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Topic Palm Harbor Master Plan  
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Your Stand on the Issue Support

### Comments

Michael Purdy, 930 Wisconsin Ave. My wife Robin and I have lived on Wisconsin for 22 years. We're for the ordinance and welcome the planning initiatives within the new Palm Harbor Master Plan. Further, I'd welcome broader adherence to the form based code. Deviations from development standards can sometimes later force counties into unforeseen investment to repair problems caused by the deviations. I've seen that occur in this neighborhood. The neighborhood west of Alt 19, south of the new West District, is a perfect canvas for urban planning. It's a historic grid. It's in close proximity to two schools. New construction and redevelopment are bringing a new generation of young families to the neighborhood. It has adjacent recreational facilities, and it directly abuts the Pinellas Trail. I know that prioritizing specific projects is a question for another day in another budget. In the absence of actual investment, there is action, however, the County Commission can take to support the neighborhood and this Palm Harbor Master Plan. The Commission should take particular care to protect and preserve those lands currently in its possession that have obvious value to the planning initiatives envisioned for this neighborhood. The Commission should judiciously adhere to the criteria for land vacation involving those parcels that are significant components of a community plan. There is a pending vacation application on Illinois continued from the July 21st Pinellas BCC Meeting. It serves no public purpose. It meets none of the criteria for land vacation in the code. This and a prior vacation application from the same applicant met with opposition from county staff and the neighborhood. It's clearly detrimental to the intent of this plan. It should be wholly and categorically denied. Again, in the absence of specific investment the County Commission should stay vigilant to safeguard assets that allow it to broadly enhance the public realm now and in the future.

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