We have directly, discreetly supported young moms, retired veterans, displaced families, and other vulnerable residents of Crystal Lake. They are all so grateful to have received a bit of financial help and kindness from a local organization like ours. We would not be able to help as many people in Crystal Lake as we do without the support of The Dole, The Lakeside Legacy Foundation, and the Farmers Market. They not only support us, but also Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County, CASA, Home of the Sparrow, and other nonprofits.

As you hear the complaints brought before you, please also consider the extraordinary benefits The Dole provides to our beloved Crystal Lake community. Their mission to preserve and protect the mansion, as well as support other nonprofits, is admirable, to say the least. I urge you to listen to the numerous supporters of The Dole, and consider the far-reaching benefits provided by them. My family and I stand in support of The Dole, and all of the events they hold. We hope they will continue to do so for years to come.

Best regards,

Kelly Akerberg
Vice President
Service League of Crystal Lake

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We're on your side

May 8, 2024

City of Crystal Lake Planning & Zoning Commission
100 W. Woodstock Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Attn.: Chairman Greenman and Commission Members

I am writing in support of the proposed Special Use Permit proposed by the Lakeside Legacy Foundation (the "Dole") and currently before you for consideration. The Dole is and has been an incredible asset to the City of Crystal Lake. While some have been occurring for decades and others more recently, the events held by the Dole, including but not limited to Lakeside Festival, farmers' markets, art gallery appreciations, and fundraiser dinners are interwoven into the fabric of our community.

The Dole offers its beautiful building and grounds as a venue for people of all ages to come together as one. It is why Home State Bank, N.A. has been a proud sponsor of Lakeside Festival (and several other events) for as long as anyone here can remember. It is why we have chosen it to host several employee events. It is why we have asked our associates to volunteer there, including as members of its Board of Directors throughout the years.

On an individual level, I also happen to live down the street from the Dole in the "Gates" neighborhood. Having the Dole nearby has done so much for the feel of the neighborhood. Seeing neighbors walking and biking down to the farmers' markets in particular always reminds me of how lucky we are to live where we do.

The Dole has been a great neighbor and has done an unbelievable job in organizing, setting up, and cleaning up after its events. Any nuisance with traffic or noise is vastly outweighed by the positives these events have brought to our town. I hope that you vote in favor of the Special Use Permit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (815) 788-3338.

Respectfully,

Ryan P. Farrell
President

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MIKE BUEHLER
CHAIRMAN, McHENRY COUNTY BOARD

May 7, 2024

Elizabeth Maxwell
City Planner
City of Crystal Lake
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Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

I am writing this letter in my capacity as McHenry County Board Chairman to express my support for the Famers Market+ at the Dole and its continued operation at the historic Dole Mansion.

The market embraces everything that makes McHenry County great – it's an attraction that helps small businesses, draws tourists, and showcases Crystal Lake's rich history while paying homage to McHenry County's strong agricultural roots.

Its success story is nothing short of remarkable – in the three years since its founding, it has become a showcase event here in McHenry County. The American Farmland Trust recognized it as the best farmers market in Illinois, and one of the best in the entire Midwest, and it likewise has been voted Best Farmers Market in 2022 and 2023 in the Northwest Herald's Best of the Fox Readers' Choice Awards.

The market meshes perfectly with our stated goal under the Environmental Sustainability portion of the McHenry County Strategic Plan to "work to enhance and maintain long-term sustainability of the strong agricultural industry within the County."

Likewise, the market's growing success not only is an economic boon for vendors, but also the City and the County in the form of sales tax revenue. As a destination, the market is a boost to County tourism, which is vital to the County's collective economy. Visitors to McHenry County in 2022 spent $336.1 million locally, which generated $15 million in local tax revenue and supported almost 2,100 jobs, according to Illinois Office of Tourism data.

I'm far from alone in eagerly anticipating the Farmers Market+ at the Dole's return to outdoor events on May 26 – the awards I mentioned earlier from the American Farmland Trust and Best of the Fox are based on votes by its fans.

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Please add my letter of support for the Farmers Market+ at the Dole into the record, and please do not hesitate to reach out to me to discuss this further, if you so wish.

Warmest regards,

Michael Buehler
Chairman
McHenry County Board

Hello Elizabeth,

I'm sure you are getting input from all directions in regard to The Farmers Market and the upcoming meeting. As backyard neighbors of The Dole, I wanted to reach out to you with a few points of appreciation and concern.

Originally, we were very pleased that The Dole was finding its niche. With the added activity, we had hoped The Dole would continue to be good neighbors. With that being said, I had reached out to The Dole in March 2022 when the initial proposal for special use permits was announced and I said 'the addition of the events to supplement funds at The Dole over Covid has brought a pleasant occasional buzz to the neighborhood. We are not opposed to continuing the occasional buzz and events as is. It seems the outline promotes continuing the ongoing pace with the obvious maintenance of crowds, grounds, and parking areas. Am I on target with this assumption?' I did not receive a reply so I re-sent it to other names on The Dole website. I eventually received a reply from Jay and below is a paragraph from that reply:

I want to be clear that The Dole has no intention of becoming an event space or an outdoor beer garden. We requested the SUP amendment so that we can continue to do Farmers Market+ and Music under the Trees under one umbrella license with the City. Currently we have to apply for each event separately. The Listening Room space is a space that we may add some acoustical music outside of the Listening Room in a very limited way. The Service League of CL wants to have a Ravinia type event in that space as one example and we may use it a few more times per year. The Porch Music was just to ask the city for approval to utilize the space outlined in the aerial photo that you have seen. We currently have no plans for that space, but it could be used a few times per year and again in an acoustical music type event that would not create noise issues for the neighbors. To repeat, we have no intention of becoming an event space for weddings or an outdoor beer garden with outdoor music. We intend to have limited events only to support The Dole and our non for profit partners such as the CL Chamber, Service League of CL, Big Brothers and Big Sisters. These events allow us to fundraise in a sustainable way (and not to have to rely on donations) to keep The Dole open and preserve and protect the property.

I was comforted to know The Dole's impending intentions would not steamroll into a 'neighborhood-impacting series of events'. In particular, I focused in on the line indicating 'we have no intention of becoming an event space for weddings or an outdoor beer garden with outdoor music. We intend to have limited events only to support The Dole.'

While the Farmer's Market is not billed as an outdoor beer garden or outdoor music festival, it sure has multiple features that would indicate it is a beer garden-music festival thing. On the front of the Northwest Herald is a blurb advertising The Dole Farmers Market: Live Music, Food, Drinks. Every Sunday, May through October. Every summer Sunday. Not including the Festival days which bring significant traffic into the area or the indoor Farmers Markets (which are mostly uneventful crowd-wise). We would not mind at all if the Farmers Market had stayed to the original scale or even slightly bigger. But with triple the vendors and quadruple the attendees and four hundred and something parking spaces full of traffic that constantly comes and goes every Sunday, it is a lot. Realistically, we have way more than 500 plus cars in this lovely, quiet neighborhood on every single Sunday.

Before, when it was The Lakeside Center managed by the Congregational Church, the festival went for 2 weekends. The first for the Lakeside Center, the second sponsored by the Gala committee. Over the years, Gala got very greedy and wanted a blow-out event attracting tens of thousands of people to our little neighborhood. Having bus-loads of people from who-knows-where dropped off in our front yards to see has-been '80's bands was....well.... obnoxious. As a neighbor, I mindfully and congenially voiced my thoughts on this several years in a row after the events were finished and suggested Gala scale back to an event size that fit the venue and the neighborhood.... or move to a

more appropriate venue that could support the crowds they wanted to entice. Other neighbors voiced their concerns and opinions as well. And, instead of thoughtful planning, they up and moved The Gala to Lippold.... and well you know the rest of the story, I'm sure.

The Farmers Market, which was supposed to somewhat maintain its original profile, has literally tripled in size, maybe quadrupled. The parking on the grounds was managed with fencing, roping etc and taken down each week after the event. That is no longer the case. For the entire summer the plastic fencing and sagging ropes and poles stay in place.

OK. I don't want to make a stink about that. It is a far better alternative than paving the place over. But then the crowds came. And the event allowed more vendors. Which attracted more people and more cars. And so on, and so on. Our concern is the size of the Farmers Market and the amount of people attracted to it because of its size. Subsequently, this brings cars and traffic into the neighborhood which is a residential area. Some of these people attending The Market, for the most part, do not care about our neighborhood. They care about getting into the bread vendor line or getting a bloody mary or a parking spot.

We have had our mailbox knocked over by someone accessing the back parking lot on a Market Sunday. Our neighbor had his mailbox knocked over by someone who parked along Highland Avenue because they didn't want to battle the traffic into the designated parking. That is only here on Highland. Dennis from The Dole, our hero, helped us fix our mailbox and also put up 'no parking' signs along the south end of Highland to discourage Market-attendees from parking there.

I have seen countless cars blow through stop signs(not roll through, blow through) at Highland and Golf and turn directly into the Market. I can not easily get to my home and into the neighborhood from the west, north, or south on a Sunday. It's easier for me to get to my house on 4th of July parade Sunday... and that is no simple trick. Let's not forget the Main Beach and its traffic flows on Sundays. And The Crystal Lake Country Club with its special events. Our quiet slice of heaven here is now the center of attention on many days, in many ways. We also have people stopping and street parking in front of my home using Highland as a pick-up/drop-off or a 'wait while someone runs in to get whatever they came for' spot.

In this neighborhood in years past, there have been a few tragic incidents where kids have been hit by cars while riding bikes, and that is with normal summer traffic flow. With the addition of all the cars and people for Famers Market, we fear that this invitation into the residential neighborhood we call home is a time-bomb, an accident waiting to happen.

People ask me if I love the Market. Heck, Jay has asked me if I love the Market. I don't love the Market. *I very much appreciated the Market in its infancy and its early phases. It was charming.* Now it feels.... well, it feels like it is becoming very "Gala-like"....

I know The Dole needs to make money to sustain itself but I hope The Dole will consider its impact on the neighborhood and the impact of the mega-throngs of people descending upon an intimate hub most people never knew existed. I truly believe there is a solution buried somewhere that could make everyone (well, most everyone) happy and still sustain The Dole.

Also in my original correspondence to The Dole in regard to Markets and events, I said that keeping the events scaled within reasonable boundaries is necessary to uphold the integrity of the grounds and surrounding area. Anything beyond that impacts the neighborhood and neighbors in a negative way. This has come to fruition. And so here we are.

As a proposed solution, how about scaling back the number of vendors? And how about scaling back the frequency of the event to one or two times a month, perhaps ending in September.

We have heard more than a few times that The Dole's greatest goal has the community in mind. We are the neighboring community.

Most Sincerely,
Nanette Gill
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Christina Schwallie
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May 6, 2024

Elizabeth Maxwell
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Dear Ms. Maxwell and Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Dole Mansion and its invaluable contributions to our community. As long-time residents of Crystal Lake, deeply intertwined with the fabric of this town, my husband and I have witnessed firsthand the positive impact of the Dole Mansion's activities, particularly the beloved Farmers Market as I am a dedicated volunteer and members of the Service League of Crystal Lake.

Having lived in Crystal Lake for over 20 years, with my husband being a lifelong resident, we have come to cherish the Farmers Market as a cornerstone of our community. Beyond just being a marketplace, it has become a hub of connection, offering fresh produce, artisanal goods, and fostering a vibrant community spirit. Especially during the challenges of the pandemic, the Farmers Market provided a much-needed sense of normalcy and joy, allowing families like ours to gather safely outdoors.

One of the most heartening aspects of the Farmers Market is seeing the delight on the faces of children as they explore and engage with the vendors. It truly has become a cherished family tradition, reinforcing bonds and creating lasting memories. Additionally, the proximity of the Dole Mansion to our picturesque lake adds to its allure, with many residents, including ourselves, enjoying leisurely bike rides to the market during the warmer months.

Regarding traffic and financial matters, I hold a strong conviction that the advantages stemming from the Dole Mansion's events far surpass any inconvenience caused by heightened traffic. The presence of this remarkable art and community center has significantly enhanced our overall community. Various groups utilize the facility to host diverse events, including the high school's booster fundraisers. Additionally, it's crucial to acknowledge that the Dole Mansion functions as a non-profit organization, underscoring the importance of revenue generation for its sustained operation and efficient service to the community.

The funds raised through events like the Farmers Market have enabled the Dole Mansion to make substantial contributions back to our community. For instance, the Dole Mansion has contributed over $50,000 to organizations like the Service League, which directly supports our community's most vulnerable members and provides scholarships to deserving students. The historical ties between the Service League and the Dole Mansion, dating back nearly 100 years, underscore the deep-rooted commitment to community service.

It deeply concerns me to hear about efforts to hinder the Dole Mansion's activities, especially when these events play such a pivotal role in supporting local farmers, small businesses, and charitable organizations. The ripple effect of these events extends far beyond the Dole Mansion's walls, enriching the entire community.

In conclusion, I urge the Planning and Zoning Commission to consider the broader impact of any decisions regarding the Dole Mansion. My husband and I stand united in our unwavering support for the Dole Mansion and its mission to preserve our community's heritage and enhance the lives of its residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warm regards,

Jim Clark & Christina Schwallie

Dave Blum
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Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Crystal Lake Planning and Zoning Committee:

My name is Dave Blum, and I am writing in support of The Dole becoming a Community Center. Without question the historical relevance of the Dole Mansion is apparent to all upon sight. The beautiful property is a prominent landmark in the community and highlights not only our town's great history, but our long-held motto that Crystal Lake is "a good place to live."

Due to its location and historical significance, utilizing this property to support the community has been a great success over the last couple of years. The Dole has become another heartbeat of Crystal Lake that people treasure and flock to due to its eclectic, community-oriented offerings. It's crucial that the leadership of Crystal Lake increase these high-quality events, supporting The Dole's overall strategy of improving the community and supporting local non-profit organizations. I have seen the value of The Dole, not only personally as a resident of the community but also as an officer of a local business.

It's hard to list all the different ways The Dole continues to better the Crystal Lake community. Events like the Farmer's Market, Play-Day at Dole, Art Show, and the Lakeside Festival, to name just a few, enrich the lives of so many in our community. They are not only supporting the local community, but also the local businesses within Crystal Lake and the surrounding areas. The Dole continues to push the envelope and bring so many people and livelihoods together.

In addition to the success of the events, I believe the new leadership with The Foundation supports the strength The Dole has and will have in every endeavor. The Foundation has made significant investments in the property for long-term sustainable support. While these investments take time and effort, the leadership has continuously demonstrated its commitment to The Dole's mission now and in the future.

I appreciate your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dave Blum
Executive Vice President, BCU
47 Year Crystal Lake Residence
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Andrew Rosulek
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May 8, 2024

Elizabeth Maxwell
City Planner
Community Development
Planning & Economic Development
City of Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

I write to wholeheartedly and respectfully declare, to you and the City, my family's strong support of the Dole and its affiliates in defending and retaining its appropriate use of any Special Use Permit(s) (SUP) or similar, utilized for purposes of carrying out at least the Dole's current frequency and type of activities of the most recent few years. Without the Dole operating under its SUP, its ability to act as a cultural and social center of our community–a venue of a top-ranked weekly farmers' market, an annual summer festival, notable live music performances, a gorgeous venue for weddings, memorials, reunions, and so much more; the neighborhoods and municipalities that strongly benefit from the enrichment it brings would be strongly and negatively affected, both in social cohesion as well as property values. We have to focus on what brings newcomers to town, and the Dole is it!

As a resident since childhood of the neighborhood established by the vision of the Doles, Ringlings, and other forward-thinking families of the time, I have been witness to the truly impressive growth with which the Dole has made itself a true center of artistic, social, and intellectual connection. We must keep moving forward, as we re-discover what truly great communities do right. Please let the Dole use its SUP.

Sincerely,

Andrew Rosulek



Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

To: Holly Hawes
Subject: RE: The Dole Mansion - Planning and Zoning

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Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 8:05 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole Mansion - Planning and Zoning

May 7, 2024
Dear Mrs. Maxwell –

I am writing in support of the current programming at the Dole Mansion. My background is in Not For Profit Management as I have an MBA as well as a Masters in Health Administration. Presently, I have the privilege to serve several philanthropies that support the city of Crystal Lake. Presently, I serve as the Board President for CASA of McHenry County, a member of the Service League of Crystal Lake and a member of the Parent Teacher Organization of South Elementary. The reason I even mention this experience is that it gives me insight into how not-for-profits function. Without the current level of events, I can't imagine that there is a future for this property unless the City steps in to rescue it.

With the addition of the Farmers Market and various events, the leadership at the Dole has been able to breathe new life into the facility with new windows, paint, boiler system and other interior renovations. These events have not only enabled the structure to continue to stand but also serve to enhance our community by supporting the arts with District 47 art shows, outdoor concerts, Fourth Friday Art shows. These events also serve as an economic engine for our community drawing people to Crystal Lake who may support many of our local businesses. Additionally, the Farmers Market gives local farmers and small businesses an opportunity to showcase their products. The Dole also provides support to local not for profits such as CASA, Service League, Big Brothers Big Sisters, etc. Most importantly, these events give community members an opportunity to connect and create a strong sense of community which is a key reason that people are drawn to Crystal Lake to start their businesses and raise their families.

If these events are not allowed to continue, what is the next step for the Dole and surrounding property, will it become a housing complex or developed into a commercial property? I live in the neighborhood near the Dole and I would hate to lose the green space where my kids play after school. I would hate to not be able to stroll to the Farmers Market on a Sunday with my daughter to buy a new plant for her collection or fresh bread for dinner. I recognize that the Dole may cause a disruption to some of the neighbors but I would argue that the alternative of not supporting this structure would be worse.

I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.

Warm Regards,
Holly Hawes



[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:14 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
[redacted]
Subject: The Dole

To Whom It May Concern,

The thought of changing what have been ongoing community "happenings" for decades is absurd.

Before we moved in, we saw the signs that said, "No Parking Anytime" on our street. Since we had room for 8 vehicles and there was parking nearby, we put in the offer and purchased our home over 35 years ago. I also asked about events at the Main Beach and other venues (like The Dole) so that I would be fully informed when making that decision.

If you decide to move next to an airport, a highway, a beach, etc., it is incumbent upon you to know what your getting into. We are less than 1000 feet from the main beach and approximately 1/3 mile from The Dole. We know about the 4th of July parade, fireworks, Park District events, the carnival, food fest, art shows, Farmer's Market, etc., and that is why we live here. If you don't like it, don't buy...or, move.

Mike [redacted]
[redacted]
Crystal Lake, IL









[redacted]
Village of Lakewood, IL 60014
[redacted]

May 6, 2024

Chairman and Members of the
Crystal Lake Planning and Zoning Commission
Crystal Lake City Hall
100 W. Woodstock St.
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Dear Chairman and Commission Members:

We have lived in the Gates neighborhood since 1988, and have been delighted with the enhancements the Dole has made to their property that has enriched and upgraded the entire neighborhood while also making a positive impact on the City of Crystal Lake.

We regularly attend the weekly Farmers Market which is a clean, upscale and vibrant market with produce and products not found elsewhere, thus making it a worthy addition not only to the neighborhood but to the City of Crystal Lake as well.

Whether walking there like we often do, or driving, access is easy, with plenty of parking that doesn't impact the neighborhood. The Dole makes sure that the property is clean and inviting to all.

Even the Taste of Crystal Lake and outdoor summer concerts also held at The Dole are well-managed and a treat to have so close to home.

We urge you to continue to reward The Dole with permits to operate this true treasure for Crystal Lake and its' neighbors.

Sincerely,

Jack & Judy MInsley



[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 2:21 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Special Use Permit for The Dole / Lakeside Legacy

Dear Elizabeth Maxwell,

My name is Brad Mathis and I am in support of continuing the special use permit at The Dole / Lakeside Legacy for the Farmer's Market and other events hosted by The Dole on their properties.

I am a resident and renter at The Dole, and a neighborhood resident, living within walking distance (approximately 6 blocks) of The Dole and its property. I understand first hand how the Farmer's Market and Lakeside Festival help fund Lakeside Legacy's support of the arts and all the positive community services the foundation supports, as well as maintaining a valuable Crystal Lake historical property. There are few, if any, community events in the area that are as unique and community focused as those hosted by The Dole. I see the foundation providing a necessary community function in support of the arts and betterment of the community as a whole by providing events that are community inclusive, support local artists and vendors, and are unique to the area such as the 4th Fridays and performances at The Dole. I have attended the Farmer's Market, the 4th Fridays art show (where I have performed as a guest musician), the Lakeside Festival, and many of the musical events held at The Dole. I have seldom been to events where I have felt more welcome, made as many new friends and acquaintances, or felt as strong a sense of community as I have at Dole events. In fact, it is only The Dole's events that I regularly attend because of that strong sense of community support and inclusiveness.

Please renew the special use permit to allow Lakeside Legacy and The Dole to continue all of the positive community events they host and support. Our community is better because of their efforts.

