

February 5, 2016

Pinellas County Planning & Department Zoning Division

Development Review Services Department

440 Court Street, 4th Floor

Clearwater, Florida 33756

Re: Case No. Z-33-12-15 I would like to request:

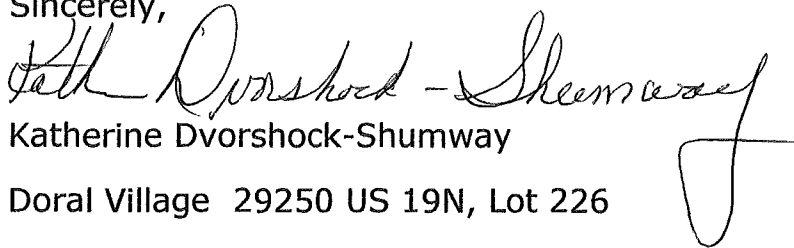
- The data showing that this was the best choice of all county properties for the construction of a driver's testing course and Hazardous waste drop off. Which properties were eliminated and why?
- The environmental impact data on this proposal including traffic, emissions, noise, and congestion, etc.
- The additional environmental impact of raising of Route 19 along the route between Main Street and Curlew Road.
- I would also like to see what precautions will be taken to protect the aged residents of Doral Village from excessive auto emissions, noise pollution, difficult access and egress from their homes and privacy issues.
- What plans does the county have to stop drivers from using the Doral Village main road as a shortcut from 19 to Belcher Road? If currently there are none, what do they propose?
- What will the county do to protect the turtle nesting area in the proposed site? Also a bobcat has been seen to frequent this area.
- What other county services might this parcel of land work for i.e., office space, public park, visitor's center, normal recycle site, etc?

- What assurances do we have that liquid waste will not seep through the cement into the creek below?

If the data supports the project as proposed, then I would like to request that representatives of Doral Village be included in the actual site development group.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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2, Feb .2016

Pinellas county Commissioners.
310 Court Street ,
Clearwater Fl. 33756

CASE No. Z-33-12-15. Zoning Change

Comments on our meeting of those opposing the above case, after the public meeting held at 310 Court Street, Clearwater Fl.

HIGHLIGHTS:

#1) Those for the project basically, diminished the effect that this development would have on the surrounding residential area to the West and South of the site. COMMENT: Acknowledged that the proponents played down the effects that this project would have, on the adjacent residential areas. Please note that the Zoning compatibility for the proposed use is PSP Public/Semi-Public District and M-1 Light Manufacturing and Industry District. Note: Zone E-1 and R-6 are not compatible.

#2) Those for the project indicated that the dumped materials i.e. household chemicals (some may be toxic and flammable), Computers, paints etc. are simply dropped off by a Pinellas county resident, placed in a cart and dumped into a truck, also, mentioned was gasoline containers. COMMENT: If this is the case then, why do they need a 100'x200', (20,000 sq ft.) building? We believe that there will be some storage of the material. The chance for an accident to happen involving chemicals, gasoline and old batteries etc. either stored or processed immediately, is always present.

#3) Those for the project indicated that there has been no accident or spillage of toxic chemicals dumped at existing sites they control and that safeguards will be made for this dumping site. COMMENT: There is no guarantee that an environmental accident causing harm to the wildlife existing on the site, to Curlew Creek and the adjacent residential areas will not happen. Consider the odds of being hit by lightning (people do) or the odds of hitting the lotto (people do), there is always a chance that an accident will happen. Note: The Gulf Oil Rig blow up that caused an environmental disaster was not supposed to happen, with all the safeguards in place.

#4) Those for the project failed to mention the existing Turtle nests or that Curlew Creek runs from North to South an into the adjacent mobile home park then thru the existing Spanish Trails residential area and into the Gulf of Mexico. COMMENT: This is an important issue to be considered by the commissioners.

#5) Those for the project indicated that the hazard warning sign on the existing tower building is nothing to worry about, that these types of warnings are also labeled on household products. COMMENT: We urge the commissioners to visit the site to discover what hazardous material is present within the building and to verify that its safe as existing. Note: The tower also attracts lightning and is probably protected by rods to ground the event, however, lightning often has "veins" that radiate to adjacent areas around the main bolt, the concern is the nearby dumped materials may be included and an explosion may occur.

#6) Those for the project indicated several hundreds of vehicles would be present during events and would not impact Hwy #19 traffic. COMMENT: With several hundreds of vehicles including forklifts and trucks with back up beepers continually sounding as well as the clanking sounds of metal to metal, the sounds of breaking glass when materials are dumped into the trucks and the noises associated with automobiles either coming to the event or using the proposed driving course will compromise the quiet solitude we enjoy as residents adjacent to the propose development, also, there is potential for odors from auto/truck exhaust, from chemicals etc. to be blown across the adjacent properties.

#7) COMMENT: We as a group consider this project as a "DUMP" in our backyard.

#8) COMMENT: We as a group ask "What the commissioners would do if they resided on Ranchette Ln. or in the mobile home park and place yourselves in our "shoes".

#9) COMMENT: One of the commissioners asked the other commissioners "How would you vote if the property was not owned by Pinellas County but by a private owner/developer? COMMENT: We as a group believe this case would be closed in favor of the adjacent residential owners, if a private developer attempted to change the zoning for the intended use.

#10) COMMENT: regarding the underground gas tanks that were removed, apparently, no testing was done to determine if the empty tanks had leakage. We believe that there are standards to follow and documentation required when removing underground gas tanks, it would be in the best interest of the county to have proof that no contamination of the soil exists.

#12) COMMENT: Regarding property devaluation of existing adjacent residential areas. It would be incumbent of the property owners to disclose that an existing hazardous waste recycling dump is located adjacent to us. Generally, so that a lawsuit is not filed by the new owners against the previous owners for not disclosing the negative impact that such a development would have on the adjacent residential properties. This disclosure would certainly result in lowering the asking price significantly.

#12) COMMENT: We encourage the Commissioners to visit "Google Earth" to view our wooded property from above to observe our environment.

#13) COMMENT: The residents of Ranchette Ln. thank you for acknowledging that there never would be roadway access to our street from the site or U.S. #19.

We all want to thank the commissioners for their time given on this case and are hopeful that on Feb. 23, 2106 the commissioners vote in favor for the people adjacent to the site and deny the change of zoning.

I was requested to present our thoughts and comments to the commissioners for the meeting held at 310 court street, Clearwater, Fl. At 6:00 P.M. 26, Jan 2016.

Thank You for Your consideration of our opposition to Case No. Z-33-12-15 .

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2, FEB, 2016