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Comments

The Eisenhower Group is mocking Pinellas County. They have manipulated the surrounding community and County for over 2 years now. I understand the County had to tread lightly during the recent development push (which was rejected by County Staff) to avoid future litigation, but that window is now closed. It is time to **HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE**. Fact: Eisenhower applied for Brownfield Status on the property because of the “likely presence of constituents of concern”. The County permitted the demolition of the clubhouse, despite compelling arguments that the likelihood of hazardous waste and soil contamination exists. All that remained was a large pile of dirt. For the last nine months and the peak of the rainy season, I have watched the pile of dirt that likely contains “constituents of concern” wash down 66th ave. and eventually into Boca Ciega Bay. Doesn’t anyone care about the environment? It is easy to ignore because the damage this runoff is doing will be chronic and there are not dead birds in the ditch right now. But damage will occur over time. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) they are required to have, is in violation of NPDES Program requirements. All the Best Management Practices (BMP) that were initially installed are in disarray, ineffective, and have not been maintained since the initial installation. There are strict requirements for inspection and maintenance. Someone from Pinellas County needs to get out here and **HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE**. Inspections: Inspections must occur at least once a week and within 24 hours of the end of a storm event that is 0.50 inches or greater. We have not seen anyone at the site since initial BMP installation. **HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE**. The current condition of the property is deplorable and that is by Eisenhower’s design. They think that if they let it deteriorate enough, the surrounding community will say “just do something”. Well that’s certainly not the case! Especially if the County enforces code and SWPPP violations. The County has not enforced the 50

foot perimeter mowing requirement, and the fence is broken down and laying on the ground in more than one location. The area directly behind my house is 3-4 feet high with weeds, right up to the fence. They mowed a small area near the parking lot two weeks ago, but not the entire perimeter. **HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE.** I trust you will send code enforcement and Environmental out here immediately.

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