Thank you,
Brad Mathis

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 2:23 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Farmers Markets at the Dole Mansion

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My name is Sue McArdle and I have been a member of Service League for over 25 years. I am a past president and served on the board for several years, chairing our Outreach and Scholarship Committees. The need for Outreach and Scholarships has grown tremendously in the Crystal Lake community these past few years. When the economy is down and people can't find work they look to Service League to help pay their rent and utility bills. When a family is suffering economically because of unemployment or illness or both, Service League is there to help a child pay for college. The money Service League receives from providing volunteers at the Farmers Markets at the Dole helps us serve the Crystal Lake community is a way very few other charities can. Please do not restrict the number of Farmers Markets at the Dole. The Farmers Markets are an integral part of the Service Leagues fundraising efforts and the community will suffer. Thank you.

[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:44 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
[redacted]
Subject: Dole Mansion Special Use Permit

Dear Ms. Maxwell:

I am writing on behalf of and in favor of a special use permit being renewed or granted to the Dole Mansion.

I am a resident artist at the Dole Mansion and have been for a couple of years now. By that I mean that I lease, maintain, and regularly use a studio at the Dole for the purpose of creating "fine art". I have exhibited in juried shows nationally and internationally and my paintings are in various private collections.

I have never found that the Dole's hosting of various private or public events from time to time has ever interfered with my use of the premises for my intended use. Indeed, I have accommodated those events in my schedule without any hardship at all. When it comes down to it, the issue is just where I park my car. It has never been a problem.

In fact, I have assumed as a matter of common sense that if the Dole were not able to continue to host such events, the financial result would force greater financial commitments out of the resident artists to their discomfort and likely detriment. That would itself enhance a domino effect that might make the Dole's existence unsustainable. None of the residents would be unaffected as there is a dearth of artist studio space available in this little corner of the world.

As an aside, in one of my other activities, I am a member of the Village of Lake Barrington's Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, and I regularly deal with special use considerations.

I will not attempt to go through each of the normal elements considered for approval such applications, except to say that it is my observation that not only do the types of pubic and community events hosted at the Dole support its own function and NOT interfere with its purposes, but such events seem to contribute positively to the cultural life of the community.

I think that Crystal Lake would be the poorer if the Dole were not able to continue in its historic fashion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bill Gotfryd

[redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:36 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion & Related Events

Hi Elizabeth -

I am a Crystal Lake resident that lives on Country Club Road across the street from the Dole Mansion. I am writing to express my views as it pertains to the petition put forth by nearby residents and to highlight that not all of the neighbors share the same opinion. The number of things I love about living across the street from the Dole Mansion are many.

I'll begin with the Farmer's Market as this seems to be the biggest point of contention. The Farmer's Market is a true gem and we look forward to Sundays where we can walk over as a family and spend some quality time together. We feel so lucky that we can literally walk across the street and shop for fresh produce, flowers, meat and fish, not to mention the artisans and live music. We feel incredibly grateful to live in such close proximity to such a wonderful event. A few reminders:

a. the Farmer's Market supports a large number of small businesses that rely on community participation to sustain themselves.
b. a portion of the funds generated from the Farmer's Market are put back into restoration efforts of the beautiful Dole Mansion.
c. The Service League of Crystal Lake brings volunteers each week to the Farmer's Market and in return, funds are donated back to The Service League where those funds are then funneled straight back into the Crystal Lake community to serve local residents in need and to provide college scholarships to local high school graduates.
d. The Farmer's Market has a dedicated 'end time' and the staff is quick to break things down, remove any debris and clear the space in a timely manner. Living across the street I can accurately attest to the haste in which the market is broken down each Sunday.

We also look forward to the variety of summer events hosted at The Dole. We truly love sitting on our porch on Thursday nights where we are lucky enough to be so close that we can listen to the bands playing at Music Under the Stars. We also love the art shows and have had the good fortune of having our own daughter's art featured at The Dole a number of times.

Similarly, the Lakeside Fest is another fun event that we look forward to each season and we always host a number of families that love the convenience of simply walking across the street to the festivities or being able to sit comfortably on our front porch and listen to the bands each evening. How convenient that we can simply enjoy the bands each night while sitting in a comfortable chair, drinking a nice glass of wine an using our own bathroom....could we be any luckier?

I will be honest that in the years we've lived here, there is one traffic pattern that has become a true nuisance to us and that is the dismissal of South Elementary School. The backup of traffic in front

of my home on Country Club Road during South Elementary dismissal time is a tremendous inconvenience. The drivers are incredibly impatient; they drive onto my grass, block my driveway when I'm trying to pull out, turn around in my driveway and will often break traffic laws by swerving around other drivers who are attempting to turn left, creating a safety issue for those pedestrians crossing on Country Club Road. I will point out that this traffic pattern is a DAILY issue, not a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly as the protestors of the Dole Mansion are highlighting. I have never seen traffic issues with events at the Dole Mansion as I have with South Elementary School. I am not adding this commentary to propose a new traffic pattern for South, I am simply providing some perspective as the Dole Mansion traffic patterns are quite a hot button for many in my community.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime as I am happy to elaborate further on my perspective living so close to the Dole Mansion. I love my life here, I love this community and know that my property value is only increasing each year in part because of what the Dole provides to our town.

Sincerely,

Tracy Izquierdo
[redacted]
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:48 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

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Hello Ms. Maxwell!
I'm reaching out to you today to let you know how much I value the Farmer's Markets at the Dole. As a local artisan, this Farmer's Market has been invaluable to the success of my small business. I've created lasting relationships with customers and other vendors. On weekends when I'm not selling, I love visiting the market to shop the fresh local food and beautiful flowers. I've found the people running the market to be very contentious and kind, always looking out for the community. I implore you to please let these weekly markets continue. Thank you for your time.

Cheers,
Kristi Steponaitis
Owner
Crystal Lake Soap Co.
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 3:51 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: support for the Dole and the Farmer's Market+ at the Dole [redacted]

Hello Liz,
My name is Myra Kirchberg, and I am president of the Service League of Crystal Lake. Attached, you will find a letter in support of the Dole, Lakeside Legacy Foundation, and the Farmer's Market+ at the Dole.

Service League was started at the Dole nearly 100 years ago, which gives it an important place in the history of our organization. We still consider the Dole our partner, as we host fundraisers at this historic site. The farmer's market provided the funds needed to do extensive renovations and preserve the history of this beloved building,

In case you are unaward, the movement of a few select residents of Lakewood, with homes neighboring the Dole, do not speak for all neighbors. Their repeated stops to homes neighboring the Dole with misinformation and scare tactics to sign their petition is bordering on coercion. One member of Service League has had 3 different visits from this group. On the most recent visit they asked her high school daughter to sign their petition, after her mother had declined, and expressed enthusiastic support for the Dole.

I look forward to being given a chance to express my support, and the opinions of the greater majority of our community, who are in full support of the farmer's market and the Dole. Could you please advise of the process for speaking at the meeting of the PZC meeting on Wednesday, May 15th? Could I be added to the agenda, or is there a time for open comments?

I look forward to hearing from you, and thank you for all you do for Crystal Lake!

Myra Kirchberg
President
Service League of Crystal Lake

[redacted]

[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:24 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Events at The Dole Mansion

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Ms. Maxwell,
I learned from my email this morning that complaints by neighbors of the Dole Mansion property have brought into consideration whether the facility is violating the terms of its special use permit.
Having only to guess at the stipulations of the SUP, I hope you will consider that the success of the programs at The Dole shouldn't jeopardize the organization's ability to present such programs.
As a City Planner, you should recognize the importance and value of such an organization and facility as The Dole in creating community spirit and building a sense of belonging among the residents of Crystal Lake and Lakewood. You can zone and plan all you want, but if the residents don't show up in appreciation of what you have done, you have failed to create a community and have only a bunch of houses.
I have seen the camaraderie of those who attend events at The Dole, expressions that resonate their community pride and appreciation of the role that the facility and programs play in the health and happiness of the residents and their community.
You could say that the programs offered by The Dole to the community should not be looked at as special, or the exception, but should be the normal way to live life, by giving residents the opportunity to spend time and share experiences with those who live in the same villages and cities. Residents who refuse to recognize the value of these events and prefer to stay indoors by themselves should be the ones in need of a special use permit. And those permits should be granted rarely.
Instead of considering whether The Dole is in violation of its Special Use Permit, perhaps you should spend the time considering what type of permit you could issue to allow The Dole to continue to serve as the center of our community.
Sincerely,

Gavin Maliska

[redacted]

F[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 4:17 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
[redacted]

Subject: The Dole

Please find attached our letter to the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding our support of The Dole, their Farmers Market and more.

The Dole is not only a worthy addition to our neighborhood, but to the entire City of Crystal Lake and we hope it will continue to receive the necessary permits to continue with their wonderful programs.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Jack and Judy Minsley

[redacted]

Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 8:47 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: CL farmers market

I am writing to you about the wonderful farmers market at the Dole. It has become a weekly outing for me and my family. This is so nice to be able to support these small businesses and get fresh produce. I hear that there is some negative feedback about the market. I have lived in crystal lake for most of my life and I love how the community comes together like this market. I support the Farmers Market at The Dole.

Thank you

Kate Krallitsch

[redacted]
Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 10:06 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support to the Crystal Lake Dole Farmers Market [redacted]

Hi Liz,

I just wanted to send this email and share how big an impact the crystal dole farmer market has made in our small beginning farm family and how much we enjoy this event each week.

My wife, a former Crystal Lake resident, and I started our small farm in 2019. We grew quickly in 2020 with the temporary covid bump, but that quickly went away and we weren't growing at the speed we wanted to quit our day jobs. After participating in the dole market in 2023, our sales more than doubled and I plan to leave my day job this coming year! This market has truly made a difference on our small family farm.

Another huge benefit that the farmer market has created is more family time! My wife's grandparents, Leo and Judy Wiedenfeld are located at 641 Golf Rd. directly across the street from the dole market. We enjoy going over to their house after each market and having dinner with them. It feels like the market has rekindled our relationship again as we only saw them on the holidays. They also love the market and always send neighbors to purchase fresh farm products there.

All this said, I know so many crystal lake residents that love to visit our farm booth and purchase their eggs and meats from us that wouldn't have access to them without this market.

I just want to reiterate my appreciation for this farmers market!

Thank you,

Joe Wanda
Wanda Farm
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 7:49 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Farmers Market

Hello Mrs Maxwell

I am writing this e-mail in support of the Sunday Dole Farmers Market. My family has run a business in the market for the past several years. We have found the market to be a place of gathering and support for the city of Crysal Lake. I know as a vendor in the market that all vendors are very respectful of the noise, traffic, and clean-up at the market. This is a great gathering place and really what makes Crystal Lake a unique and fun place to live. Please know that my entire family supports this market, and we hope to see it thrive for many years to come.

Best Regards,
Brett & Donna Ricci
Lauren Ricci

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 8:56 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Farmers market

Hello, I am writing this email in regards to the Dole Farmers market!

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude for this market, it is ran so smoothly and seamlessly by such caring and kind individuals- which in itself is a blessing!

This market has brought such a fun experience as a small business to meet so many new people, but also give my regular customers a chance to come be outside and visit as well!

It's always a great turn out for my business and I always leave grateful to be apart of this.

The market provides a range of entertainment for all ages, including my young children! Which is something you do not see at every market.
The effort that goes into these markets does not go unnoticed.

This market brings together SO many amazing makers and farmers and I know I can speak on behalf of all the vendors who participate, we are lucky to be apart of this!

This is one of my favorite markets to participate in- for more reasons than one. But the revenue it brings my business is AMAZING!

Thank you for reading and I hope I have successfully explained how important this market is to my business and my family!

-Amber [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 8:59 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Market

Liz,

Hey, good morning!

I am writing to express my gratitude to the City of Crystal Lake for hosting the Dole Farmer's Market in your beautiful backyard.

The market is an invaluable part of our business. Community outreach, natural direct to consumer marketing, and robust sales help make the market a lifeline of our small business.

I know the market can get busy and be annoying for those living in close proximity. However, that is a small inconvenience for such a fruitful market. We hope these short-sighted grievances are treated as such.

I hope this email reaches you in good spirits.

Thanks,

- Michael Kivland
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:39 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: THe DOLE

Hello,

Please understand that I support The DOLE!!! This amazing property offers so much to our beautiful community. The opportunities that are available to all Crystal Lake residents, because of this property and the leadership, are all-encompassing. From the Farmer's Market, to the D47 art shows, First Fridays, concerts, tours, Lakeside Festival.....the list goes on.

I live near The Dole and have never had a problem with the increased traffic that comes along with whatever goes on at this property. Actually, I LOVE that fellow Crystal Lakers appreciate the history of this building and flock to all that is offered. This is a property that has defined, and continues to define, who we are as a town.

Please do not change what this property offers to our wonderful town. So many residents will be disappointed if you do.

Georgi Rand
[redacted]
Crystal Lake

[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:45 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Neighbor supports the Dole's SUP

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Hi Elizabeth and P & Z Committee,

My family and I live at 441 Spruce Ln, less than a block away from the Dole. We are a family of 6, with 4 daughters under the age of 5. We'd like to express our strong support for the Dole's Special Use Permit, and the events that they organize.

As a young family, one of the biggest challenges we face today is finding activities that are accessible, affordable, and that get our children out of the house to enjoy and participate in their community. The Dole's farmer's market and other events are so important to us as a community gathering space, and somewhere that both adults and children can enjoy and benefit from.

The popularity of the farmer's market, along with art shows and other events is clear evidence that the Dole is fulfilling a huge need in our community. More than ever, we need more third spaces where neighbors can meet and build relationships with each other.

Please do not let a few loud voices take this vital piece of our community away from the vast majority of neighbors that support and patronize the Dole's events.

The community would be worse off without them.

Thank you for your consideration.
Ben West (and family)

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:48 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support the Dole [redacted]

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Good morning,
I hope this email finds you well. I am writing because it has come to my attention that some of the neighboring houses adjacent to the Dole Mansion have expressed grievances towards some of the events being held on the Dole Mansion property.
I do believe everybody deserves to be heard, but I also believe that when something has far more benefit than detriment, those complaining may need to adjust their expectations.
I live in the Gates area of Lakewood and I can tell you with certainty that the benefits of all of the wonderful events being held at the Dole Mansion far out way any complaining that may occur.
In the last few years since they started having the farmers market and the art shows and the music under the lights, our community has really come alive. People are gathering and enjoying all that is being offered. These events are creating an environment that brings our community together.
More and more people want to live in this area because of all of the offerings that the Dole Mansion has. I see property values going up because of this. I see families going to the farmers market to shop and support small businesses. I see people coming from neighboring towns, spending money in our town and supporting our tax infrastructure by doing so. I see smiling neighbors who run into each other, sharing a drink and commenting on beautiful flowers. I have actually never once heard of a single complaint, up until now. There will always be something to complain about in life, but taking away something that brings so much joy to so many people and so much benefit to the community would be a true disservice to Crystal Lake. I hope you consider these words while you weigh the options. But please remember there is no possible way in life to make every single person happy the best we can do is to try to create a wonderful place where people want to raise their families.

Thank you for your time,
Amber Vaverek

[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:50 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole Special Use Permit

Good morning Elizabeth! My name is Craig Rand and I live at 460 Riverside Drive, several blocks away from The Dole. I am writing to you to express my FULL and COMPLETE support of all the activities that are currently being held at the Dole!!!

As a long term member of this neighborhood (over 40 years) I can personally attest to the many many many hours of fun, joy, education, and entertainment that The Dole has provided. It is such a pleasure and benefit to have this GEM of a property located within walking distance of the lake and the surrounding neighborhood. It truly ADDS value and the promotion of our community spirit, which makes The Gates of Lakewood such a special place to live.

PLEASE do not make any changes that would impact the current operations of The Dole!! Thank you!

Craig Rand

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:52 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion Support

I hope this email finds you well.

I am reaching out to voice my support for the Dole Mansion and the events they hold.
My family and I moved to the gates two years ago and it is a Sunday tradition of ours to go to the Sunday markets.

My kids love going to the market and getting balloon animals and we make a point of giving back to the local small businesses by eating lunch there every Sunday.

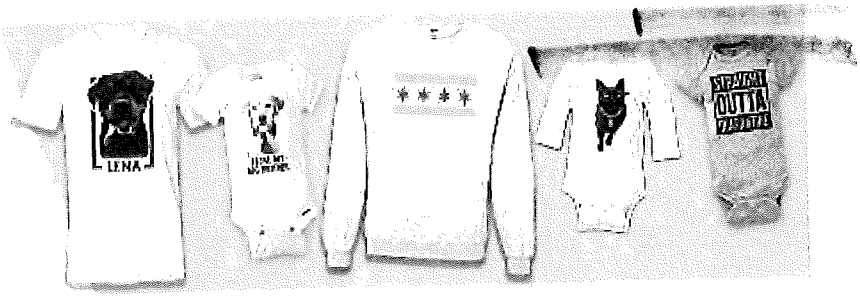
As a small business owner myself, these markets are HUGE for business growth and support with the community.

Please consider not only the positive impact the markets have on the families attending but also the vendors there selling.

Have a great day!

Troy Parker

GOOBER PRINTS



[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:54 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Save the Dole

Hello Elizabeth,

I just wanted to write to you to express mine and my fiancé's deep love for the Dole Mansion and all the events that they host.
My fiancé and I are in our 20's and moved to the Village of Lakewood 3 years ago. One of the main reasons we moved to this neighborhood is because there is always something to do either at the Dole or Main Beach. Since moving here we have gone to every farmers market and concert held at the Dole. These are events that we look forward to every year, and the biggest reason that we stay in this area.
These are events that we want our future children to grow up enjoying. They are events that bring a sense of community to our neighborhood.
I feel as though it would be a major disservice to our neighborhood and to our society to take away these social events when are society is becoming more and more antisocial.

Thank you so much,
Grace Burzynski
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:09 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole [redacted]

Dear Ms Maxwell,

I am writing to you as a new resident to The Gates and member of the CCAPOA. My family and I have lived in Crystal Lake for over 20 years and made the move across town to live on Melrose last Fall. We fell in love with the Gates, the lake, the Dole, Main Beach and moved to be closer to the vibrancy, beauty and the welcoming events. Walking to the Dole for concerts, the wonderful farmers market and shows is a delight for us. These programs help highlight the amazing community of Crystal Lake and help make the gates a desirable place to live. Homes in this area sell quickly because buyers want to live in this community and attend these events.

Please don't hinder our access and enjoyment by putting restrictions on the use of this land/property. It would put a damper on one of the very best parts of Crystal Lake.

Thank you for your reading! [redacted]

Sincerely
Allison Mueller
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:13 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Good Morning Elizabeth,
I have just been made aware that the fabulous events currently taking place at The Dole Mansion are in jeopardy of being cancelled. For years our family has enjoyed going to the events held at the Dole, from the wonderful music at Lou's Lounge and the Music under the trees, the Farmers Market, in addition to the 4th Friday Art shows and let's not forget the Witches Ride. We live a few blocks from the Dole and have always felt we were blessed to have such a wonderful gift this close to our home. Please don't let the community loose this gift. I would hate to see the Dole fall into disrepair when it is no longer able to be supported by these events.
Thank you for your help is supporting a true blessing to our neighborhood and town.
Sincerely,
Diane Schuchert
[redacted]
CCAPOA

[redacted]

From: Rachael Winterling [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:14 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Farmers Market

I am writing this email as a business owner located in Crystal Lake wishing to express my opinion on the potential shutting down of the Dole Farmers Market at the Dole Mansion. We are a small business in Crystal Lake for a year now, and we have found the Dole market essential to growing our business. We do not currently have a store front so being able to have a local market that is open all year long is crucial to our business model. Our business and many other local business depend on shows like this to make sales which helps contribute to the taxes in our area. Within 3 years it has grown into one of the best markets in the state and it draws in vendors and customers from all across Illinois and Wisconsin. These customers and vendors spend both money at that market which all vendors are required to pay taxes, but also gas up their vehicles and use our restaurants on their way to and from the market. Shutting down such a special event would only hurt Crystal Lake.

The Winter Inn BBQ Company LLC

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:18 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Hi Elizabeth,

I wanted to touch base with you about events at the Dole. These are truly the best part of our family's summer. I truly hope we can figure something out to help these events stay.

Thank you
Brandy Pittas
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:20 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support the Dole;)

Hi Elizabeth

We are members of the CCAPOA and we love the Dole and all they do! Just wanted to send a message of support ;)

Thank you
Maddie and Todd

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:20 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support The Dole

Good morning,

I am writing you to show my support for the events at The Dole. I live at 442 Lakeside Ave. and have been here 33 years, this is one block west of the Dole. I love that there is a Farmers a market on Sundays, The summer fest and all the events needed to support this wonderful gem we have. I urge you not to cave into the few who do not.

