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Please add the email and attachments to the file that Comm Gerard received on this matter.
Thank you.

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Commissioner Gerard:

See the attached letter which was submitted to the Local Planning Agency for their meeting on September 9.

If possible, I would like to speak with you regarding this zoning issue.

I ask that you review this in advance of your upcoming Board of County Commissioners meeting October 20 as this case will come before you.

Highlighted in the letter is the specific request/key point:

My request is that the land use for the area - Residential Suburban and Preservation - remains. With the standard of 2.5 dwelling units per acre, and the land size of 6.45 acres, approximately 16 (at max) homes is much more reasonable versus close to 30 which would be the amount should the land use be changed to Residential Low.

During the LPA meeting and within the narrative summary memo, it is presented that "more likely....fewer than 18 homes will be built".

With any land use change - it is not tied to any type of site plan with approval of a land use change or commitment from the potential developer when the land use is changed; there is

no guarantee that this minimum will be kept, in fact the highest amount able to be built could be.

By keeping the Future Land Use at Residential Suburban we can preserve a smaller number of units to the area. This smaller impact is important.

As noted in the attached letter are two key points: continued growth in this area of Pinellas County - that is impacting the quality of life (via traffic) and the reduction in green space. Traffic in particular will be impacted with the addition of these new homes - in particular if it is the higher quantity of homes. Referenced in the document I've attached is a speed study. Throughout the area cars are cutting through neighborhoods where children play and families walk - impacting safety. This is already happening, an increase in homes would be another impact to this. The narrative identifies low impact on traffic; I disagree. What the area will become with significant growth from the land use change will not continue to maintain what it is now - which is a quiet pace that is now appreciated.

Additionally, whatever we can do as a state, county, and unincorporated space to preserve our green space will do Florida well. The ability to increase the number of homes as a result of a zoning change impacts the green space.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for listening to constituents - my request is an important one - for the future land use to remain as it is, at Residential Suburban.

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As a more than thirty year resident of Patty Anne Acres and Palm Harbor, I ask that the Local Planning Agency thoughtfully consider issues which will likely not improve this area as a result of an increase in homes being considered through CASE NO. ZLU-20-07.

Two considerations on the table are: Zone change from: R-A, Residential Agriculture to: R-1, Single Family Residential and Land Use change from: Residential Suburban & Preservation to: Residential Low. **My request is that the land use for the area - Residential Suburban and Preservation - remains. With the standard of 2.5 dwelling units per acre, and the land size of 6.45 acres, approximately 16 (at max) homes is much more reasonable versus close to 30 which would be the amount should the land use be changed to Residential Low.**

The bottom line is, I would like to ensure there is not a significant increase in houses and traffic in the area. I ask that you do not increase the land use from Residential Suburban & Preservation to Residential Low. I have explained why below.

The area being considered would significantly increase traffic on 19th Street if the proposal of both zoning and land use changes are accepted. 19th Street is a prime thoroughfare - for various reasons. At 19th Street and Tampa Road on the south west corner is Palm Harbor Middle School. Students from the surrounding areas utilize 19th Street - through bicycles, walking, etc. to get to the school. Based on a recent speed study completed by Residential Traffic Management (attached) 85% of drivers southbound were driving at or below 34.92 miles per hour, northbound were driving 33.86 miles per hour. I share this as this is a residential area with children moving throughout the neighborhood. A significant increase in homes (the possibility of 30) will impact this.

Additionally, in the same regard, students in the area are zoned for Palm Harbor University High School. Once again, 19th Street is a path for students to take towards the high school - northbound on 19th Street.

19th Street is a slender, windy road at the south closer to Tampa Road. This is not a road which can be widened and is already a problem when individuals drive fast either on the southern or northern portions. With an increase in residents, this will increase not only the number of vehicles, and more than likely the number of speeders in the area.

The residential neighborhood, Patty Ann Acres has become a significant cut through as a result of the Belcher Road extension/completion. Travelers regularly utilize both Cormorant Drive and Kingfisher Drive to cut through to Belcher Road and vice versa over to 19th Street. They are often driving what seems to be much faster than safe on a neighborhood street. Again, an increase in residences in this area will only exacerbate this concept.

Finally, I am concerned about the significant decrease in preserved green space in unincorporated Pinellas County, specifically Palm Harbor. When you look at an aerial

view of the area - green space is limited. By choosing to remain Residential Suburban & Preservation, we remain committed to lower density, allowing continued green space. As discussed in the Comprehensive Plan for Pinellas County - the environment is important; years prior we went through fast growth which negatively impacted the environment. In my opinion the continued growth and traffic is doing that same thing again in this area. We are growing quickly, the traffic continues, and the green space is sparse. Pinellas County is a gem in the state of Florida - which is what draws people to live here. However, we need to ensure what makes this location a special place is not harmed by continued overgrowth and over development.

In closing, I ask that you leave the land use for the area Residential Suburban and Preservation. With the standard of 2.5 dwelling units per acre, and the land size of 6.45 acres, approximately 16 homes (at max) is much more reasonable versus close to 30 which would be the amount should the land use be increased.

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August 20, 2020

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RE: 19th Street – Tampa Road to Blue Heron Way
(Section 12, Township 28 South, Range 15 East)
Residential Traffic Management (RTM) Program

Dear Ms. Sager:

We have received your application for Pinellas County to address reported excessive speeding on 19th Street from Tampa Road to Blue Heron Way.

Pinellas County's Residential Traffic Management staff has conducted radar speed studies, traffic volume counts, and visual inspections at this location. Within a posted speed limit of 25 Miles Per Hour (MPH), a traffic analyzer speed study indicated 85% of southbound vehicles traveling at or below 34.92 MPH, while 85% of the northbound vehicles were traveling at or below 33.86 MPH. The average recorded speeds for southbound traffic was 29 MPH, while the average recorded speeds for northbound traffic was 28 MPH. Additionally, we also found the traffic volume counts did not meet the minimum requirements as required by this program. Therefore, the results of our traffic studies, in accordance with our Residential Traffic Management Program, indicate the criteria for a Class I condition, Minor Excessive Speed and Volume, have been satisfied.

In accordance with Section 7.31 of the Residential Traffic Management Program, you can request the periodic placement of our Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer (SMART). If you desire, we can provide "Neighborhood Flyers" for you to distribute, to remind the residents to slow down and use caution when driving in their neighborhood. By copy of this letter, we have contacted the Sheriff's Office for whatever action they deem necessary.

As 19th Street did not qualify as a Class II condition, as defined in the Residential Traffic Management Program, we cannot study this section again for a period of three years. Additional studies can be requested any time after August 20, 2023.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 464-8907. Your interest in the safe and orderly movement of traffic within your neighborhood is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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