Thank you
Steve and Debbie Golbeck

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:16 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: SUP for The Dole

As a resident of the Dole neighborhood, I am writing in support of continuing the SUP for The Dole. The organization has maintained and improved the physical facilities, which were falling into disrepair before its sale by the First Congregational Chruch. The neighbors supported the sale to the non-profit organization over competing bids. Maintaining the special use events presents no problems with me or my family.

Background

We moved into Crystal Lake in 1988 when I was recruited by a national trade association based in Schaumburg, purchasing a residence on Essex Lane. The neighborhood and the city were (are) similar to the Twin Cities community from which we relocated.

I served on the Lakeside Committee of the First Congregational Church for a number of years and was deeply involved with its annual carnival fund-raising event that was followed a week later by the Lakeside Festival. As a result, I was intimately familiar with the financial issues that FCC faced with the maintenance and operation of the Dole Mansion. More importantly I had a ringside seat to see how its presence and operation benefited the city in general. While the current activities are frequent and well-attended, they are positive for Crystal Lake.

Regards,

Hugh Strawn
[redacted]
Crystal Lake
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:29 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Concerned Local Farmers

Dear Elizabeth,

We are reaching out about the Dole Farmers Market and the impact it has made on our small local business. First let us introduce ourselves. We are Peter and Elizabeth Grubbe, we own and operate Middlebury Farms, a certified organic vegetable farm in Harvard, IL. Peter has been farming in Harvard since 2013 and Elizabeth joined in 2019. We grow on 10 acres a wide variety of vegetables, herbs, flowers and fruit. Middlebury Farms has been serving the local McHenry County community for over 10 years now.

In 2021 we received a call from The Dole about a new market that they were going to start that season asking if we would join. We were the first farm to agree and believe that this market would be successful and put all our trust into them. This farmers market has been extremely successful and profitable for our small local business since the opening day. Our business and farm has grown immensely by having the opportunity to be there every week throughout the season,May through October. The local Crystal Lake and surrounding communities have shown up and have been very supportive of our business and the Dole each and every week. We have built a great following and community at this market over the past 3 years and would like to continue having the opportunity to sell our locally grown certified organic produce.

As local farmers and business owners we have already planned out what this season looks like and we plan that a good percentage of our sales and income will be from the Dole Farmers Market. We have already purchased seeds, hired labor and began planting for this upcoming season and have sold CSA subscriptions to be picked up at the market. Not being able to attend this farmers market would be a major loss for us, our family, our staff and most of all our customers. At this time in the season we are unable to go to another farmers market to sell our produce. Not only does it take time, months if not years to build up customers but most farmers markets do not have availability to take on new vendors. The planning process for farmers like us started back in October for the next upcoming season.

If we were unable to be able to attend this farmers market every single Sunday from May 26th until October 27th as planned our small business will take a big loss and many other people in our community will be affected as well. We believe in the Dole and feel they are doing so much good for the community that they have built. We hope to see them be able to keep building a strong community in Crystal Lake and McHenry County.

We would love to discuss more in detail if you have any questions for us. Please feel free to reach out.

Best Regards,
Peter and Elizabeth Grubbe

www.middleburyfarms.com
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:31 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: WE SUPPORT THE DOLE!!!

Dear Elizabeth,

It has been brought to my attention that some of my neighbors have expressed grievances about events at the Dole mansion. I am writing to say that I COMPLETELY DISAGREE with their grievances. I and my family FULLY support ALL events the Dole hosts. We adore the Farmers markets, art shows, Lou's Lounge, Music under the Trees just to name a few.

We implore you to NOT make any changes to the existing events/zoning etc.

We purchased our family home in 2020, and a huge deciding factor was the proximity to the Dole so that we may attend and support as many events as possible. Making changes would negatively impact our neighborhood and community dramatically.

Thank you.

Kind Regards, Jamie West[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:31 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole - Events are Wonderful

Greetings,

I wanted to reach out concerning The Dole and the activities and events that are held there. I live in the Gates. Myself, my family and friends love all of the events held at The Dole throughout the year. It is an amazing venue to have available for all to enjoy everything they have had to offer during the year. We could not image it not be available for the community to participate and experience all of the wonderful opportunities it has going on from the farmers market, to the outdoor music events, Lou's Lounge, and the art shows to name a few.

Please know that I could not imagine The Dole not being available to the community to continue to enjoy all it has to offer throughout the year! It is a spectacular venue that is greatly appreciated and would be very sad if they were not able to host these events throughout the year.

Thank you!

[redacted]

Wendy Schifferer

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:37 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Farmer's Market

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Good Afternoon

I am contacting you to show my support for the Farmer's Market+ at the Dole.

Four years ago when so many things were unknown, The Dole Farmer's Market was a place for my family & I to go and shop local, support local makers, and socialize while taking caution. Whenever we have visitors from out of town, stopping at the Dole Farmer's Market is always on the to-do list.

I also started baking macarons for my family during that time. It occurred to me that the Dole was the perfect venue for me to sell them. So I was inspired to start my own business (a scary thing at 52 years old!) and Mama Bear Macs was started! I reached out to Linda & she guided me through what was needed to be a vendor at the Dole. I started selling in the fall of 2022, and haven't looked back. Without the Dole Market, I probably would not have taken that leap.

Over the past 18 months I have met many wonderful vendors & customers at the Dole Market. It's so much fun to talk to people & hear their stories. I have regular customers now that come to the Dole each week excited to try new macaron flavors. I have spoken to customers that are from Elgin, Geneva, Barrington & even Wisconsin just to name a few places. Linda & Sharon have made such a wonderful, welcoming event that people are planning their Sundays around the Dole market, and traveling an hour or more to come. We are so lucky to have this event in our community!

The Dole market gives local farmers, producers & makers a place to sell their products. But it's so much more than that. Linda & Sharon have created a community of vendors that support one another, refer one another & genuinely care for each other & the market. Many of the customers that attend the Dole do so regularly, and with their families. It's a great market every week for all ages, and it's free! Again, we are so lucky to have this event in our community!

Thank you,
Christine Rausch
Mama Bear Macs
[redacted]

[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:44 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

Keep the activities going on at the Dole. Farmers market is very nice, the few concerts(small bands) is a nice touch. There hasn't been any problems. I have talked to people who live nearby and the love the activity.
I'm sure there are a few who complain but they are way in the minority.

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:45 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Love the Dole

Hi Elizabeth.
My name is Dave Ossman. I live in the gates in Lakewood. I want to express my support for the variety of events at the Dole including the Lakeside Festival, Farmers Market and music under the stars. I do recognize that the number and size of events has grown over the years. I am sympathetic with the people that live right next to the Dole with the disruption caused by the increase in events. I would not be opposed to a compromise that limits the number of events especially on weekdays nights. In addition, if there are specific types of events that are more disruptive to the nearby neighbors, I could support further limitations on those. The Dole is an amazing asset for the community and I hope that a solution can be reached that will address the concerns of the nearby neighbors and preserve the benefits to the community.
Thanks. Dave Ossman
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:47 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole Mansion

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Dear Elizabeth,

My name is Cynthia Wikierak and I live in the Gates neighborhood at 461 Melrose Lane. My husband I have been Crystal Lake residents for 41 years. We moved to the Gates nine years ago. We were drawn to this area to be near the lake & also the "vacation feel" of the neighborhood. We specifically enjoy all the activities at the Dole Mansion. We have attended many farmers markets, concerts & the Lakeside Festival each year. The Dole Mansion brings many residents to the area for fun, relaxation & family time together. It is wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves and having a good time. It is one of the crown jewels of Crystal lake and its history is vital to our community. Please let the Dole flourish & continue to bring its residents together.
Thank you.
Cindy Wikierak

[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:30 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Farmers Market at the Dole

Dear Ms. Maxwell:
I am writing in support of the Farmers Market at the Dole. As a farmer who has been a vendor at this market since its inception, I can tell you this market has been a tremendous benefit to our farm in many respects. First, it is a community connection for our family and farm. We have built a very loyal following for our meat and feel a strong bond with our customers. Second, it is an important source of income to us to sustain our small, regenerative family farm. The Farmers Market at the Dole is more than just a farmers market. It has become a weekly community event that people throughout the Northern Illinois region have come to love.

Thank you,

--
Kevin Kelley
Terra Vitae Farms

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:46 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Save the Dole

The special events that are hosted at the Dole are such a big part of who our community is and brings business to our town and helps families around us. Our family of 5 looks forward to the farmers market on Sundays with the BEST tacos around, fresh produce and breads and so much more. The balloon artists and face painters bring all the kids so much joy. Date nights for live music under the stars are so enjoyable!

I was born and raised in Crystal Lake and the Dole has always been a cornerstone to our community. So much so that I convinced my husband this is where we should raise our family.

PLEASE don't let these amazing events die!

Thank you!

Heather Rentz

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:54 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The dole

Hello

I am writing this email about the Dole and the farmer's market that is held there. I had never been to an indoor farmer's market. I went to the Dole to see how handicap friendly it was. I use a cane and have a hard time walking up and down stairs. They have a kind of elevator that they helped me use to get up and down to where the market was held. I was also surprised at how many different vendors there were there. I ended up trying many different things that I would not have tried from different breads to natural skin products, different forms of meat I had never tried, macarons, and other different baked goods. Having these events at the Dole allowed me to try out an indoor farmer's market. It is an asset to Crystal Lake and one I hope to be able to use again!

Thank you
Jennifer Shabec

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:53 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Hello,

Please note that I am in favor of the activities at the Dole Mansion and all the positive things they have there. We attend regularly with our children.

Thanks,

James A. Brand Jr.
IL Public Adjuster - [redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:41 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole events

Hello,

I am not sure how this issue with the Dole Mansion can even be entertained by the City of Crystal Lake. The Dole has been there a lot longer than all of these complaining residents and they knew that this building held events when they moved in.

This is like the people complaining that O'Hare Airport is too loud after they move into their home. Leave the Dole alone. It is a staple and point of pride in our community. Stop letting the few speak for the many.

Shannon Vrbancic

[redacted]

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:34 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

Hi,

I live in the gates and want to express my deep concern about putting an end to events at the Dole. It has been such a wonderful experience to see what the Dole has brought to the community these past few years: the farmer's market, concerts, Lou's lounge, special events / fundraisers…it truly has created a deeper sense of community here in the neighborhood and for Crystal Lake as a whole, bringing people together who otherwise would have no reason to interact.

I hope the Dole is able to continue offering such awesome events in the future.

Thanks for listening,
Leigh Ann
[redacted]

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:30 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole manor

As an almost 30 year resident of Crystal Lake my family loves the Dole. Over the years we have attended lots of different events. My husband and I have volunteered at lakeside festival a few times and our kid worked as a face painter for a few season.
We love the carnival and food trucks. We've enjoyed the different music events and the farmers market. Summer wouldn't be the same with out time spent at the Dole.
We're greatful to all that the Dole brings to our community.
We hope to be able to enjoy the grounds for years to come.

In support
Jennie Kunis
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:14 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

Hello,

My family lives 1/2 a mile from the Dole. We love the farmers market and all events had there, especially the Lakeside Festival. Please do change this priceless tradition.

Jon Magro

Owner/Founder at Millie's Playland LLC

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:35 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole Mansion

Dear Elizabeth,
My family has lived in CL since 1989. We have attended many events at the Dole and the surrounding property. It is a staple of Crystal Lake. The events that are being held there are unique to this community and have been a part of our family.
Thank you,
Lynn Schneider

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:33 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Regarding Dole Events

I want to share my support for community events held at the Dole Mansion. These events bring the community together, encourage economic development, and help maintain Crystal Lake as an attractive place to live. I would actually voice a call for MORE events and opportunities at the Dole. The recent additions have been a great asset to the community.

Thank you,

Alex Eesley

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:28 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

We support our community and events at Dole and around our community.

Thank you,

Laurie

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:25 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole supporter - Please read

Thank you Elizabeth for reading this email. I want to simply show support for the Dole mansion and community activities there. The community events there are a wonderful part of Crystal Lake. I am a CL resident since 2018. Thank you.

Derek Solberg
[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:21 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support of The Dole

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Hello Elizabeth,

I hope this message finds you well.

I have lived in Crystal Lake my whole life and have always known of the Dole as being a staple in our community. I grew up having my elementary school art projects shown there, walking to the 4th of July Festival for carnival rides and going there to make memories with family and friends that I looked forward to every single year. When I went away to college 5 years ago, of course this amazing Farmers Market at the Dole opened right when I left. The Farmer's Market was a new reason I was excited to come back to Crystal Lake from 8 hours away. It gave me something to look forward to and was another way the Dole was bringing me an AMAZING experience. I walk over every Sunday now that I am home from school and look forward to relaxing and spending quality time with my parents that the Farmers Market has allowed us to do. You see neighbors walking their dogs, riding bikes, bringing their kids etc. all to the Dole for something to bring us all together. It supports small business owners; it supports a staple non-profit building in our community and makes you love being in Crystal Lake. I went away to college out of Illinois as many do because "I wanted to get away!" Then, to find out that the events and community within Crystal Lake like I experience at the Dole was what I missed most and what brought me back.
I know that the Farmers Market brings a lot of good to the residents in the community, the local farmers and small businesses that sell at them, and Crystal Lake as a city. These kinds of events don't happen in every city and I believe that the Farmers Market having a home in Crystal Lake at the Dole is a true treasure.

Kind Regards,
Katie Haviland

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:15 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject:

We support the Dole. My children grew up spending their summers gate 6 with their grandparents now their children are attending events at the Dole. The Farmers Market is wonderful- brings us fresh food , allows socialization among neighbors, helps the small town business,etc. The Dole also exposes the community to the arts. I could go on and on. Please dont stop our community events. We live on 779 Broadway we support the Dole 100%

Liz Beltrame

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:58 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole mansion hearing

Hi-

My name is Mike Schuppert. I live at 560 golf rd near the Dole mansion. I see that in order to present our opinion as home owners in close proximity to the Dole we were supposed to have submitted our request by the end of business today. I hope that you may consider my request to state our family's view on the amount and types of events hosted at the facility. Please let me know if this is still feasible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely-
The Schuppert family
Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:26 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole SUP

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Elizabeth,

As a lifelong resident of Crystal Lake and a former board member of the Dole, I'd like to voice my concerns about a few neighbors who are putting the Dole events at risk.

It has taken many years of hard work, good ideas, perseverance, and creativity to organize and hold a variety of great events and programs that benefit everyone who lives in CL and the surrounding areas. This is what brings our community together, allows for people to meet each other, and have some good ol city fun! The farmers market alone benefits everyone from farmers to small business owners to crafters to patrons.
Our city cannot allow a small handful of complainers to ruin the fabulous events the Dole has worked so hard to provide for us all. Myself, my family, and countless other friends and members of the community hope that the city of Crystal Lake takes this into consideration, and recognizes just how much the Dole events benefit our wonderful city.

Sincerely,

Jackie Baumann
[redacted]
Crystal Lake
FRIEND OF THE DOLE

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:22 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

As a resident of the Gates, I am writing in support of the Dole mansion though I sympathize with the nearby residents. The activities there have been so great for the community. Possibly a reduction of the Farmers market to every other weekend would help. That would also help our downtown Farmers Market to do better as well.
I would hate to see the outdoor summer concerts be curtailed.
The Gala has been held there "forever" and would seem devastating to see it gone. Moving it away those couple years were not successful.
Dole is so vital to the community and it needs a source of revenue got keep it running. All these events support it. It is a Crystal Lake historical treasure.
Should you decide in favor of the neighborhood grievance group and Dole must discontinue these community functions, causing it to possibly sell, I hope CL considers condos for that land, as CL is in need of an upscale condo development Most everything being built is mainly townhouses and rental apartments.

Thank you for taking input from the residents
Kathie Holiday
[redacted]
Lakewood.

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:02 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

Please consider the events at the Dole a sense of community and a way to invite more people to experience the wonderful and welcoming town of Crystal Lake!
If it weren't for these friendly events people would not have a way of meeting more people in the neighborhood. It's a sense of community that many towns do not have.
Our neighborhood is very desirable and people are always looking for houses in the Lakewood community!

I'm not from crystal lake but have lived in the gates for 23 years! A sense of community like no other.
Please allow the Dole to continue to share events with more people!
Debbie Nelson
[redacted]
Deb

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:29 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support for the Dole

Hello,

I am writing to you to voice my support for the Dole. I am a frequent patron of the Farmer's market both indoor and outdoor. I love the opportunity to support local businesses and get fresh and unique products. The Dole offers so much diversity with all of the events hosted. Please don't limit the events they are allowed to host and take away the great things they bring to the community.

Thank you
Linda Cleet

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:50 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support for the Dole Mansion

I was recently informed of a review of the special use permit for the Dole Mansion. As a neighbor of the Dole, in the Gates, I would like to reach out in support of the Dole Mansion, and all the wonderful community involved happenings that go on there. The farmers market, music under the trees, and first Fridays art shows are just a few of the wonderful happenings that we've attended, and are always in awe of how many people come out to support this wonderful town. We are lucky to have this beautiful piece of history in our own neighborhood, and to take away all the joy it brings to so many would be a shame.
Thank you,
Amy Nuccio

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:19 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Please, please, please....

don't limit the activities at The Dole! Everything that's being offered from the Farmer's Market to the Arts Shows bring our neighborhood together and the sense of community has been incredible. As a single mother, I don't know what I'd do without it. It truly takes a village and The Dole is like the heart of our village! Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lisa Bloomquist

From: Bonnie Ongaro <bonnieongaro09@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:25 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion Events

To whom it may concern,

I was shared an email regarding complaints about the Dole Mansion events and ask to send an email here to voice my concern. I'm a supporter of the Dole and all the wonderful events they host that feed our community in a variety of ways. My hope is that the Dole Mansion can continue to thrive in providing so much opportunity for local artists, local businesses and local farmers.

Have a great day!
Bonnie

From: Susan Schendl <schendl1001@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:13 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support for The Dole

Hi Elizabeth,

As a member of CCAPOA, I received an email stating some concern over the future of The Dole and the activities at that location. As a proud resident of Crystal Lake for almost 60 years, I love to see what has become of a bygone eyesore of a historical building. We live in a unique neighborhood that offers beautiful views of the lake, scenic walks on the paths and side streets and friendly neighbors from all walks of life. So many people have given their time, talents, and money to restore the Dole and now we see a venue that has thrived with different types of events. It would be a shame to stifle this new opportunity to give Crystal Lake another great gem to be proud of. So many families have been able to enjoy the many years of the Gala and Taste of CL and now the Farmers Market. Growing up here and choosing to raise my kids here created the lasting memories that now my children are creating with their children. We should all be proud of the lasting mark The Dole has made in the memories of generations.

If there is opposition to the events at The Dole, there should be open dialog to come to some agreement. Change is hard and I'm not a fan of the "not in my backyard" mentality but there must be a way to keep The Dole a functioning venue for all to enjoy.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions.
Susan Schendl

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:13 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject:

Just wanted to share my thoughts on the Dole and all the events that happen there. I remember my 1st time touring it in 5th grade, way back in the 80's I fell in love with the little details like the wheat on the ceiling. The story of the grandest wedding, the cutout in the stairs for the coffins. When I 1st started coming to the farmers market i knew it was something special and inquired about setting up my 20 + year old shaved ice and ice cream business. Seeing families, grandparents, babies, dogs all enjoying themselves. Kids seeing teachers and coaches and friends from school. Getting the freshest produce and meeting the people who produce it, this brings suburban life and farm life together! Our roots are embedded within farm life, what better way to show kids then in a fun environment? The Dole has become a beacon of community activities. It was saved by the people of Crystal Lake to be used by all in the community. Whats the real reason behind them complaining?
Michelle Howell
Owner
The Inside Scoop (23 years)
Reaident of crystal lake for 53

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:08 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion Activity

Dear **Elizabeth Maxwell,**

As a long time resident,I have enjoyed the activities at the Dole. Please do not restrict access to the facility.

Yours truly,

David A. Boone

[redacted]

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:58 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Events

To Whom it May Concern;

I am writing to voice my support of the activities that take place at the Dole Mansion.....these activities are a mainstay in Crystal Lake and foster the community that is Crystal Lake , to see these go away would be detrimental to our community.

Sincerely,

Becky Wynsma
Sent from iPhone

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:55 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

The Dole is a staple of our community and the events held there are important because they bring our community together. I think I speak for the majority when I say that the Dole needs to continue to offer such a wide array of opportunities that appeal to a wide range of groups. I'm sorry that residents close to the Dole want to stifle the rest of us but everyone looks forward to events at The Dole and Main Beach. It's a highlight and a gem for gorgeous Crystal Lake.

Sarah Kasenter, 12 year resident

[redacted]

Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:52 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support the Dole

Good Evening,

I am writing to voice my support for the events at the Dole in Crystal Lake. Since moving to Crystal Lake in 2019, the Dole has been a great asset to my family. I meet up with friends and family at the farmers market, concerts and other events on a regular basis. These events support local businesses and the growth of our community. I would be very sad for them to not happen anymore.

Thank you,
Stephanie Huntley

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:51 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: I support the Dole

The Dole Mansion is a gem in the community. The events have brought in a rich culture that makes Crystal Lake the place people love to live and visit. I am part of the art show on 4th Fridays and I'm dedicated to seeing events like that continue at the Dole.



Jill Kaman
JSK Advertising Design

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:51 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: I support the Dole!

Good afternoon Elizabeth,

Please count me among the many supporters of the Dole, the Farmers Market, and all of the events they put on. I am a member of two community organizations, the Service League of Crystal Lake and the Crystal Lake Central Boosters Club. The Dole provides so much support to the Service League in general, which allows us to meet emergent needs of our citizens in their time of need. They also provide a wonderful location for community events, such as our Boosters Game Night this past spring where we raised over 10,000 to give back directly to all students (not just sports) at Crystal Lake Central.

The Dole is a gem in our community, welcoming all residents of Crystal Lake and providing a gathering spot throughout the year. I believe working with the Lakeside board will help alleviate some of the concerns of the few outspoken neighbors.

Sincerely,

Lexie Carlson
Village of Lakewood resident and community supporter

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:47 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole / Farmers Market at the Dole

Hi Liz,

Today, I'd like to speak about a cornerstone of our community, The Dole Mansion, particularly highlighting our cherished Farmers Market+ at the Dole and the other amazing events hosted on this historic site. These gatherings are not just events; they are a celebration of our community's spirit, culture, and history.

Firstly, I am a Realtor and I volunteer every weekend at the Farmers Market+ at The Dole. I have since it started in 2021. The market draws people from across the region to Crystal Lake every Sunday, showcasing our wonderful city and its offerings. This influx of visitors supports local businesses and entrepreneurs, circulating additional revenue within our town. Events like these are known to elevate local commerce, boosting economic activity and, contrary to concerns, potentially increasing our property values by making our area a more desirable place to live.

Moreover, these events promote community engagement and provide a venue for local artisans and farmers to sell their products, supporting our local economy directly. The presence of out-of-town visitors contributes to this cycle, as they spend on food, crafts, and services, enriching our city financially and culturally.

While I understand there are concerns about noise and traffic, it is vital to recognize the broader benefits. These include not only economic gains but also the enrichment of our community's social fabric. By hosting these events, The Dole does not diminish our quality of life; it enhances it. This historical site is now embedded in the present of today and has become our local community's go-to gathering place on Sundays. It is where they come to spend time with their families and meet with their friends and to feel a true sense of community. It's quite beautiful to be a part of and to witness. It is something The Dole and the members of the community should be extremely proud of. In a technology driven world, people are longing for true social connections, and they have found that here at the Farmers Market+ at the Dole.

In conclusion, let us continue to support and promote these gatherings, which bring so much vibrancy and economic benefit to Crystal Lake. Together, let us ensure that the legacy of The Dole Mansion remains a beacon of happiness, culture, and community.

Thank you for your time,

Debbie Goodale

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:43 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

I support the Dole and all of the events that are held there.
Nancy Dierking

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:47 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Elizabeth Maxwell,

Our family moved to the Gates community 44 years ago. As a resident and member of CCAPOA, we support the various events that are held at the Dole. We have participated or attended activities such as the Farmer's Market, weddings, Friendship House, Lakeside Festival, art shows and others. Our hope is that the leaders of the City of Crystal Lake, allow the Dole to continue to offer not only entertainment but also cultural events to the community.

Regards,

Gerri Noble

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:52 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: SUP for Dole Mansion

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for The Dole Mansion and the invaluable contributions it makes to the Crystal Lake community. As a resident deeply invested in the vibrancy and cultural richness of our town, I wish to convey my endorsement for the various activities hosted by The Dole Mansion throughout the year.

The Farmers Market, a hallmark event, is a testament to the commitment of The Dole Mansion to provide a platform for local artisans, farmers, and businesses, even during the winter months when access to fresh produce is limited. The seamless transition to an outdoor venue during the summer ensures that our community can continue to enjoy this beloved tradition, fostering a sense of camaraderie and supporting our local economy.

Furthermore, The Dole Mansion's art shows, outdoor music events, and the inviting atmosphere of Lou's Lounge contribute significantly to the cultural fabric of Crystal Lake. These events not only showcase local talent but also provide opportunities for residents to engage with the arts, fostering creativity and appreciation within our community.

The Dole Mansion serves as more than just a venue; it is a hub of activity that brings people together, strengthens community bonds, and enhances the quality of life for residents of all ages. By supporting the diverse array of events hosted at The Dole, we are investing in the collective well-being and prosperity of Crystal Lake.

In light of the invaluable contributions made by The Dole Mansion to our community, I urge you to continue to support its activities and endeavors. Your favorable consideration of this matter is greatly appreciated and will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success and vitality of our town.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. Should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-459-0211 or acrumlish@aol.com

Sincerely,
Ann Crumlish

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:59 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

Dear Ms Maxwell,

We live across the street from The Dole at 610 Ringling Rd. We have NO ISSUES with The Dole!

It's important to preserve the past history of The Dole & it is expensive to do so. The Dole needs these events to maintain the mansion.

The community gets together during these events. We see them as a very positive thing.

Thank you!
Gene & Carol Baynon

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:13 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Cc: Pam Kuehn <pamkuehn@comcast.net>; Bob Kuehn <bobkuehn.bk@gmail.com>
Subject: We love the Dole

Hello

I'm a neighborhood resident in the gates a few blocks from the fabulous Dole mansion.

Just read that there are residents getting tired of the Dole's community venues and wish to cease some of these activities.

The Dole is a public facility that brings much needed enjoyment, social connections , entertainment, and necessary community venues that showcase Crystal Lakes' neighborly reputation in McHenry county. This mansion has been dormant far too long and is now taking on a very welcomed and much needed role in building relationships and community.

While there may be a need to evaluate its impact to surrounding residents,(as long as there is no harm or damage to them/their properties) please don't stop it from becoming what it is designed to do- be a safe and welcomed venue for happy social times.

We absolutely love the vibe and energy it brings to our neighborhood/town!!!
We look forward to the meeting next week to discuss .....

The Kuehn's
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:14 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

Elizabeth,

I am writing to support the Dole and all of its programs and events. It is so nice to be able to just walk down the street and enjoy the BEST farmers market, concert, art show, or any of the other wonderful events.

We live a few blocks from the Dole and we love that it brings the community together.

Maureen Benoy
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:16 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: We support the Dole

Hi Elizabeth,

My husband and I live on Essex Ln and completely support all events at the Dole. It truly is a historic asset to the neighborhood. Do not let a few complaints ruin it for the majority of neighbors that enjoy what they do and social aspects they host.

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:19 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: My joy for the Dole

I am writing this email to let the City of Crystal Lake know how much I enjoy the Dole and all the wonderful events that happen there. I visit the Winter and Summer Farmer's Market almost every Sunday. I love the atmosphere, the events and proximity to my home. I attend the First Friday and other events as well. I wish the Lou Longue were open more for events.

I love the Lakeside Festival and have attended every year since I moved to the neighborhood in 2002.

I used the live on Spruce Lane and only have had positive inactions with the Dole. I now live down Broadway Avenue around Gate 14 and still only have positive inactions with the Dole. I think they do a great job with traffic and parking for all their events.

I am so lucky to have this great community place just down the street from me. I feel living so close to main beach, the lake and the Dole increases the value of my home immensely.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my joy for the Dole and all its events

Sincerely,

Amy Towne Goze

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:24 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: SUP at The Dole

Elizabeth,
I am emailing to support the events provided and hosted at The Dole.

This organization has resurrected the neighborhood and restored this historic landmark. They need the ability to host fund raising events to continue to repair, restore and maintain this property.

I realize some events may be minimally disruptive to the immediate neighbors, however this minor inconvenience should not impede the continued positive impact on the community as a whole.

I moved to Lakewood to enjoy the lake and summer-time events within walking distance. Please keep The Dole a viable entertainment venue for our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of all perspectives on this issue,
Jill

JILL DINSMORE
CEO
JA Frate, Inc.

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:27 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole's events = Vibrant community

Dear Elizabeth Maxwell at Crystal Lake Planning and Zoning Committee,

It's with great dismay that I learn about the review of The Dole's special-use permit, which they've used over the years to create excellent, joyous, and responsible community events that set our neighborhood apart from utterly isolated and sterile communities that increasingly define life in the United States of America.

My fiance and I relocated to this community from California because of the sense of togetherness we felt with a center for arts, farmer's markets, events, live music, and more only a short walk from our home. This must not be lost, both for those who already live here and for any hope of attracting young families in the future. When so many have begun to live isolated and lonely lifestyles due to remnants of COVID policies, remote work, social media addiction, polarizing politics, poor urban planning, etc., The Dole and its events are a towering example of human connection, community, and collective joy—a reliable beacon of what it means to live as a person amongst other persons, rather than a society limited to our respective plots of land.

It should strike your committee as odd that something as delightful as a farmer's market, live music during the summertime, etc., should be something worthy of review or inspection. These are basic and good human activities: the desire to congregate outdoors or indoors in a shared space. The United States and its communities—especially Illinois, where even sidewalks aren't guaranteed—is already remarkably absent of shared spaces for people to commune. We drive everywhere. Restaurants have drive-thrus, eliminating the need to leave the comfort of our vehicles. We entirely lack the shared spaces that so many European cities boast. And then there's The Dole, which gives us some aspect of public togetherness with weekly farmer's markets and other events, a phenomenon entirely unique to the suburbs in this area of the country, and thus of supreme value. By what rationale does it make sense to take this away? By what estimation of justice does it seem fair to strip a community of their ready ability to commune? In what sense would that be the *right and just* action?

Of course, with any gathering of people, there may be some noise or inconvenience. (Although, for our part, we have never experienced this with any meaningful displeasure, and especially not in regard to indoor events). Again, this is hardly surprising or new. Don't people have voices? Is music not meant to be heard? Is a crowd not ... a crowd? We must remain rational and tolerant to maintain any sense of community in life, and not revert to prideful, bitter, and singular isolationism. Regardless, The Dole is consistently responsible when it comes designating proper duration of events, giving notice, and respecting the neighboring households. The small "grievances" that have been raised are no reason to gut a community of its character, its potential to come together, its verve. The alternative is to establish and enforce a

ghost town—quiet, sure, but painfully lonely, sad, and forsaken. Again, simply ask: would this be the *right and just* action?

Please deeply consider the implications of your review, and please remember the many hundreds of local residents who dearly love The Dole and its events in lieu of the handful who would put the focus on themselves instead of the highest good. Let what is right and just **for the whole** guide your decision, and you will not be led astray.

Sincerely,
Matt Zamudio
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:33 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>

Subject: Support the Dole

WE support the Dole and all the events they host.

Carol and Jerry Brauneis
[redacted]
Village of Lakewood

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:34 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion Events

Hello Elizabeth,
I just wanted to write to you in regards to the Dole Mansion and all the events that they host. They are events that bring a sense of community to our city and need to continue. We have too many things in our world today that remove us from gathering together in harmony, these events bring us together, they foster social interaction through events that we all have mutual interests in and enjoy. I hope and pray you find a way to continue hosting these events.

God Bless,
Chris Burzynski
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 12:43 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: support the Dole

Good afternoon-
I am writing in regards to recently learning that neighbors adjacent to The Dole have filed grievances about the events being held. I would love to attend the meeting next week, however I am working 12hr and am unable to attend. I live in the Gates and my family looks forward to biking to the farmers market each weekend and attending multiple other events throughout the year. When I first moved to Crystal Lake years ago I read about the rich history of the Dole including the times where it was left unattended due to financial problems. Now we finally have this incredible historic building in town that has found a rebirth with all of these events and hopefully will allow it to become lucrative enough to sustain for another 150 years! It would be such a shame if residents ruin this based on the idea that they apparently feel this should be a quiet annex of their yard. I hope others reach out in support so all voices are heard.
Thank you,
Jamie Price

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:11 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Manson events

Good afternoon

I wanted to reach out as I was told of an issue that had come up with all the events at the Dole and that they may be perceived as problematic. I truly hope this will not result in stopping the events currently held there.

We moved to Crystal Lake for many different reasons and while the Dole and its events were not part of them, they are a part of why we have stayed. The farmers market is one of the best ones I've been to in Illinois and Iowa. The atmosphere and the bringing together of all the families are truly a gift to the community. The school district art shows I don't have to explain why they are so special, I hope. The Dole Mansion is more than just a pretty building, it is a place where the community comes together and to lose that, would mean that we would lose a large part of the charm and community feeling we so love in Crystal Lake.

Thank you for listening
Quirine Dahlquist

[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 1:11 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

Hi Elizabeth!

I just heard the devastating news that people are complaining of the AMAZING events the Dole Mansion puts on. As a crystal lake citizen this really upsets me! The only reason we stay in illinois is to stay in this beautiful tight knit community. We look forward especially to the outdoor farmers markets on Sundays in the summer. It's all my three year old talks about. Please don't let the complaints of few outshine the support and gratefulness of the majority of us!

Thank you,
Alisa

[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 11:33 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
[redacted]
Subject: Supporting the Dole!

Elizabeth ,

Just wanted to voice our support for the Farmer Market and other events at the Dole. We've been going to the summer version for years and this year tried the indoor version and love it. We actually get a lot of our food there, including eggs, pork chops, hamburger, mushrooms, baclava, kombucha, blueberries, fish, cheese, pot pies and vinegar. In the summer we get fresh produce, flowers, corn, and tacos. We have also bought art and jewelry there. We love having such a great event within walking distance from our home, it truly makes life here better!

We hear some people have been having an issue with some of the events. While we can understand there may be an occasional issue, it reminds us a bit of people who buy houses near airports and then complain about the planes! It's not like they didn't know that events are going on there. We would encourage the city to continue to allow these event for all of us to enjoy.

Sincerely,

Phil and Tawn Bush
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 9:54 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

To Whom It May Concern,
My name is Amy Farrell and I live on Cumberland Ln (Gate 8). I completely support and love all the events at the Dole. The Dole Events (farmer's market, music concerts, art fairs, etc) make living in the Gates so much better. I love that I can walk right down the street to enjoy the events. I really hope these events are allowed to continue. Thank you for reading my email.
Amy Farrell

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Amy Farrell
Math Interventionist
[redacted]

[redacted]
Date: May 8, 2024 at 9:32:53 PM GMT-5
To: emaxwell@crtstallake.org
Subject: Dole Events

This is the central part of our town. It's the heart. Keep it beating, it's a great place to meet new and old friends. It needs events to keep it viable.

Pat Spindler

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:37 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Please consider my request in keeping the Dole Mansion open to community events such as the open market, music events, art shows, etc. The Dole is a treasure to Crystal Lake and by limiting what it can be used for also limits, the funds needed to keep it in good working order.

Thank you,

Kathy Keiser

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:34 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole and Community Events

Good afternoon Elizabeth,

We are writing to let you know of our support for The Dole and all of their wonderful events and activities, including the Farmer's Market, Summer Concerts and the 4th of July Lakeside Festival. These are wonderful and fun community events that bring us all together, while also raising important funds that support our community!

Thank you,

Jennifer & Jerry Kolarczyk

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:23 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

I support the Dole and it's priceless contribution to the Community in the way it honors tradition and provides richly cultural opportunities for the families and neighbors in our community.
I hate to imagine what would become of it if it could not financially survive. A far worse use of the property and facility, I fear

Ken Graef
[redacted]
Village ofLakewood, IL 60014

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:23 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
[redacted]
Subject: Support for Dole Mansion Continued Use and Permitting

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to express my support for continued special use permitting and events at the Dole Mansion. I would hate for the permit to be revoked as I believe it would have a negative impact on our community. I love living in Crystal Lake because of the small town feel and all the fun and creative events put on to support local charities and service organizations. I love attending events at the Dole, they really help foster a sense of community in our town. It is so fun to run into neighbors and friends and classmates and enjoy such a unique place in our town. I grew up in the gates at 831 Broadway and still have family at that location and also just down the street from the Dole and we love how we can ride bikes and walk to all the events. I would hate for the Dole mansion to be banned from holding events. What would happen to that property? If permitting is revoked what other use would there be for the building and yard? I believe the building would fall into disrepair and have to be demolished because no one can afford to take care of it. This would have a negative impact on our town. Organizations that count on donations from events held at the Dole Mansion would not be able to offer the scholarships and assist members of the community that are experiencing hardship. The Dole Mansion helps set Crystal Lake apart from other areas. It is one of the reasons why I decided to move back to town after graduating college. I love how the space can be experienced by all in the community.

Thanks for your consideration.

Julie Hoberg

[redacted]

Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Julie Hoberg

Senior Transportation Engineer/Planner

HDR

[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:13 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Please know how important the Dole is to those of us who live in The Village of Lakewood as well as Crystal Lake. We have lived in Lakewood for 34 years, and have enjoyed taking advantage of as many opportunities as we can to support the wonderful Dole experience.
Thank you.
Sandra Mason
[redacted]
Lakewood

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:12 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: DOLE SUP

Elizabeth,

It is my understanding there is a question/matter about the Special Use Permit for the Dole Mansion esp. regarding events they hold like the farmers market, art shows etc...

As a long time Crystal Lake resident and Dole supporter, I am in favor of allowing the Dole to continue these events which are well attended and part of what makes Crystal Lake so special. It also benefits the Dole in their continued struggle for monetary support for their maintenance and operations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards,

Jeffery Rice
[redacted]
Crystal Lake, IL

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:05 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Hi Ms. Maxwell,

I heard that there were some grievances with the number and types of events being held at the Dole and that unfortunately there may be a change in their Permit for special use.

It's terrible that a few people, who knowingly purchased a home near the Dole, could ruin such a wonderful venue. My family and I love going to their farmers market and music events. It's part of what makes Crystal Lake a fun place to live and visit.

I hope the Planning and Zoning Committee decides to keep the Dole as is.

Thank you for your time!

- Charlotte St. Pierre

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 4:05 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Hello,

I am writing in support of the Dole Mansion and the events that are held there. In the 23 years I have lived in Crystal Lake, I have enjoyed watching the Dole go from an unknown building near the beach to a thriving place dedicated to showcasing the community spirit of our town. I have learned about the historical significance of the mansion and the surrounding area purely by being exposed to it through the events that are held there. I am amazed at all they have done to preserve that history and how the mansion has become a place to continue the traditions of our wonderful town as a destination for people from all around the area.

The events they hold there have not just given people a beautiful and unique place to gather, they have supported many organizations in town by providing an affordable venue they may not otherwise be able to find. Support like this is invaluable to these organizations who then, in turn, give back to the community.

I have been to many farmers markets both in McHenry County and Lake County and the Farmers Market at the Dole is truly one of the best around. What they have been able to do there has made it more than just a market – it is a destination for the people of Crystal Lake and nearby towns to gather and enjoy the beauty of the mansion and the lake as well as the many businesses in town. The market also supports small businesses, giving them an opportunity to reach an audience they never would have been able to without a well-promoted venue like this.

Simply put, the Dole Mansion and its events are the epitome of what the Crystal Lake community is all about – gathering and supporting each other. Please allow them to continue to operate the way they have been, it would be a disservice to do otherwise.

Thank you for your time,
Heidi Bradley

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:59 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

Good afternoon,

I am writing to you to show my support for events and activities that have been hosted by The Dole. The Sunday's farmers market offers our community an opportunity to showcase our wonderful city and talented group of makers. It allows the community to share all the things that make Crystal Lake great.

The concert held under stars is an amazing event assessable to the entire community. Again it allows Crystal Lake to be showcased as a city that values the arts.

It would be a huge disservice to the community and the city of Crystal Lake to not allow the Dole to host all of the wonderful events that they have been hosting.

As a lover of the arts, and a resident of Crystal Lake I implore you to allow the Dole to continue hosting the events they have in the past.

Thank you

Jamie Cisco

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:57 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Supporting The Dole

Stop - Look - Think - Decide: This email originated from outside of the City. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Want to get this email out to you before the end of business day today to let you know that I support The Dole and always have. We are residents of Crystal Lake since 1986. We feel the Dole Mansion is an asset to our community as well as the McHenry county.

Darlene Kozinski
And my husband Tom Kozinski

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 1:39 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: The Dole

Good afternoon,

I am a resident of Crystal Lake and I am reaching out to express my support for the events at The Dole Manor. My family attends the farmers market every week and the various events throughout the year. The events that take place there bring the community together and are one of the many reasons Crystal Lake is a great place to live.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:38 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Support the Dole

Hello,

I am a new Crystal Lake homeowner writing in support of the Dole and the Special Use Permit. I have been going to the Dole for years when I lived in Pingree Grove. Places like the Dole are what drew me to moving to Crystal Lake. It gives this great city a character that cannot be bought or developed from scratch. I hope that the city continues to support the Dole and allows it to operate with minimal burdens and onus.

Thank you for your time,
Denis Vasilescu
Crystal Lake homeowner, resident, citizen

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:36 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

Hello Elizabeth -

I am reaching out to you in support of the Dole Mansion and all the wonderful events that it hosts. The events, especially the Farmers Market, are critical to our community and benefit the health of the residents as well as support these small businesses. Please do not let the frustrations of a few individuals ruin events that benefit an entire community of residents and their children.

Thank you,
Vivian Myers
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:36 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole mansion

I am expressing how much I enjoy going to Dole for the farmers market and 4th Friday art exhibit. Please consider all the community that are enjoying these events. Thank you!
Jenner Frye

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:18 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Farmers market

We support the activities at the Dole

John Fitzpatrick
[redacted]
Crystal Lake,

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:20 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Farmers Market

I support the Dole's outside activities

Linda Fitzpatrick

Spruce Lane
Crystal Lake

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:25 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

Elizabeth Maxwell:

I support the current level of activities at the Dole.

John Haussner
[redacted]

[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:05 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion

I support the Dole Mansion and the activities held there.

Marlene kopala
[redacted]
lakewoof

[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:20 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

To whom it may concern

Please continue actives at the Dole. I feel they help our community by bringing us together.
I would hate to see them disappear and the Dole sit unused.
Julia Hamilton.
Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]

Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:46 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Events

I write to you as a neighbor of the Dole. I want to express my support for the community activities that are held there. It is a great asset to the neighborhood!
Sincerely,
Terri Graef
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:46 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Events

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Sincerely,
Terri Graef
[redacted]

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:52 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole

Elizabeth,

I'm writing to you to express my concern about the Dole Mansion. I love that I live in the gates and have all the Dole has to offer. Please don't allow the Dole from stopping the farmers market, art shows, music under the trees, and Lous Lounge. Thank you!

Karla Larson
[redacted]
Sent from my iPhone

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:01 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Letter of Support for Dole Farmers Market

Good afternoon Ms. Maxwell,

Please accept the attached letter of support for the Dole Farmers Market.

I'm am eagerly anticipating the Farmers Market+ at the Dole's return to outdoor events on May 26.
Warmest regards,
Mike Buehler
Chairman
McHenry County Board

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:37 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Activities at the dole.

I love to see the Dole being a hub of activities for our neighborhood. I think it is part of what makes our neighborhood a desirable area to live in. I live on Broadway just down from the dole and have seen any issues.

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:07 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: We support the Dole

Hello Elizabeth,

I am writing this note on behalf of my household, which happens to be just a block from the The Dole, to share how much we LOVE the events that go on there. As a young family moving from living in Chicago that is in part what attracted us to this neighborhood, as was also the case for the other young families that have moved in over the last few years. We are at the farmers market every Sunday, enjoy Liberty Fest, and are loving that every year there are new fun events being added at The Dole.

Thank you and the rest of the Planning and Zoning Commitee for taking these sentiments to heart as it relates to the upcoming meeting on special use permits.

Best,
Lindsey Arko

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:11 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Mansion Events

To whom it may concern:
As a resident of the gates for 32 years I can't imagine giving up the neighborhood activities the Dole sponsors. That is what makes this area the exceptional family hometown it is today and has been for so many years.
Ccapoa member for 32 years.

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:45 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: SUP

My name is Dan Rhodes. I understand that the city Of Crystal Lake is looking into the Special Use Permit for the Dole Mansion. I live In the Village of Lakewood. I think the events are a vital part of the community. Please do not take these events away from us.
Thank You for your consideration.

[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:28 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole support

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To who it may concern,
As an 18 year resident of the Gates (CCAPOA) neighborhood in the Village of Lakewood I'm writing in full support of the Dole and everything it brings to our community. The art shows, Lakeside Fest and now the farmer's market are all part of our family and neighborhood traditions. Does it bring some traffic? Absolutely, but not any more than the twice daily scurry surrounding South Elementary that has been there much longer than my 18 years here.
People move to Crystal Lake and Lakewood for the amenities, great schools, and community camaraderie. If that is not the feel one wants, they probably shouldn't buy a home that sits within walking distance to a church, school, beach, parade route or annual festival, but they did. The Dole is just one of the many gatherings spots within a one mile radius that attracts a large group of people. It also happens to be one of the gathering spots that brings value to our great community. Please keep all of its great offerings available.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Zentner
[redacted]
Village of Lakewood
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:57 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Farmers Market+ At The Dole

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Good afternoon, Liz,

I am writing in advance of the May 15th meeting regarding the Farmers Market+ At The Dole.

After being laid off from my job of over 35 years during covid, I was presented with the opportunity to manage a new start up Farmers Market+ At The Dole with my sister back in 2021. The Dole was forced to lay off most of the staff during covid, as there was no way to pay anyone, and the Board was tasked with coming up with ideas to generate revenue to pay the bills (the mortgage, utility bills and the upkeep of the building and grounds is a substantial expense each month). The idea of starting a Farmers Market+ At The Dole was presented to city council back in April of 2021. We had two months from city council approval to recruit farmers, producers and artisans and opened the market on June 6, 2021. Since then, we have spent endless hours day after day, week after week to provide this unique experience to our community!

It has been such a joy to watch so many happy people in one place week after week from toddlers to seniors smiling, laughing, and having fun at our Farmers Market+! Families and friends gathering to enjoy their Sunday at The Dole! People telling us that our market is the "Best thing that's ever happened to Crystal Lake!" What a difference coming from the corporate world, working with farmers and small business owners that truly care about one another and willing to help each other. It's a very special place in Crystal Lake!!!

We give other non-profit organizations the opportunity to attend the market at no charge to educate the community on the services their organization provide such Advocate Good Shepherd Women & Infant March of Dimes, Food Shed, Helping Paws, Refuge for Women, McHenry County Historical Society, Family Health Partnership, Big Brothers Big Sisters of McHenry County, CASA, Service League, Senior Care Volunteer Network and more. It also should be noted that the Farmers Market + At The Dole gives back a portion of our proceeds to the Service League of Crystal Lake. We've been able to donate approx. $50,000 to the Service League, which goes directly to Crystal Lake families in need.

It is unfortunate to hear that a few neighbors may have the ability to force our market to be modified and it would in turn affect not only The Dole, but the entire community of Crystal Lake, our local farmers and small business owners.

The Dole was saved BY the community FOR the community. The neighbors who are complaining purchased homes bordering a historic property that will always need to raise funds to operate, let alone restore & renovate as well as maintain the grounds. Please don't let the voice of a few dictate the future for Crystal Lake as a whole.

Thank you for your time.

Warm regards,
Linda Wozniak

Linda Wozniak
Farmers Market+ Director
Voted #1 Illinois Farmers Market in 2021-2022
Voted Best of the Fox- Best Farmers Market 2022 & 2023

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:47 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: I Support The Dole

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Good afternoon Elizabeth,
I wanted to reach out and let you know that we are new home owners as of May 3rd in the Gates community. One of our reasons for leaving our home in Crystal Lake and moving to the gates/Dole area is because of the activities and events that take place there for our family! Our children are just 5 and 7 years old and we have many years left to enjoy what the Dole has to offer. Please don't take away the charm, sense of community and happiness it offers through their special events!
Sincerely,
Lindsay Brock
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:46 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole etc.

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Hi!
I'm writing to let you know how much all of the activities at the Dole mean to us. Please keep the art shows and farmers market. It has brought such beauty to our sweet town!!
Thanks,
Lyn Wenzon
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:36 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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Just reading about the upcoming discussion at the City Council about the usage permit of the Dole Grounds.

The Farmer's Market has grown into such a wonderful Sunday activity for everyone, young and old. It is rated one of the best in the
area and I think in IL. AND the Crystal Lake residents all look forward to the Lakeside Festival each 4th of year time. These are
opportunities for people in our area to gather in a fun and peaceful way during the summer season.

From what I've read from it's inception in 1921, this land given by the Dole family was a community events center. It would be tragic
to lose that special "center" because of a few people in the neighborhood that aren't happy with the current situation.

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:29 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole Mansion

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Hello,

I am writing to you about the Dole Mansion. It comes to my attention that people are concerned at the happenings there. I have lived in Crystal Lake for almost 30 years . I believe , especially in the summer , The Dole Mansion is the main part of summer in Crystal Lake . What memories and continue memories it gives me and my family . Now my Grandchildren also!! For The Doles' neighbors to start all this concern is Simply terrible . When they moved into this wonderful city we call Crystal Lake, they were well advised of The Dole. Guaranteed they asked questions. They knew where they were moving too and what it detailed. Shame on them to start this all up. They could move !!! I look forward to summers at the Dole, weekend markets , art exhibits, etc .... Keep the Dole alive. The Crystal Lake community needs The Dole Mansion.
Thank you for taking the time to
Read this letter . I hope the Board takes all this in consideration . Not just what a few homeowners are wanting .
Warm Regards,
Mary Mondelli

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:27 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole Mansion

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The Dole is a beloved centerpiece of Crystal Lake. Neighbors complaining about functions held there remind me of people who move in near an airport and then complain about the noise. The many activities held at The Dole, specifically the Farmers Market and the musical concerts and performances are a wonderful way to bring our city together. Please do all possible to let the powers that be understand the importance and beauty of these things.
Thank you!
Nancey Trandel, an almost 40 year resident of Crystal Lake

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Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:20 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Cc: Kaiser, Trisha Sue; Devon H Tessmer
Subject: Dole

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Elizabeth,

I am writing to support the Dole and all of its wonderful events. How lovely it has been to have the community come together over so many different proceedings: bands, music, art, festivals, food, carnivals, school events, book clubs, and more. The events at the Dole lend an amazing sense of community that should never be lost, in fact, these events should be celebrated! Having the Dole so close to home has always been a bonus.

Our kids grew up walking or biking to meet with friends instead of having to drive to other towns. My husband and I have lived in the gates for 26 years now. We love every minute of what has been available at the Dole. I understand that homes on or near the perimeter may be affected differently, but would hope that they can find it inside themselves to support the community as a whole by supporting the Dole.

Warmest Regards,

Trish Kaiser

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Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:19 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion Activities: Crystal Lake Treasures

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My wife and I moved into the Gates teo years ago. The Dole Mansion activities are an integral part of the neighborhood that attracted us to this area. The Farmers Market, Thursday concerts, Lakeside Festival at the Dole, Monday night bookclub get-togethers and the Halloween Witches Ride are just a few examples of its community spirit activities attract families to this neighborhood and surrounding communities. To restrict or eliminate these types of activities would greatly, negatively, impact the quality of life in our community.

One could make a strong case that it contributes positively to higher property values. One could also make a strong case since these activities have been a mainstay for many years it's reasonable to assume anyone moving into the area would take the Dole and its activities into consideration before moving here, not complain about them afterwards!

Steve Singer
[redacted]

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Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 3:09 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion

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Hey Elizabeth, I heard about the situation with the Dole and the "special permits" that have been requested. I'd like to voice my opinion that I do not agree with special permits for the Dole. This building is an iconic part of our city and the funds that these events generate are needed to keep the Dole open. I don't believe the events that are held there now are any different than what a local business would have to abide by. Please do not pass special permits. Thank you.

Megan Gusick
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:59 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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Dear Ms. Maxwell,
As. I am a resident on Nash Road, in Crystal Lake, which is part of the original country club additions. I have lived in this neighborhood for 47 years and truly enjoy all it has to offer with its proximity to the lake and parks schools and one of the biggest gems being The Dole. Having the ability to attend fun functions within walking distance of my home is a gift indeed. We enjoy the best farmers market in northern Illinois, music under the stars, and we include the grounds on our bike as I rides the neighborhood. It's just an amazing gift to us.
Because of the scale of some if the events, we understand the need for adequate parking. Overflow parking at South Elementary has proven helpful for this. And as this is basically my back yard, and it does not cause issue with us. We feel lucky to have a place so many people can enjoy! We would hate to see this venue be limited tobthe commmunoty at large.
My husband Peter abd I are fully suupotive of maintaining the Dole's current special use permit.
Thank you for your time
Sincerely, Emily and Peter Preston
[redacted]

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Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:59 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: DOLE SUPPORT

Stop - Look - Think - Decide: This email originated from outside of the City. Do not click on links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

I am writing this email to show our support for the Dole!!! We have lived in the CCAPOA community since 1999 and have seen a lot of different things happen at the Dole. Unfortunately, for a while there was no activity there except for the summer festival. When they started having more things there, it was fun to make memories with the family and support the entire facility.

I am so glad that over all these years, they have finally had numerous events that are wonderful to be a part of and be able to walk to right here in the neighborhood. It is wonderful sometimes to be able to just sit outside after a long day and hear music coming from there. It is a refreshing thing to be able to enjoy, even though were not able to make the event, but to see how many people were able to!.

One thing that we do enjoy going to and have brought many a friend, relative and out of towners to is the Farmer's Market! It is a major draw to Crystal Lake for people from all over and continue to come back time after time. It helps Crystal Lake to be known all around and more and more people want to be apart of our community.

There is a wonderful neighborhood feeling when you put all these people together and they are able to enjoy all these events, which also brings income to the area. I have heard of people that would like to move to the area because of all our fun activities and the lake.

If someone in the area that live near the Dole are not happy with the events, they either have not come to enjoy them or don't understand what benefits it brings to our community! As we all know, the Dole was there long before any of these houses were so, if you choose to move to this area, you should have been aware of what would be happening right there in your neighborhood and should be welcoming it. If you don't like things of this type, you should have bought somewhere else! Sort of like people that buy a house by an airport and then complain about planes flying over, no sense.

Please keep the Dole active in Crystal Lake to make things profitable and enjoyable for all of those that come from near and far to enjoy!!

Thanks so much for taking the time to read my plea!

Friends and Neighbors of the Dole

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:55 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole events support

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Hello,
I am writing today to express my support for all of the wonderful events hosted by the Dole throughout the year. Part of the reason I live in Crystal Lake with my family and children is because of the community. A huge part of that community is the events and gatherings, especially including the Dole farmers markets and summer festival during the fourth of July. The Dole events add to the value of living in this city significantly.
Best regards,
Kristin Riehl

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:53 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole and taxes

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Good afternoon,

I would like to voice my support for the Dole. As a long time Crystal Laker I enjoy the events and the extensive planning that go in to them. I am unfortunately looking for a new home outside Crystal lake because I have been taxed out of my home due to the south area being taxed so much more aggressively than other areas with the same house amenities. I will still visit Dole events and have made many lasting friendships with the concerts and other events. I appreciate you eliciting feedback from the community.

If I may add one suggestion….. Don't make the same Illinois mistakes over and over again. Consolidate school districts and townships etc to get costs down so you keep residents. $12,000 a year is ridiculous for a single family home's taxes. I have to work so much to pay that I don't even get to enjoy ANYTHING it pays for. I'm a single woman with no kids. I have to move somewhere where taxes are less than $5000.

Thank you,

Shannon Hogan, BSW, RN, CHPN
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:53 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for The Dole: A Gem of Crystal Lake

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Dear Elizabeth,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Shannon, and I am reaching out to express my unwavering support for The Dole, a cherished institution in the beautiful city of Crystal Lake.

As a proud native of Crystal Lake, I have deep roots in the community, and the significance of The Dole in my life and the lives of my family cannot be overstated. Growing up in Crystal Lake, The Dole was more than just a venue; it was a cornerstone of our family's entertainment and a symbol of what makes our city truly special.

Even though I no longer reside within Crystal Lake's borders, my connection to The Dole remains strong. I frequently attend events held at The Dole and have made it a point to introduce my new neighbors and friends in the neighboring community to the rich tapestry of experiences that The Dole offers throughout the year.

The impact of The Dole extends far beyond its walls; it plays a vital role in driving Crystal Lake's economy, fostering a sense of community, and enriching the cultural landscape of our city. The events held at The Dole contribute immensely to Crystal Lake's prosperity, drawing visitors from near and far and creating memories that last a lifetime.

I urge you to reconsider any actions that may jeopardize the future of The Dole. Instead, I implore you to recognize the invaluable contributions that The Dole makes to the fabric of our community—its ability to spark joy, inspire creativity, and cultivate a sense of belonging among residents old and new.

In a world where genuine sources of happiness and enrichment are increasingly rare, The Dole stands as a beacon of hope and possibility. Let us not take for granted the magic, happiness, art, music, and love that The Dole brings to our lives.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. I trust that you will make the decision that best serves the interests of Crystal Lake and its residents, ensuring that The Dole continues to thrive for generations to come.

Warm regards,

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:50 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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Elizabeth,

I am new to the community but it is obvious how much the festivities at the Dole are loved and looked forward to, by a lot of residents here. After reading and educating myself on the history of the Dole, I am not surprised why the SUP would not be supported by the community.
I hope there is another solution to appeasing the residents that live near the Dole, so that these fun events can still go on and I can experience them for myself!

Best Regards,

Laken Siggeman

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:48 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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Hello,
The special events at the Dole Mansion are a key part of Crystal Lake and although somewhat recent in years have come to stand for what makes this town a standout. Please let them continue.
Sincerely,

Jennie Kreitz, resident

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:48 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole

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We seriously thought about buying a home directly in front of the Dole in the early 80's and considered an asset instead of a hindrance when interested in living there.
However, we ended up needing a larger home so we had to leave that dream behind. Back then it was clear that there were back to back festivals on the grounds, one for the church, the other for the city along with many other activities. I was a member of the orchestra and choir board that met at the Dole years later along with many other activities from the community.
The Dole has not been stagnant and has enriched the community financially and culturally. It keeps people local, kids off the streets and families together.
I say keep scheduling quality programs that attract those grown and flown back to their families here for memorable times together.
It is obvious anyone purchasing a home in the area was informed of events as we were in advance.
Diane Keen
Crystal Lake

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:43 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion

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Dear Elizabeth,

I wish to extend my support to continuing the many wonderful events that the Dole Mansion hosts. My Cheryl and I grew up in Crystal Lake and recently moved back into the area. One of the many reasons included events like that sponsored by the Dole. We love the community atmosphere and being able to join and support local events. It is part of what makes Crystal Lake unique and draws many people to come appreciate our thriving city.

Please retain the many events that make the Dole so special, especially the Farmers Market!

Sincerely,

Tony & Cheryl Catenazzo

[redacted]
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:37 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion SUP

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Good afternoon,
As a resident of The Gates neighborhood and a member of the CCAPOA, I wanted to express my support for all of the events put on by The Dole. We love being able to walk down and enjoy all that The Dole has to offer. The variety of offerings is amazing as well.

Please don't take away a critical piece of our neighborhood enjoyment. It isn't just people from The Gates that appreciate what The Dole offers our community. The popularity of these events speak for themselves. People come from near and far to attend.

Additionally, these events raise funds for the preservation of this historic space. Please allow it to be enjoyed by all for years to come.

Thank you for your time,
Sandra Miller

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:34 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: On Behalf of The Dole | Lakeside Legacy Foundation - from Nancy Merkling

Importance: High

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Dear
Liz Maxwell,

I
am writing to you on behalf of The Dole [Lakeside Legacy Foundation].

I
am a 30+ year resident and a 20+ year business owner in McHenry County. We moved Nancy Merkling Productions to The Dole Mansion in Crystal Lake in 2016.

Since
LLF took over, I have watched The Dole revitalize itself to become a crucial beacon in the lakeside area for community gathering, the arts, company events, weddings and family celebrations, holiday festivals and more. And now with the addition of the Farmers
Market, we can most certainly say the community was waiting for this phenomenal offering as the attendance speaks for itself. Adding this market not only embodies another community centered event but also supports local farmers' and makers' in their businesses
in the process. Personally, I start my grocery shopping at our Farmer's Market and it gives me all the feels to know I can shop such a diverse amount of local growers in one, happy, community event.

My
company, Nancy Merkling Productions, produces the 4th Fridays Art Event that now lives at The Dole. Last month was our 101st event. We started this event at the Starline Factory in Harvard in April of 2011 and moved it to The Dole in October of 2019. After
running three crazy successful events here, the pandemic hit and "inside, large" events were off limits for two years. When we reopened in April 2022, we found an eagerly awaiting crowd that reminded us of the importance of the arts for individuals as well
as the community as a whole.

The
Dole Mansion has worked hard over the past 22 years to grow its purpose and servitude in this community and change is part of this growth. The gathered value over the years should be encouraged and supported if our goals are to continue to grow a healthy
community in the city of Crystal Lake. The Dole has certainly proved its worth in this arena.

Concerning complaints about "parking and traffic", I struggle to find the issue and will politely decline any comments at this time. Let's just say I am perplexed.

Nancy Merkling

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:31 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for Preserving the Historical Dole Property as a Venue for Events

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Dear Elizabeth, city staff, members of the Planning & Zoning Committee and city council members,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the preservation and continued use of The Historic Dole property as a venue for community events. As a resident of Crystal Lake and a passionate advocate for our local heritage, I believe that maintaining and utilizing this historical gem is essential for fostering a sense of identity and pride among our citizens.

The Historic Dole property holds a special place in the hearts of many in our community. Its rich history and architectural significance serve as a reminder of Crystal Lake's past and the stories of those who came before us. From its construction to its present-day role as a gathering place for celebrations, cultural events, and educational programs, this property embodies the spirit of our city and the values we hold dear.

Furthermore, the events hosted at the Historic Dole Property play a vital role in bringing our community together. Whether it's the Lakeside Festival, Farmers Market, Music Under the Trees, an art exhibition, or Lou's Lounge, these gatherings provide opportunities for residents of all ages and backgrounds to connect, learn, and celebrate our shared heritage. Additionally, they contribute to the economic vitality of our city by attracting visitors and supporting local businesses.

I urge you to prioritize the preservation and maintenance of the Historic Dole Property as a priority for our city. By allowing these events to stay as they are you are investing in its upkeep and ensuring its continued use as a venue for community events, we can honor our past while building a vibrant future for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to seeing the Historic Dole property continue to thrive as a cherished asset to our community.

Sincerely,

Devon & Shaun Tessmer
[redacted]
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
[redacted]

Kind Regards,

Devon Hubbard Tessmer

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:14 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for the Dole

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Hello,

As a resident of the gates/CCAPOA neighborhood I am writing to express my support of the events held at the Dole. These events have become family traditions and our kids have the absolute best time. They promote everything from community to healthy eating by providing fresh produce in our neighborhood. My son has loved learning about new fruits and vegetables from attending the weekly farmers markets.

These events are such a huge perk of living in our neighborhood and I truly believe our home values and quality of life would not be as good as they are without the Dole and its events.

Thank you,

Maggie Heyen
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:20 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: I support the dole!

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As a lifetime Crystal Laker - as well as growing up in the gates, I cannot tell you how much pride I have for the doles farmers market. I have friends coming from the city, suburbs, and out of state just to see our idyllic town light up on Sunday mornings. It has become my favorite family tradition for my 6 and 8 year old, and it has brought nothing but joy, community, pride and happiness to myself, my family and my neighbors.

Please keep this slice of goodness in our town.
Thank you and please let me know if there's anything I can do to help support this.

Tess Shields
[redacted]
Crystal Lake, IL
60014

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:26 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Farmers Market at Dole; Finding Solutions for Large Events

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Dear City of Crystal Lake, This letter goes out to express the gratefulness for the Dole Farmers Market, Winter and Summer. This market literally enabled us to survive through the pandemic and help supports our family and staff on a weekly basis to this day.

It seems issues of "parking and traffic congestion" in the area may be lumping all events into one category and it's important to separate them to find long term solutions that continue to benefit the City of Crystal Lake as well as it's residents, and those working there.

The Dole Farmers Market has very limited (4) hours once a week, and should not be clouded with the same issues for larger area events where traffic and parking congestion is constant from early morning to late evening hours, over multiple days.

For such large events, what if the City designated parking lots throughout the greater Crystal Lake area and had shuttle service at a reasonable cost to transport event attendees to the Lakeside area festivals or larger events? Other cities that lack immediate parking infrastructure around large, long-hour, or multi-day running events utilize a similar transport system. This eliminates so much traffic in the immediate area for residents, as well as provides additional safety for those coming and going to the long-running events.

Thank you for your time,
Laura

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:28 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: SUPPORT THE DOLE

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I support the Dole and everything that it has going for my family year-round. Losing these activities would be beyond sad.

One of the draws of living in this community is having access to those things we look forward to all summer and beyond. Don't take them away from us.

thanks :)

Amanda Berry, LMFT
[redacted]
Revive Relationship Therapy
https://revivelincolnpark.com

[redacted]
Chicago, IL 60642
[redacted]

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Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:42 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Cc: Tobin Laura
Subject: Support of Dole Mansion

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Just voicing my strong support for The Dole Mansion and for all the activities they provide to enrich our Crystal Lake community.

It's been amazing to have seen it go from almost being closed / torn down to now being a vibrant social, economic and cultural asset for all CL residents.

Please consider how much they offer all of us before changing or limiting their events schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Tom Tobin
[redacted]
Village of Lakewood

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:42 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: We support the Dole

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Hello, We support the Dole !!!

As a resident of the gates and CCAPOA we love the Dole farmers markets and music events. It's a huge reason we moved to Lakewood.

Kate staley
[redacted]**Village of Lakewood, IL 60014**

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:44 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Support

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Hi Elizabeth,

I'm writing to share our support of the dole and all of the recent events its brought to our community. My family lives in Wedgewood and we spend our Sunday summer mornings at the Farmer's market and Thursday's for music under the tree's. It's brought such joy to my young children and visitors who come into town. It's the quintessential hometown feel that brought me and my husband back to Crystal Lake to raise our family. I'm saddened to hear others are feeling grievance. Please know we fully support and hope the dole can continue to run as is.

Thank you!

Karen Sumanis

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:47 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion events

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I have recently moved within a couple blocks of the Dole and one of the things I am looking most forward to are the events at the Dole.
I am in full support of events at the Dole Mansion,

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:50 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for the Dole

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Hi, Elizabeth-

My name is Jackie Wood. My family and I live in the Gates. I wanted to send an email in support of keeping frequent events at the Dole. The farmers market, art shows, music under the lights, etc. are truly some of my favorite things about where we live. The events help unify the community, support small businesses, and promote a healthy lifestyle. We have a 4 year old and a 7 year old and get asked nearly every day how many more days until the farmers market. We'd be so sad to see it go, it would be a huge loss for the whole Crystal Lake/Village of Lakewood community. Please consider what's best for the community as a whole as you approach this matter.

Sincerely,
Jackie Wood
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 1:55 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Fwd: We support the Dole

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Hello, We support the Dole !!!

As a resident of the gates and CCAPOA we love the Dole farmers markets and music events. It's a huge reason we moved to Lakewood.

The farmers market promotes healthy eating by providing fresh produce and quality meat and fish. It also brings communities and family together and supports local artists and small businesses

Our family moved from Chicago and one of the things we miss most is the culture and community of a larger city. While Lakewood/Crystal lake is smaller, venues such as the Dole promote community and encourage culture and arts.

Alex Staley
[redacted]f Lakewood, IL 60014

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:01 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: Re: Review of Special use Permit, (SUP) for the Dole

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Mrs. Maxwell and Members of the Planning and Zoning Committee -

It was recently brought to my attention that a grievance has been filed against The Dole regarding the SUP for events held on their grounds.

I am a resident of the neighborhood directly surrounding The Dole and would like to express my full support for the organization and the events of ALL types that they host at The Dole.

Simply put, Crystal Lake would not be Crystal Lake without the efforts of this organization.

To place stringent restrictions upon The Dole would be a loss for our neighborhood and our city. Please do not let the petty grievances of a small minority impede the beauty and CULTURE of our community.

It is my hope that this message would be read by all members of the committee and it is my hope that the committee will fully support the gem that is The Dole for the benefit of all in our city.

Thank you

-SCOTT MARTIN
[redacted]stal Lake, IL 60014

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Scott C. Martin

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:03 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support the Dole

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Dear Elizabeth

I want to express my enthusiastic support for the Dole Mansion and all the fantastic events it hosts throughout the year. From the vibrant farmers market and inspiring art shows, to the musical events both indoors and out, the Dole has become a hub of creativity and community engagement. These events not only enrich our cultural landscape but also bring people together in a meaningful way.

I am writing to you today to express my sincere disagreement with those who have opposition to these events. I believe that they play a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging and unity within our community. Moreover, they provide valuable opportunities for local artists, musicians, and small businesses to showcase their talents and thrive.

As a supporter of the Dole Mansion and its diverse programming, I urge you to consider the immense benefits these events bring to our community. Let us continue to celebrate and embrace the rich tapestry of culture and creativity that the Dole Mansion offers.

With Warm Regards,

Becky Baughman

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:16 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion

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I have some understanding about the feelings of those who live close to the Dole Mansion. For 30 plus years I've had to put up with the traffic problems created by the Lakeside Festival, running and biking races, etc. I think the neighbors of the Dole are complaining about the traffic and noise levels. However, the Farmer's Market traffic is easy to maneuver, and I do it very often. The noise level of the Market is nowhere near what the Lakeside Festival can be.

It would be sad to limit the Dole to 4 events a year. That would probably reduce the Dole's budget and probably wipe out the funds that are given to the non-profits for volunteering at the Dole events.

To me the Dole Mansion and its wonderful events contribute richly to the community! While volunteering at the Farmer's Market I have talked to many customers. Some of them come from other suburbs and find they are impressed with our community. Let's keep them coming back by allowing the Dole Mansion events to continue as is.

Thank you,

Leslie Rueckert

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:19 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support of the Dole

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Dear Ms. Maxwell,
I have been a proud member of the Crystal Lake community and a homeowner in the Gates for 18 years. I absolutely feel that The Dole and its wonder community events have enriched the lives of our community. The Farmer's Marker has been a great addition in the last few years. I am proud to invite friends and family from other towns and states to visit and attend these events. It show cases local businesses, our great community, our amazing residents, and so much more in such a wonderful way.
When we move into this neighborhood we know that these events will be a part of the experience of owning a home near The Dole. We need to continue to make this a town people want to visit and live in for ALL our benefits. When we offer great community events we ALL win. If someone is looking for a quiet place to live then Crystal Lake has many areas available. Living next to Main Beach, The Dole, VA, Downtown Main Street, etc means a lively and fun environment. I feel extremely strong about the fact that The Dole and all its events is a valuable asset to Crystal Lake.
Sincere Regards,
Kim Hannell Hopkins
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:19 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole uses

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Elizabeth,

I am writing to convey my views regarding the use of the Dole Mansion. I am fully in support of the initiatives it has undertaken. Through these initiatives, this historic building has been able to be maintained. At the same time, it offers opportunities for various forms of the arts including outdoor music and the farmers market which greatly enrich our entire community. It would be a huge cultural, recreational, and social loss to the community if these activities were discontinued as well as put at risk the future of the Dole Mansion itself.

Miriam Baily
[redacted]
Crystal Lake, Illinois

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:23 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for The Dole Farmers Market

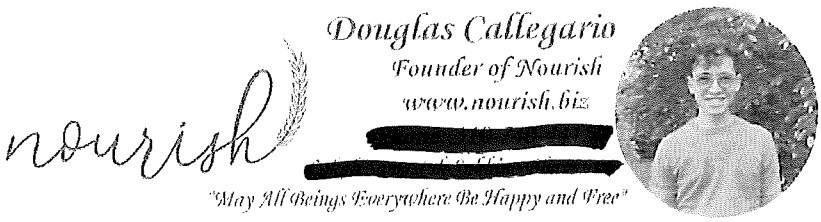
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Hello!

I just heard about the situation deciding the future of The Dole farmers Market.

I am sure you should receive a lot of emails supporting the market, so I will keep it brief:
This market, in only 3 years has accomplished so much for the attendees,vendors, and Crystal Lake community.
It brought the town to a spotlight, increasing attention and interest on this beautiful place.
It has become one of my biggest farmers markets, on my very first year there! This is an incredible outcome.
I vouch so much for what The Dole Farmers Market has been providing for myself, my employees and all the people who now are able to support the great endeavor.
Crystal Lake should be proud of their work!

Thank you!



Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:09 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole Mansion

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Hello,

As a fellow community members residing in The Gates neighborhood, I am writing to express my support for the Dole hosting a variety of events at its facility. The farmers market is one of the most successful events and something that our family fully supports and looks forward to every weekend when outdoors. The funding is also so beneficial for the Dole to be able to keep running.

Thank you for your time and I hope that the Dole is allowed to continue hosting many events in the future.

Sarah Loessl, [redacted]

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:46 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: In support of the Dole as a neighbor

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Hi Elizabeth,

My name is Kristin Friel and I am a neighbor of the Dole at 465 Riverside Dr. We love having the events at the Dole nearby and we are in full support of any continuing events sponsored there. The farmers market, music events, and the events at Lou's Lounge enrich the community incredibly and we don't want to see them go. Also, the revenue generated at these events allows the Dole to survive. In addition, I know that a portion of the proceeds has directly benefited The Service League which in turn helps members of our community directly. We are ok with the increased traffic as well as any noise generated from any events.

Sincerely,
Kristin Friel

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:51 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Events

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To whom it may concern,

As nearly 20 year residents of the gates neighborhood, we strongly support any and all events currently being held at the Dole mansion.

These events bring our community together and add life to the neighborhood. The atmosphere created gives our area a truly unique feel and experience.

Sincerely,
Adam and Nicole Ozment

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:52 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Activities/events at the dole

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I writing to express my concern about events at the dole not being allowed. The dole is a staple in our community and continues to evolve into an amazing place to have events. I have lived in the gates with my 3 boys since 2019, and we love riding our bikes to the farmers market, attending concerts and events. These events have allowed us to meet more of our neighbors and community members.

As I looked for a home in the gates, I knew that living on one of the gates with the piers, it would bring increased traffic at certain times of the year. So, I question those with an issue about the dole, did they not know the area, that's like buying a home that backs up to a school then complaining you hear children all day.

Please don't change anything at the dole, the schools use it for art shows, and fundraisers, the concerts, farmers market, and more are all benefits to our community. taxes paid, money flowing back to the community, local food, etc. We have no alternative to the dole for many of the events they offer. Changing that just hurts the community for a few people who knew the dole existed when they bought their home.

Thank you

Have a great day!
Kim Wilson

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:54 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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Please be informed that I support having the Farmer's Market at the Dole. It is an excellent community event and something everyone looks forward to. I appreciate all the effort it has required to make it happen!

Tess Reinhard
[redacted]
Crystal Lake, IL
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:57 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion

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I am a resident of the Village of Lakewood and have been for the past 47 years (same house on Gate 17). The Dole Mansion is a mainstay in our community and I was delighted when the Dole started hosting the farmer's market. We've attended every 4th of July celebration and carnival over the years as well as many other functions at the Dole. We raised 3 children in Lakewood, and now our grandchildren are benefiting from the wonderful community surrounding the Dole and all its activities. The Mertel family supports the Dole Mansion 100%.
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Legacy Foundation and The Dole Mansion

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Dear Liz Maxwell,

I am writing to you regarding the Lakeside Legacy Foundation, also known as The Dole Mansion.

I am a long-time resident of Crystal Lake, arriving from Minnesota in 1967 with my parents, Joe & Ginny Howley, and six siblings. I grew up in Lakewood and enjoyed for years the ambiance of the lake. As an adult I still live within close proximity of the lake, at 585 Woodland Drive, and feel very fortunate to also live within walking distance of the Dole Mansion.

The Dole Mansion has become an integral part of Crystal Lake, bringing together the arts, entertainment, community participation and so much more. It has truly become a hub and a "go to" destination for our residents and those in surrounding communities. The Farmer's Market is a highlight for many, including myself, bringing healthy choices of fresh organic vegetables, breads, cheese, spices, anything that you can think of! Everyone is talking about the Farmer's Market in Crystal Lake and it makes me feel so proud that we have an event in our town that brings our community and surrounding communities together. The support certainly reflects the need for this type of event.

I have also attended many of The Dole's 4th Friday Art Events. Just as with the Farmer's Market, it is a community gathering. Over the last few years, this event has brought many people together. It's always been a time to say hello, chat with friends and neighbors and enjoy the art and comradery. The artists are so proud to be there and to display their work, it's a very positive environment.

Lakeside Legacy Foundation has contributed to making Crystal Lake "A Good Place to Live". Through their strong leadership, their vision of success and creativity, our town has benefited. The Foundation needs these successful events to continue to sustain and grow, as an essential part of our community.

Thank you for your time,

Nancy Howley

Nancy J. Howley
Mortgage Loan Originator
Home State Bank, N.A.
40 Grant Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
NMLS #631481
[redacted] Direct Line

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 3:42 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Please Keep the Farmers Market and Parking

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Hi Elizabeth,

Last year was one of our best summers ever. This was mostly thanks to the Dole Farmer's Markets and our new black lab puppy Jett. Every Sunday my wife and I would take him to the Dole and he would socialize with a plethora of people, dogs, and children. It was great to meet with neighbors and vendors while they commented on how much bigger he was since only seven days ago. We credit his friendly demeanor to experience he grew up with.

Although we live only a mile away, the parking at the Dole made our visits possible. This is because the hot weather made our time limited and our puppy could not handle walks to the event. Please consider how important the Farmer's Market and other events are for the local community. They benefit the local economy, our quality of living, and even the friendliness of our pets.

Thanks,
~Wyatt Petersen and Laura Petersen

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:24 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: A market that supports local organic food and small family farms

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Hello,
My name is Silvia Abel-Caines, a McHenry County organic farmer.
I want to let you know that participating at The Dole's Farmers Market has been an amazing support for my small family farm business. It is because of opportunities like the Dole's Farmer's Market that people like me can connect good, nutrient-dense food with local families and reduce the FOOD MILES from farm-to-table.
Paz,
Silvia

The Garlic eScape Farm
garlicescape.com
Silvia Abel-Caines
The Garlic eSCape Farm, LLC
www.garlicescape.com
"Finally, there seem to be but three ways for a nation to acquire Wealth. The first is by War as the Romans did in plundering their conquered neighbours. This is Robbery. The second by Commerce which is generally Cheating. The third by Agriculture, the only honest way; wherein man receives a real increase of the seed thrown into the ground, in a kind of continual miracle wrought by the hand of God in his favour, as a reward for his innocent life, and virtuous industry." - Benjamin Franklin

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:39 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion Support

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Elizabeth

My name is Russell Dinsmore and I live at Gate 14 (340 Wiltshire Lane Village of Lakewood) in the Gates. I support the Dole Mansion. We attend the Farmer's Markets, the outdoor concerts and many other events. The Dole Mansion is a wonderful place and needs the Farmers Markets and other events to support their expenses. We enjoy these fund raising events and they should continue.

thank you
Russell
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 4:50 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Cc: Heather Maieritsch; Eric Helm
Subject: The Farmers Market at the Dole

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Ms. Maxwell,

It has come to my attention that there are neighbors concerned about The Farmers Market at the Dole, so I'd like to give you my thoughts both as a 47 year resident of the neighborhood, and as a long-time (30+ years) real estate agent who specializes in the CCAPOA area (which is the neighborhood surrounding The Dole).

I, personally, feel that The Farmers Market at the Dole is a HUGE PLUS, not only to those of us who live nearby, but also to the residents of the City of Crystal Lake as a whole. I've spoken with so many people from all over the county who love it as a gathering place, and as a market that provides quality merchandise that they would not be able to find anywhere else. Most of the Crystal Lake real estate community include The Farmers Market at the Dole in their marketing because we know it to be attractive to potential buyers who are considering moving to the Crystal Lake area.

Additionally, I've seen that having The Farmers Market at the Dole location has increased the public awareness of what a charming building and huge asset this place (both the building and the grounds) is to our city. There is no place like it within 50 miles! So, it seems to me that there are both economic and lifestyle advantages to continuing The Farmers Market at the Dole.

I'd also like to address how well run this farmers market is: parking is well monitored/controlled, no liter is ever visible, people are nice to each other (vs. yelling or fighting), and the grounds are back to being beautiful by the end of the day. This is due to the hard work of Sharon LeCoque and her huge group of volunteers who love and believe in this project.

I understand that some neighbors living near The Dole wish that nothing would disrupt their peace and quiet on the weekends. But, in reality, it is not economically possible for that space to just be a pretty piece of land for them to look at. Where does "for the greater good" come

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 5:12 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole mansion

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I strongly support The Dole Mansion and all the activities they provide to enrich our Crystal Lake community.

It's been amazing to have seen it go from almost being closed / torn down to now being a vibrant social, economic and cultural asset for all CL residents. I live on Broadway and drive by every time there's an event. besides the lakeside fest it is not difficult at all. There is no congestion and it is not loud from what I can tell.

I would be surprised if the neighbors who are objecting to these events, would want to see big condominiums put there. And that is probably what they would be eventually looking at.

Please consider how much they offer all of us before changing or limiting their events schedule.

Thank you

Laura Tobin
[redacted]
Village of Lakewood, IL

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 6:22 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Farmers Market at the Dole

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To my fellow Crystal Lake residents –

It recently came to our attention that a few of our fellow residents are displeased with all of the people that come in every week to shop at the Dole. That outlook is extremely unfortunate. The Farmers Market at the Dole has been voted the best in the state, and the best in McHenry County. This market helps to lift up our city, and our profile in the surrounding communities. The first time I walked through the market, I thought to myself as a third generation Crystal Lake resident, "Why couldn't this have existed when I was growing up"? The market does an amazing job of giving people an EXPERIENCE – food and drink offerings, solid entertainment, experiences for children and unique vendors. People come from across the area to explore and experience AND SPEND THEIR MONEY.

My sister-in-law, Heidi Shade, and I opened up a restaurant and bakery just for dogs in Barrington two years ago called Bredwell. As we are both area residents and have seen the Dole in action, we submitted an application in 2023 for a booth at the Farmers Market at the Dole for the summer season. We wanted to expand our reach and customer base, and knowing that the Farmers Market at the Dole brings in people across the area, we felt this was the most efficient way to achieve our objective. And we were right! Many of the days when we were at the Dole, our Farmers Market booth outsold our store. We have tried other area Farmers Markets, and as I like to say, "the juice was just not worth the squeeze". This is THE ONLY Farmers Market we will be doing in 2024.

While the market has helped us build our business, I also want to point out how the market has lifted up non-profits in our community. I specifically want to reference the Service League of Crystal Lake. My mom is a past president of the organization, and my sister-in-law Heidi is the third generation of our family serve. I know all of the work those women put into raising money and getting it to the CRYSTAL LAKE RESIDENTS who need help the most. The Farmers Market has donated over $50,000 back to Service League since its inception. The Farmers Market at the Dole is central to the Service League of Crystal Lake not only financially but as a space for the Service League to live out the mission of the organization. All Service League members volunteer their time to RUN the market itself. Lakeside Arts Park & the Dole have partnered with Service League not only through the Farmers Market but also as a paid event space for 1-3 fundraising events each year. Limiting the amount of events held at one of the most historic locations in McHenry county will greatly limit the fundraising efforts of Service League of Crystal Lake and therefore affect the outreach this near 100 year organization can directly provide to those in need in our community.

The Farmers Market at the Dole has done so many positive things for so many people. The area of the Dole in general has been a gathering place for all of our large community events. I can remember going to the Lakeside festival as an elementary student and seeing all of my friends from church and school in the middle of the summer – because that's where everyone goes! There's always something going on at Main Beach with our wonderful park district programming. These events and programming did not just pop up in the middle of the night. These have always been, and will continue to be, community spaces. It is unfortunate that some more recent residents did not realize that when buying their homes, and are now seeking to eliminate some of the very things that are positive and differentiating in our community, specifically, the Farmers Market at the Dole.

Lisa and Heidi Shade
Bredwell

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

To: Rick Howe
Subject: RE: Dole Activity Compromise

[redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 7:00 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: Dole Activity Compromise

Elizabeth

I just learned that some of the neighbors that live within close proximity
to The Dole have complained that there is too much activity around
their homes. I can understand...
I enjoy going to the Farmers Market on certain Sundays and have attended a few other offerings at that location.
My home is a few blocks away from the Dole and the only time I am somewhat inconvenienced is during the July 4th celebration, especially on Fireworks night. Our area is inundated with cars and folks who don't seem to have any respect for front lawns or know the proper procedure to dispose of their garbage.
That said, I would be sad if the Sunday Farmers Market ceased operation.
And I am sure that many others would be disappointed if other presentations were diminished.
We live in a wonderful community with numerous offerings. The Rau. Main Beach Tuesday concerts- which I can hear when sitting in my backyard whether I enjoy them or not.
Many I do...

I can hear music and other activities that emanate from the C Lake Golf course.
It is sometimes distracting but I like having the Golf course two blocks to the south of me and the Lake two blocks to the north.

I suppose the neighbors near the Dole have to deal with more than occasional sounds that they dislike. They have to deal with Loud volumes. They have to deal with cars parking on their streets and strangers converging around their homes. Strangers that may disregard proper consideration about the proper behavior, restraint and respect about personal property.

In today's world there are horrific wars and folks taking opposite sides regarding what side to support.

The suffering that is endured by so many of the world's population makes our neighborhood problems and differences seem trifling.
They are not, but we have a much easier avenue of negotiation and compromise than many of the human communities of our earth.

I think the Dole issues that are a concern from the nearby neighbors can be resolved with the unselfish compromise and understanding of everyone involved.

Rick Howe

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 8:08 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion Special Use Permit Review Comments and Concerns

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We were told the City is reviewing the **Special Use Permit** for The Dole Mansion as a result of grievances with the number and type of events being held there. We are not aware of the specifics but as a family that has lived in this community for close to forty years we have been involved with The Dole. It has evolved from Church Ownership to becoming part of the City's Infrastructure and is supported by many groups and individuals

We've personally been involved through School Art Shows and Fund Raising events We attend the Farmers Market which has certainly grown along with other events. The Dole is woven into the fabric of the city, whatever the issue or issues need to be dealt with in such a way as not to cause harm to the events and organizations that have contributed to it's success and reverence. The Dole is as much Crystal Lake as the Lake itself.

Sincerely,
Keith & Michele Heyen
[redacted]
Crystal Lake

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 8:23 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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Hello Elizabeth,
I'm writing out of concern for the future of The Dole. My husband and I have lived in the gates for just shy of 40 years (38 to be exact). Over the years we have made many memories that took place on the Dole property - including church services on the lawn (oh how I miss those!), and the many festivals that we attended while our kids were growing up, the races and parades that ended there....I could go on.

I am disheartened to learn that a few neighbors want to take those opportunities away from current residents. The farmers market has grown because people love it! Lou's Lounge is a gem we should all be proud of. The festival has shrunk to one very manageable weekend. To take those events away would be a disservice to the majority because of the complaining minority. It is my opinion that the events currently hosted at The Dole make our little community unique and exemplifies a thriving, desirable place to live - I'm all for it!

Sincerely,
Melanie Murphy
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:48 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Regarding Events at the Dole

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Hi there,

I am emailing to voice my strong opinions on large scale events happening at the Dole Mansion, particularly the Farmers Markets on Sundays. My family and I, with three young children, absolutely love the tradition the Farmers Markets have given us this past Summer attending the markets, buying local produce and enjoying the festivities it provides. We greatly hope these, and all events the Dole has brought about, can continue. Our neighborhood, our community would not be the same without them. We live one street over from the Dole on Lakeside Ave, and have never found the noise or the crowds to be a bother. In fact we welcome them! It brings so much life to the area and we're so happy to see the Dole being successful. Please don't let these wonderful traditions we're starting and memories we're making be taken away!

Thank you for your understanding!

Shaina Sprehe
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

To: Anna | Gold Fern Farm
Subject: RE: letter of support for The Dole Farmer's Market

-----Original Message-----
From: Anna | Gold Fern Farm <goldfernfarm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 10:00 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP <emaxwell@crystallake.org>
Subject: letter of support for The Dole Farmer's Market

Hello Liz,
I hope all is well for you.

My name is Anna and I grow flowers on my small flower farm in Dundee.
I've been very fortunate to sell my flowers at The Dole market from the first year the market opened.

It was a difficult time for my two small businesses. I worked at the time as a wedding photographer and i was also growing and selling flowers for weddings.
I lost all my photography work due to Covid and i also couldn't sell most of my flowers.

The Market at The Dole helped me not only to sell my flowers but also gave me opportunity to share joy and beauty with our community in this difficult time.

I love coming to this wonderful market. I made a lot of friends in the last 3 years and i have local customers who love my flowers and are happy to support me and my small business.

I think we don't realize how important markets and community is for our wellbeing.

We can buy local, healthy food at the market, many beautiful, homemade goods, we meet with friends, listen to the music, talk, laughs and have fun.
Gathering together, sharing laughter, feel supported (farmers) or support others make us all feel more happy.

Coming to the Dole market is also a great opportunity for lonely people to make friends.
It helps us to leave our homes, put our phones away, enjoy fresh air and company of other people and feel joy.
This is very important for our mental health.

The market is also very important to local economy and to our environment. Local food and locally produced goods, don't need to travel long distance and help reduce carbon emmission.

The Dole farmer's market is a wonderful community hub and i sincerely believe every town should have at least one thriving market like The Dole market.

Warmly,
Anna

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:57 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Farmers Market

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Good morning I just wanted to express how important the farmers markets are for us. We live on a farm and sell our meats at the market. It's an avenue to offer quality meats to our area. Many people would rather buy their weekly food items etc at one spot (the market) than to travel farm to farm and piece it together. The market is a way for us to network with our community. Your Dole market is one of the best I have ever seen. It offers great family time together on Sundays. My family enjoys hanging out at your market while stocking up. I do have a store front but most vendors do not and the market is the only way for them to sell their products. It would be crushing to cancel such an awesome market in such a beautiful location!! That location is picturesque. I hope you decide to continue the market! thanks Julie Kearns Kearns Quality Meats

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 6:12 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Farmers Market

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Good morning Elizabeth,

I recently saw the statement around the pushback on hosting activities at the Dole. My family moved to Crystal Lake 7 years ago and we absolutely love the Dole farmers market. It's our favorite weekend outing! We walk up every Sunday for groceries, breakfast and activities for the kids. It has become an amazing family event and is one of the activities that keeps us in Crystal Lake. We love the community it creates and the location. It's one of the few walkable events we have on this side of town. We would be devastated to lose the farmers market! It truly brings the "hometown" feel to Crystal Lake.

Please consider the amazing impact it has had on all of us families.

Thanks for your consideration,
Katelyn Matheny

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 7:30 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Farmers Market at the Dole- Sweetrosies Delights Vendor

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Hello Ms. Maxwell,

I hope this email finds you well. It is my understanding the Dole Farmers market is going through some struggles and has had to make huge cuts on their vendor availability. I just want to share the essence the Dole Farmers Market has on our small family business, without the Dole we would have no business.

The Dole Farmers Market was the very first market to open their doors to my small business supporting diversity and small business, I am a first generation Mexican American and specialize in our delicious food and treats, our primary sellers being tamales and handmade churros.

I was blown away with the support of the Crystal Lake community and the passion the community showed to my small business. Because of this my family decided to establish our brick and mortar headquarters in Crystal Lake and are in the process of opening our storefront on Virginia St.

There is no way we can stay in business without the dole, the Crystal Lake community holds our heart near and dear and we love to support local community causes in Crystal Lake. We have high hopes the market will continue to thrive and give us the opportunity to show our love to our beloved Crystal Lake community.

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Kind Regards,
Karina Meehan
[redacted]
Managing Partner
[redacted]
Crystal Lake IL 60014

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:12 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for the Dole

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As a lifelong resident I would like to send my full support for the activities being held at the Dole. Our city has NEVER held such events for families and friends to gather and this needs to continue. We have seen enough division and very little unity over the past several years – please allow this small thing to continue.

Thank you,

Jim Rocheford
[redacted]
Lakewood
[redacted]
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TechGlobal
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Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:13 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Subject: Important Community Update: Support for The Dole

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To whom it may concern

I hope this email finds you well. I am reaching out to address recent concerns raised by some of the neighbors regarding the activities hosted at The Dole. It has come to my attention that there have been grievances expressed to the city regarding the frequency and nature of events held at The Dole, prompting a review of the Special Use Permit (SUP) governing its operations.

Firstly, I want to emphasize that The Dole is not just a venue; it is an integral part of our community, contributing to the vibrant tapestry of life that makes our neighborhood special. From the beloved Farmers Market that provides fresh produce and a sense of community during both summer and winter months to the diverse array of cultural events and music performances, The Dole enriches the lives of residents and visitors alike. I understand that living adjacent to such a dynamic space may at times pose challenges, and I sympathize with any concerns you may have regarding noise or traffic disruptions. However, it's essential to recognize the significant positive impact that The Dole has on our community as a whole.

As you navigate the review process of the SUP, I urge you to consider the broader picture and the value that The Dole brings to our neighborhood. While it's crucial to address any legitimate concerns and find solutions that promote harmony, it's equally important to preserve the vitality and spirit of The Dole.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please feel free to reach out if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thanks,

Michael Berry

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:21 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion Support

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Hi Elizabeth,

I'm writing in support of the community events that the Dole hosts. All of these events enrich our community and bring new and diverse talents to our area. I urge you to protect this vital community center and it's many events.

I live in the gates and am an avid supporter of the Dole and attend the events regularly with my family.

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Sophie Erskine
[redacted]
sophieerskine.com

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:30 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Support

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Dear Elizabeth,

I received an email this morning that the Dole Mansion may be in jeopardy of losing its special use permit. My family and I are transplants from New York and I have to say that in a neighborhood that is very difficult to become part of, owing to all the multi-generational families, the Dole and its events have given my family (including our now 7 and 10 yr old) things to look forward to. Also, there is something a bit magical about being able to ride their bikes with them a few blocks to a farmers market in the warm months. I am not sure how much longer they will want to do that with us, but I would hate to rob "future parents to be" of the magic of doing that with their children. If you don't or can't head to the downtown Crystal Lake bar scene the Dole also provides activities for the parents such as those wine tasting events, art exhibits and the like.

I hope you can find some type of compromise with the residents who find the Dole disruptive because I think the societal glue it provides for the vast majority of the community is very special.

Please do not rescind the SUP of the Dole.

Best regards,
David Weinstein
[redacted]
Village of Lakewood
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:42 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Events at the Dole

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I am writing to voice my opinion of the events at the Dole. When people purchased their homes close to the Dole or even Main Beach, the already knew about events held at the Dole. The Sunday Farmer's Market is a lovely event with a good turn out – I do not think this needs to be legislated out of existence. As long the majority of fund are going to support the Dole building preservation I do not see a problem.

Pam Schumann.

Sent from Mail for Windows

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:44 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: My Support for the Dole

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Good Morning Elizabeth,

I proudly call the Village of Lakewood on Gate 16 my home, and I wholeheartedly endorse the Dole Mansion's request for the SUP permit. Having grown up in this community and now having established my own household here, I can attest to the vital role the Dole Mansion plays in our neighborhood's vibrancy. Its diverse events, such as the fest, farmers markets, music under the lights, art shows, and more, foster a sense of safety and camaraderie among families. These gatherings not only enrich our lives but also contribute to the unique charm of our area. Losing them would diminish the very essence that draws us to this community. I am committed to attending the upcoming meeting on May 15th to voice my support in person, but I wanted to convey my sentiments to you as well. Together, let's ensure the continued success and vitality of the Dole Mansion and our beloved community.

Thank You,

Mary Holz
[redacted] | CDW
Phone: [redacted]
Email [redacted]



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Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 8:44 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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Good morning, Elizabeth,

I am a perimeter resident to the Dole. My home is the Lorimer Mansion at 615 Lake Avenue on the corner of Lake and Lakeshore. I am so grateful our Gates community is active, allowing for our neighborhood to thrive. As a member of the CCAPOA, we see multiple activities scheduled throughout the year promoting residence to socialize and celebrate living near the lake as a community. The Crystal Lake Country Club is another avenue for this within the neighborhood. But the Dole is the community center, which does not require a private membership dues or a specific address to enjoy, it welcomes all. As an avid art collector and supporter of the arts, when I moved to Crystal Lake 8 years ago, I was excited to have the Dole in walking distance. There were a few events put on a year, but the Dole was not in good shape and was not a well utilized community center. It was deteriorating, and the vibrant energy that may have filled her walls, was a thing of the past. The last few years, the Dole has come alive, not only via extensive renovations to raise the aesthetics for the neighborhood, but also bringing events to the neighborhood like a robust Farmers Market -- supporting local farmers and local food, and a lifestyle I thrive to have. The Dole Farmers Market far exceeds the downtown Crystal Lake Farmers Market, and now I do not have to drive to Woodstock for something comparable. While it does bring traffic to our neighborhood, it is contained within the hours of the market, and managed well. If we do not allow a programming ability for the Dole, it is not financially viable to keep up with the grounds, facility. This is the first time I have seen the Dole healthy since living in Crystal Lake.

If we do not create appeal for a town to continue thriving, we become stagnant. Crystal Lake needs to continue the progressive momentum it is making to attract talent to live here and keep the commnity strong. The Dole is part of this effort.

Thank you for the consideration to hear from neighbors and continue supporting the efforts of the Dole to remain in the community and do so in a financially viable way.

M4 FACTORY CHICAGOLAND

PATRICIA MILLER
CEO + Visionary

[redacted]

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Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:04 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: City vs. Farmer's Market

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To Whom it may concern,
Crystal Lake boasts a rich array of offerings for its community, with the historic Dole mansion standing out as a cornerstone of its attractions. Among these offerings, the Dole's Farmer's Market holds a special place. It serves as a platform for local artisans and entrepreneurs to showcase their crafts and goods, drawing in crowds to appreciate the talent and diversity within our city.

For me personally, the market has been instrumental in launching my business, "Kaiser Fine Woodworking & Design". Over the past three years, soon to be four, my participation in the market has proven invaluable in establishing my brand and connecting with potential clients. Recent highlights in the last couple month include crafting a captivating window display for Heisler's Bootery in downtown Crystal Lake, constructing a series of tables for the outdoor garden of Crystal Lake Brewing, and even crafting a bespoke desk for the Mayor of Crystal Lake, to be used at Exceed Flooring, his place of business. These successes, among many others, can be directly attributed to the visibility gained through the Dole's Farmers Market.

The market not only serves as a vital platform for new and small businesses to thrive but also fosters a sense of community. It's a gathering place where friends reunite and new connections are forged. Preserving the essence and charm of this location is paramount. I earnestly hope that a solution can be reached to ensure the continuity of this cherished event, one that benefits all involved stakeholders while maintaining the unique character that defines the Dole's Farmer's Market.

Respectfully,

Fred Kaiser

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:07 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Re: The Dole

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Elizbeth,

It was nice to speak with you the other day, thanks for explaining what is going on with the Hearing regarding the Dole. My wife and I have lived in the gates(CCAPOA area, currently 910 Country Club Road) for 40 years and have seen a lot of changes. Saving the Dole and the wonderful vibe it brings is one of the best things that has happened to our area. We fully support the Dole and would be **very** disappointed if a few neighbors put an end to it. The Farmers Market, art show events, music events and Lou's Lounge, we use the all. Please don't let a few spoil it for the majority.....

Thank you,

Jack Murphy

[redacted]

Crystal Lake

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:11 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole

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To whom it may concern,
I am writing today to voice my concerns the Dole and the events hosted there. These have been a bright addition to the neighborhood. I live on gate 18 so I am at least a mile away the events are always done with safety and security. The also are always done by 9pm. Losing these great events due to a few people would be a shame. Please keep them going.

Beth Ham

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:17 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Cc: Michael Lawler
Subject: The Dole

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Good morning

I wanted to reach out to you in support of the events and activities at the Dole. We attend the concerts, farmers market, and fundraisers held inside and outside the Dole. The local activities are a big reason we live in this area.

Thank you for your consideration in support of the Dole.

Kathryn and Mike Lawler
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:20 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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The current special use permitting for events at the Dole needs to stay intact. Please recognize how vital the Dole is to the community. I urge you to dismiss the concerns of those who want to stifle the creativity, artistry, and importance of the Dole.

Thank you, Mike Mueller

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 9:24 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion - a special part of our community

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HI Elizabeth, I am sure you have received many emails on this topic, but I wanted to ensure I also express my love and appreciation for everything the Dole has done for our community.

We moved here in 2018 (currently live in the Gates), and the Dole was really just a building at the time. Over the past few years, it has come to life with the farmers market, end of school events, fundraisers, etc. It is now a pillar in the community. I urge you to help re-permit the building as taking these events away from the community would be detrimental to small businesses, local artists, all beneficiaries of fundraisers, health (easy access to fresh produce, fish,meat, cheese, egg, etc. is invaluable!) ... and the list goes on.

I know many people would do whatever needed to ensure that we can continue to have these events, markets, fundraisers, as it has truly brought the community together and made Crystal Lake shine.

Thanks,
Katie Wietlispach
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole Mansion

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To whom it may concern:

The Dole Mansion-what a gem to the city of Crystal Lake....what a gem to our community...WHAT A GEM!!!!

It has been brought to my attention that OUR wonderful town is in jeopardy of losing this historic space as a gathering spot for our community. The Farmers Market, outdoor music, showcasing the arts, The Lakeside Festive....what better place to center our town around than this location right next to our beautiful lake. It's truly a magical setting that doesn't get utilized enough. Just take a step back and look at the surrounding area-other towns would dream of having such a location to bring a community together.

I have been lucky enough to grow up in Crystal Lake and even more lucky to be raising my kids in this town. My family would like to go on record to state that the idea of not hosting many of these events at the Dole would be doing a disservice to our town, to our local businesses, and to the history of Crystal Lake. I have often said that The Dole does not get used enough and now the idea of taking away such events would be a huge loss for Crystal Lake.

I love this town and want to continue celebrating all that it has to offer and The Dole Mansion is a HUGE part of that.

Thank you,
Jenna Peterson

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Life isn't always beautiful, but it's a beautiful ride ♥

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:13 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Supporting the Farmers Market+ At The Dole

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Hi Liz,

We're writing in support of the Farmer's Market at the Dole events. We're Kim & Jason Dazey, owners of Five Petal Fields, a cut flower and lavender farm in northern Crystal Lake. We sell cut flowers and lavender in bulk bundles, as seasonal floral arrangements for events, and sell arrangements and bouquets at the farmer's market.

The Farmer's Market at the Dole has been the main way our farm has been able to generate profit. As farm owners and sole operators, we both still work full-time jobs (though we look forward to working the farm full-time in the future), and the Farmer's Market at the Dole has been a Godsend for us and getting our business started.

First of all, the market takes place on a Sunday (rather than Saturdays), which is critical for our business. We're able to cut our flowers and lavender on Saturdays to make sure they're fresh and ready for the market on Sunday. With so many of the other local markets open on Saturdays, we'd have to take every Friday off work during the growing season (and you can imagine that's not sustainable) in order to be ready for a Saturday market. The Farmers Market at the Dole is literally the only local market that's able to help our business gain awareness and sales.

Additionally, the market is very well designed and is a critical destination for our friends and family to meet and catch-up on weekends in the ever-busy summer. This market's musicians, beverages, and vendors create the perfect environment for people to commune with one another. It's a critical part of Crystal Lake culture and makes the city a destination for many, both within the town and from towns within an hour (sometimes even further!) away. This not only brings business to the city of Crystal Lake, but also helps the local vendors featured at the market to expand our own customer base.

Finally, we love the impact we're able to make to bring flower farming back to the US, even if in a small way. Eighty-percent (80%) of flowers sold in this country are imported from Ecuador and Colombia. Not only is there a huge carbon footprint associated with this import, the flowers are sprayed with (in some cases) over 150 chemicals in order to meet the US' strict import regulations, which are in place to limit foreign pests and diseases from entering the country. This means that every time a person burys their face in a bouquet from a big-box floral company or smells these imported flowers at our grocery stores...they're inhaling a bunch of pesticides. The negative impacts of these pesticides on human health are well documented. So, the argument can be made that all of the local flower farms that are supported by The Farmers Market at the Dole are not only spreading beauty and joy in the community, but are doing so in a way that reduces the detrimental impacts of floral industry chemicals on the people who purchase there. It's literally a healthier way to enjoy flowers.

We've relied upon the Farmer's Market at the Dole to launch our business and is the main reason we've gotten exposure to do events and has helped grow our offerings. We love supporting the community with sustainably-grown, local, environmentally-friendly flowers. Please do not let this community gem be shut-down or changed.

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 10:59 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: YES! The Dole market

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I am a local storyteller/author. I have worked now for over 50 years bringing storytelling live performances, my books, and recordings to schools across McHenry County, Chicago Land, and across the US, Europe, Mexico and Canada, on some occasions. These programs enrich children's reading and language experience, encourage them to read more books, and to write their own stories.

COVID cancelled ALL of my school and public venues for almost two years. Participating in the DOLE Market has allowed me to survive COVID. I sell my books and recordings, along with selling my artist wife, Nancy Seidler's, "Story Earrings" and "Story Ladders". It has also kept me in touch with school children and families--telling them stories that I could no longer tell in their schools. The Dole Farmers Market is a community treasure.

Jim May [redacted] **Stories, Inc**
Founder: Illinois Storytelling, Inc,
Illinois Storytelling Festival,
Spring GRove Storytelling Festival,
Storytelling on the Woodstock Square.

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 11:50 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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It has recently come to my attention that the neighbors of The Dole are petitioning against the Special Use Permit that allow events to take place. Please use this email, as a nearby resident, the supports the SUP.

The events that have taken place over the last few years have been a wonderful way to bring the community together in an entertaining and safe environment. The Farmers Market and outdoor concerts have been terrific additions for our neighborhood, as well as, the City of Crystal Lake. Please pass along my support of the Special Use Permit. My hope is the voice of a few does not ruin the enjoyment of many.

Tom Posey
[redacted]
Crystal Lake

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 11:52 AM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole events

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Sent from my iPhone
One of my favorite things about the neighborhood is the wonderful events we have at the Dole Mansion!! I have lived on Lakeside Ave for 30 years and one of the reasons I won't move is because of the area and all the great things that go on here!!

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:05 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Cc: info@thedole.org; jaylecoque@outlook.com
Subject: We Support The Dole!

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Good Morning Elizabeth -

My name is Elisabeth Landt. I am a resident of Lakewood in CCAPOA proper. Our address is 245 Cumberland Ln, Village of Lakewood, IL 60014.

I wanted to express my strong support for all of the incredible events and benefits that the Dole, Lakeside Legacy, currently provides for the greater Crystal Lake community. We have been residents of the area for over 21 years. We have raised our family here. Our home and neighborhood are directly affected by the activities at the Dole. We wholehearted support every single activity that goes on there. Most of our best memories revolve around the Dole...kiddos traipsing across the Dole fields from South Elementary every single school day, grade school art shows, music lessons, senior photos, prom photos, Lakeside Festivals (remember when there were two carnivals back to back), farmer's markets. art shows, Music Under the Trees, Octoberfests, Thanksgiving football games, friends, neighbors. I could go on and on.

This property was saved and supported by the community, for the community many years ago. It is one of the greatest treasures in the greater Crystal Lake area. It is a connection to the past into the future. There is something about the quaintness. It is a gathering spot and welcoming spot for the whole neighborhood. Every few years there are naysayers to the events. Honestly, we moved here for it, live here for it, and would never leave it. My advice is that if you can not appreciate the beauty of the Dole, time to move. There is a list of people hoping to be lucky enough to live in our neighborhood.

Thank you for listening!

Elisabeth Landt

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:23 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole Mansion

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Dear Elizabeth,

I am writing to you today with an urgent plea for support to save the future events at a cherished landmark in our community, the Dole Mansion. I understand traffic for the events have caused challenges to neighbors at the Dole, and in the village.

Canceling future events will put the Dole in jeopardy for their funding, especially for the organizations it contributes to as well. As a Service League member, we are able to maintain our service to the community through gatherings that bring our community together, and generating funding through these gatherings.
We are very blessed by their ongoing support as a venue to our annual events, and for their contributions.

Fifty years ago, my husbands' grandmother moved from Italy to Crystal Lake. Straight off the boat, they started their own business as a butcher, and eventually, bought a house off of Dole Avenue. They were able to achieve the American dream by hard work, and subsequently paying off their house. Their greatest pride was taking walks and showing visitors from near and far the lake and the mansion. The building itself was just one symbol, however, it was a focal point that drew them to moving to Crystal Lake in the first place.

Years later, their five daughters bought homes in Crystal Lake, followed by their grandchildren. Someday, I hope my children (their great-great grandchildren) will also be able to own a home in this community. The story of my husbands' family is a small reminder that a legacy makes a standing impact for generations to come even after they've passed.

I hope there is a solution to continue the viability as a venue for its many events. As you can see, one of the reasons I adore Crystal Lake is for its historic touches and architecture in buildings like the Dole that add charm and character to our community. The Dole Mansion holds a special place in our hearts as a symbol of our rich history, and its events allow the public to enjoy it.
Thank you for consideration and time on this matter.

Best,
Tiffany Whitaker
Service League Member

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:31 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Cc: James Whitney
Subject: The Dole SUP Planning & Zoning Meeting input

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Hi Elizabeth,
I am writing in support of The Dole's current SUP. There are no events that The Dole hosts that are objectionable to me nor my family and extended family, all of which grew up in Crystal Lake.

I will attempt to be at the meeting, but in case I am not I wanted to send a quick note.

Thanks in advance,
Jim

James J. Whitney via mobile device

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:46 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole

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Elizabeth,

I am in full support of all events to remain at the Dole! I've attended many of the farmers markets, music events and Lou's Lounge.
It's so wonderful to have this cultural space available to our community and I feel it would be a complete shame and disgrace to limit it!
We've lived in Crystal Lake for 35 years, raised our family here and the Dole and all of its events have been a big part of that!! Please don't allow this to be taken away from the future families of Crystal Lake!!

Thank you for listening!!
Miriam Kuta

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S22+ 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole support

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Good afternoon!

It has come to my attention that the Dole Mansion's special use permit has come into question. It is so disappointing that a few a few loud voices can potentially damage such a gem in our community. As 4th generation and lifelong Crystal Lake resident, I am pleading with the zoning commission to support the Dole and all that they do for our community.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Wagner
[redacted]
Crystal Lake

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 12:59 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Crystal Lake Dole Mansion

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Elizabeth,
My name is Kirsten Voel-Pel. Been living in Crystal Lake since 2001. My memories at the Dole mansion start in 2005 when I was only 7 years old. It was at a Dole Mansion event where I first learned of my interest in music and art.
The Dole Mansion Farmers markets now hold a special place in my heart & I couldn't fathom living in Crystal Lake without them! These events are for everyone. Nobody is excluded, everyone is welcome. My mother, 74, can barely walk but STILL manages to find her way to the market every single weekend. These events for her make her feel like she's a part of the community. It's difficult for her to feel that nowadays so please please never stop holding these events. The markets are valued, loved & a huge reason Crystal Lake is known for supporting local businesses.

Thank you.
Kirsten

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:06 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion

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Hello Elizabeth,

I am writing you today to give my support for all of the wonderful events held on the Mansion grounds. I've been a resident of Crystal Lake for 20 plus years, and have always enjoyed seeing the community come together for events such as the Lakeside Fest and Farmer's Market. It would be a shame to lose these events that help make our community what it is today.

Thank you,
Dawn Edfors

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:07 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Farmers Market+ at the Dole

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Dear Elizabeth Maxwell,

I wanted to take a moment to express our deep appreciation for the opportunity to be vendors at the Farmers Market+ at the Dole. My husband and I started our business 3 years ago and the women who run the market have been nothing short of supportive and welcoming, as has our community. The market has become an integral part of our lives, offering not just a place to sell goods but also a vibrant community space.

Losing the Farmers Market+ at the Dole would be truly disheartening for us and the community it serves. We're committed to supporting its continued success and are grateful for all of the hard work that goes into managing it.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Katie Galto (she/her)
[redacted]
Instagram | Website

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:17 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for the events at the Dole

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I am writing in support of the events at the Dole. The Dole has been a long, long, long time resident of the area and events have been going on for years. The neighbors knew about the events when they purchased their homes and should not be allowed to shut down the events now.
Sincerely,
Lois Bucher

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:18 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole Mansion

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Dear Ms. Maxwell,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing today to express my support for the Dole Mansion and its wide array of programming and events. As both an employee of the Dole and a resident of Crystal Lake I believe the Dole Mansion is essential to our community's cultural life and offers great opportunities for new experiences within Crystal Lake.

The mansion's diverse events celebrate our history, arts, and talents, fostering connections among residents and preserving our heritage. I believe investing in the mansion is crucial for our community's cultural richness and cohesion.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kate Jones

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:29 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Please Don't Limit Dole Activities

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Dear Elizabeth--

Dole Mansion events and especially the Farmer's Market have added such a great dimension to our local community. I hope we can find a way to keep these events going! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark Shuman,

Lakewood resident

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:29 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: DOLE

Good afternoon,

I am writing this in regards to the current DOLE zoning issue. I have lived in this town my whole life and I am currently raising my family here. I am sad to hear some of the neighbors in the Gates are filing grievances with the city due to the events at the DOLE. The events that the Dole host are an important to our community. These events bring families together and showcase our amazing town to potential families and investors. Please continue to support our community culture by allowing the Dole to continue these amazing events.

Thank you,
Michelle Kozak

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:32 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for the Dole Mansion Events

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Good Afternoon,
I would like to express my support for all the wonderful activities that are held at the Dole Mansion. My family enjoys attending the Farmer's Market, the music events, and the Fest. Many of these events have become yearly traditions for us, and we hope that they are able to continue. We are so lucky to live in a town that offers so much for our community to take part in!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

--
Amy Andrews
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:39 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for the Dole

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As a child growing up in Crystal Lake, the Dole mansion and the events it held were some of my fondest memories. As an adult, I chose to move into the Gates in order to be able to fully take advantage of community events it held. I have looked forward to this being our first summer within walking distance of concerts, farmers markets, lakeside fest and any other events that choose to utilize our community gem. To change anything about the permits the Dole has been given would be a serious detriment to the community. It is the heart of Crystal Lake. The draw of the neighborhood is this event space and our beautiful lake. There is something so incredibly special about these venues that have made the surrounding area the most sought after area to live in the town. To hurt the entire community for the benefit of the few that have a different opinion of this space and these events would be heartbreaking.

Thank you for all you do for our community,

Lisa Battaglia

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:37 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Events at the Dole

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Hello,
I want to voice my support for events at the Dole Mansion. It is a community treasure and should be available for community use.
I hope that use will not be restricted.
Sincerely
William Schmauss
[redacted]
Crystal Lake

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:43 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: We Support the Dole

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Ms. Maxwell,

I was raised in Crystal Lake since 1996 and moved back with my family to the Gates in 2018. My husband, 3 young children, and I enjoy and support the community events that the Dole puts on and have no desire for them to be stopped. If we're not in attendance, we love sitting out back on our patio listening to their live entertainment. I believe these events bring family, friends, and the community together. This is something unique that many towns don't have. Please don't take away these events that the majority of the neighborhood (and town!) enjoy just because of a few neighbors. Thank you so much for your time!

Leslie Biskie
[redacted]
Village of Lakewood
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:47 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: In Support of Dole Events

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Hi Elizabeth,

Just wanted to send an email in support of continuing all of the events held at The Dole.

Thank you!
Ashley Obermeier

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:48 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole

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Hi Elizabeth-

I just saw this post on Facebook and wanted to let you know that the events (all of them) that take place at the Dole are the reason I moved here and close to the Dole and the lake, less than a year ago. I 100% support the Dole and every other community event held in Crystal Lake.

These events make Crystal Lake what it is - a COMMUNITY.

To think that we may no longer have these events makes me extremely sad for myself, my kid and all of my neighbors and friends that regularly attend them.

Best,

Laura

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:50 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Fwd: Dole

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---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Kelly Haussmann** [redacted]
Date: Wed, May 8, 2024, 11:29 AM
Subject: Dole
To: <emaxwell@cryatallake.org>

Hello
I Kelly Haussmann and advocating for the Dole to continue with community events in all forms. I oppose the CCAPOA position limiting events. For the greater good of the community these events are a huge part of what makes living in Crystal Lake a wonderful place to live.
Thank you,
Kelly Haussmann
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:52 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Mansion

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Dear Elizabeth,

I wanted to let you know how important the Dole is to my family personally, and to our community.

I lived for 20 years on Spruce Lane, which is Gate 1. During that time, the Dole was in danger of being sold and possible torn down to build condos.
People in the community donated, as did I, to be able to keep the Dole and turn it into an Arts Park. It has grown into a wonderful nonprofit that hosts
events, programs and art exhibits for the public to enjoy. It offers so many unique and fun things for the community. I now live in Turnberry and still enjoy
the activities at the Dole.

I have never seen anything crazy go on there; everything is done with cognizance and respect for the neighbors.

The Dole needs to continue the events in order to survive. It would be heartbreaking to see it have to close due to lack of funds.

I pray that it will be allowed to continue as it has been.

Thank you for your time,
Karen Ryberg

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:52 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole mansion events

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Good afternoon Elizabeth,
I just read about the zoning board looking at the events at the Dole. As a resident here since I was born in 1964, I have enjoyed all the events at the Dole that I have attended.
My first time learning about the Dole was as a kid growing up in coventry subdivision and walking to main beach everyday in the summer. One day when cutting through the property, we looked into some windows and a care taker came up behind us and kind of scarred us. He actually told us a story about the Dole and invited us in. As a kid, I was amazed. It was like going into a haunted house. Good stuff.
I have attended AA meetings there, banquet events, art events, lakeside fest and the farmers market. It is part of the community and a damn good part. I loved growing up here and being apart of that place. I don't think there should be restrictions put on it and it's events, because a few people have an issue with it. You can't please everyone. Thanks

Richard Walkowiak

Sent from my Galaxy

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:54 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support of the Dole

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Hello Elizabeth,
I wanted to drop a short e-mail in support of the Dole and the organization that runs the events there. I am a regular attender of the farmers market and love that we can buy from local vendors as well as support the Crystal Lake and surrounding communities as a whole.

Stacey Kuster

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 1:56 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Supporting The Dole & Community Events

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Hello Elizabeth,

My friend and neighbor just informed me of the notice that was published regarding The Dole & Community Events held at The Dole.

I live a short walk away from The Dole and greatly enjoy all the events they offer. I will be attending the meeting on 5/15 in support of the continuation of these events that bring joy to so many!

Warm greetings,
Elke Sujdak

Envoyé de mon iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:08 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: SUP for Dole

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Elizabeth,

My name is Rob Ryberg, I'm a longtime resident of Crystal Lake. I grew up on Gate 1 / Spruce Lane and currently reside in downtown Crystal Lake. I own my home and a handful of other commercial and residential properties in Crystal Lake and don't mind the absurd taxes because I am outspokenly in favor of all the benefits of our community. Crystal Lake has historically lacked large-scale events such as the Farmers Market. Watching it and other events grow and thrive in the community has been fantastic and long overdue. I was made aware of the opposition to these events recently by the folks who run Night out at the Dole - a quarterly gathering for those in the recovery community (of which I am a member) and their families. This particular event has become a staple of the community, and I cannot understand opposition to the utilization of historical spaces in Crystal Lake. A PUD will significantly inhibit the revenue-potential of the Dole and its sustainability. If several individual residents of the gates are unhappy about where they live, they might consider relocating. It's my opinion and understanding that the popular vote of our community would feel the same. We should be looking to enhance and grow our community rather than restrict and confine it. That's why I have chose to live here. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Rob Ryberg
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:10 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Events at the Dole

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Please don't stop events at the Dole. Having something so close to home and family friendly we have been enjoying all.
There is nothing like it in others areas and makes me proud to call Crystal lake home and talk about events at main beach and the Dole

Thank you
Michelle Haselhoff
Crystal lake resident since 2015
Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:10 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: The Dole SUP

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Hi, I hope this email finds you well.
As news of the Dole's SUP is being reviewed, it is important to know that many people in our community thrive from the events held at the Dole. Crystal Lake is a small town and many of us look forward to a meeting place that brings us music, festivals, the beloved farmers market and special events. Before the Dole started to offer these things, our community members would go elsewhere to find entertainment, markets and places to spend their money. As a real estate agent, there is a huge draw to our community b/c of these events. I hope you will consider this and allow the Dole to continue these events for years to come.

Regards,
Erin Matthews

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:11 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole SUP

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Pleeeaaassseee let's figure out a way to make this work for everyone in Crystal Lake! The art events, concerts and farmers markets are a great addition to life in Crystal Lake. My neighbors and , who live a few blocks away from the Dole, would be extremely disappointed if these events were discontinued.

How can I help?
Carolyn Grobe

Sent from my iPhone

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:17 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: In support of Dole Mansion Events

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to write in support of all of the amazing events The Dole Mansion has supported over the last couple of years, specifically the farmers market. My family owns our home in the Gates at 374 Wiltshire Lane, and the farmers market is a family friendly and walkable event that I look forward to riding my bikes with my kids every week of summer. Without these local, walkable events that are extremely family friendly, Crystal Lake would not be a community that I love as much as I do and create a community that cares about its local businesses and residents. I really hope these events continue!!! I have nothing but good things to say about them as a resident who lives nearby.

Thank you for your consideration,
Jessica Kirsch and Anthony Kirsch

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:22 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Dole Events

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Hi Elizabeth,

I'm writing as a supporter of the events at the Dole. The Farmers Market and other events that take place there help build community within our city.
Please keep making our town a Great Place to Live.

Thank you,
Jennifer Dishner

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 2:22 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Fwd: The Dole

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Crystal Lake Planning and Zoning Committee:

Just today I learned the city is initiating a review of the Special Use Permit (SUP) for The Dole. I'd like to offer my heartfelt support of all the activities happening at The Dole to include art shows, farm markets and music events (indoor and outdoor). It is nothing short of wonderful to attend these events surrounded by our community plus visitors from outside the area – affording economic benefits and raising awareness of this McHenry County gem and surrounding lake town. I currently own a house in the neighborhood and in the past, lived across the street from The Dole. I had firsthand experience of the excitement of Lakeside Fest, Music Under the Stars and other community and historical events – and yes, also experience of the increased traffic, parking, and late-night noise. The benefits far outweighed the negatives and my (now grown) children still carry wonderful memories growing up surrounded by these hometown activities.

For folks living in the direct vicinity of The Dole – to include homes across the property perimeter – perhaps management could offer perks to offset the inconvenience. Complimentary tickets to each of the larger events plus packets of drink/food tickets for farm market, Lou's, etc. Back in the day – as a homeowner in the neighborhood, we received a packet of Lakeside Fest tickets which was super appreciated by our family. A suggestion could be to add the expense to rental agreements as a "good neighbor" service fee.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration toward this important topic.

LeeAnn Atwood
[redacted]
Crystal Lake, IL
[redacted]

Elizabeth Maxwell AICP

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2024 4:47 PM
To: Elizabeth Maxwell AICP
Subject: Support for The Dole

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Good Afternoon, Elizabeth:

I am reaching out to you to express my support for The Dole. The Friends of MCC Foundation supports all its community partners having programs and events that continue to support community engagement, and The Dole - with its rich history and community focus – is a cornerstone of the Crystal Lake arts and enrichment community. It is a local treasure!

Sincerely,

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