
Subject: FW: Z/LU 21-10-19 REGARDING HICKORY POINT ZONING CHANGE REQUEST

Importance: Low

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Sent: Wednesday, October 16, 2019 8:24 PM

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Cc: Laramona@bellsouth.net; jeffslarsen@gmail.com; pfduxbury2@aim.com; judithknothe@yahoo.com; laurajeansals@aol.com; ejohanlon@yahoo.com

Subject: [BULK] REGARDING HICKORY POINT ZONING CHANGE REQUEST

Importance: Low

Commissioners,

Please put me on record as opposing a proposed zoning change request, Hickory Point Land LLC, Case # Z/LU-21-10-19 scheduled to come before the board November 12th.

Why change from Residential Low to Commercial Recreational? This RV park already houses 65 trailers on 5.72 acres on a mounded type septic system which is already overburdened. A major portion of the parcel is situated in a FEMA Flood Zone VE with an elevation of 14' directly on the Anclote River. Two lane Anclote Road is already overburdened and has not been improved in at least 66 years.

It is reported to be a Bald Eagle nest which remains protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act.

We simply do not need another 60 to 65 RV's in this area. Four waterfront homes is much more desirable and would generate a greater tax base.

Respectfully Yours,
John (Jack) Spirk
2008 Golfview Drive
Tarpon Springs, Fl 34689

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From: Burton, Barry <bburton@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Vincent, Renea <rvincent@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Stowers, Jake <jstowers@co.pinellas.fl.us>
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County Administrator

Subject The proposed zoning change request, Hickory Point Land LLC, Case # Z/LU-21-10-19, scheduled to come before the board November 12th

Message Dear Commissioner;

I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed zoning change request, Hickory Point Land LLC, Case # Z/LU-21-10-19, scheduled to come before the board November 12th. There are several reasons for my opposition but the primary cause for my concern is the lose of trees. They are our primary defense against rising temperatures and the strengthening, as well as increase in number, of severe storms and hurricanes.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jul/04/planting-billions-trees-best-tackle-climate-crisis-scientists-canopy-emissions>

Please place my opposition into the public record. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Patricia F. Borowiec

Your Name	Patricia F. Borowiec
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City/Unincorporated County	Tarpon Springs
ZIP Code	34689
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October 15, 2019

Dear County Commission Chair Seal and Board of County Commissioners,

Turn the Tide for Tarpon Inc., is a nonprofit organization founded in Tarpon Springs to help address issues related to sustainability at the local level.

We have significant concerns related to Hickory Point Land LLC, Case #Z/LU-21-10-19. This is a land change request from Residential Low to Commercial Recreational which scheduled to come before the board on November 12th.

- We are concerned about flood ramifications due to the fact that this parcel is situated in FEMA Flood Zone VE with an elevation of 14' directly on the Anclote River.
- We are concerned about traffic ramifications due to the fact that Anclote Road is already overburdened and has not been improved in at least 66 years.
- We are concerned about ramifications for wildlife. It is our understanding that there is a Bald Eagle's nest within close proximity of this proposed project.

It is our position that these concerns are serious and significant and should be addressed prior to any land use change for this parcel.

Sincerely,

Jeff Larsen
President
Turn the Tide for Tarpon Inc.
727-947-2729

Subject: FW: Case # Z/LU -21-10-19

From: Ellen O'Hanlon <ejohanlon@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 17, 2019 4:02 PM

To: Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Case # Z/LU -21-10-19

Dear County Commissioners: I am writing to express my opposition to a change in zoning for the parcel in question. An increase in density on land which is in flood zone and on the Anclote River is a bad idea. We need to be moving towards no development on land as sensitive as this. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely, Ellen O'Hanlon, 1009 Stonefence Way, Tarpon Springs.

Subject: FW: Z/LU-21-10-19

From: Greenleaf, Kim <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Sent: Friday, October 18, 2019 1:24 PM
To: Bailey, Glenn <gbailey@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Z/LU-21-10-19

For the record....

Kimberly H. Greenleaf

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Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch - District 7

Subject Zone change case no. Z/LU-21-10-19

Message Dear Commissioners,

Trees, eagles, and neighborhoods! The protection of these valuable assets in my little paradise here in Anclote Village is my reason for writing to you. Hickory Point Land, LLC, is threatening their survival!

I live at 1852 Wacassassa Street in the heart of Anclote Village. My great grandfather, Alvin Chase Griffin, built the two-story, white house on the corner sometime around the turn of

the 20th century. His son, my maternal grandfather, Samuel Jay Griffin, built the house across the street from his dad. And my paternal grandfather, John Ernest Hinkel, built the house right next to Alvin. (All still standing to this day!) When I was just a baby, my immediate family (Mollie, Ernest Stanley, Jay, John, Jimmy, and me!) moved from Michigan to the two-story house. We lived there for about 10 years before moving to Bayshore Drive in Tarpon Springs. I grew up, went to USF, and moved away for forty years. When I wanted to move back home, I was so fortunate to find a sweet little bungalow right back where I started from! I tell you this little history of my family so you can, hopefully, better appreciate my strong concerns regarding this charming and quaint, still thriving, piece of Florida history.

Hickory Point Land, LLC, wants to rezone this property from "Residential Low" to "Commercial Recreation". I strongly oppose this proposal. And that brings me back to--

TREES!!!

The property at issue, some 4.55 acres, is covered with beautiful, centuries-old oaks and pines. A magnificent tree canopy! A tree canopy to intercept rainfall and reduce the risk of major flooding. (FEMA flood zone VE.) To reduce energy costs. To alleviate heat stress. To remove carbon dioxide from the air. To improve air quality by removing dust and chemicals from the air. To buffer noise. To increase property values. And to provide critical habitat and food for birds and other wildlife. Which brings me to--

EAGLES!!!

There is an active eagle's nest at 1860 Wacassassa in the back yard within 25 feet of the property at issue. As far as I can ascertain from the Federal Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, a 660-foot buffer must exist between the nest and any new development. And the following activities must be avoided within 330 feet of the nest: no clear-cutting or removal of overstory trees; no hiking, camping, AV use, or boating during nesting season; and no fireworks! And, finally--

NEIGHBORHOODS!!!

What a close-knit, friendly, little village we have here -- Old Anclote, Wacassassa, Riverside, Oseola! Quiet, peaceful, relaxing. We all know each other and look out for one another. I love having my morning coffee on the front porch, enjoying nature, hellos to neighbors who are out and about. Sharing gossip... But an expansion of this RV park will bring more transients into the neighborhood. More walkers, bicyclists, and bird watchers. More noise, less privacy. I'd much rather have a home owner or long-term renter as a neighbor, than transients who come and go with no vested interest in the environment or the neighborhood.

Also, we here in Anclote have recently seen an increase in our property values due to the sale of four residential lots for \$200k and more! But as my property directly abuts the property at issue, my property value will certainly decrease, as will that of my neighbor's!

Anclote Village to date remains a little slice of paradise in a hectic world. Majestic, centuries-old oaks; cool breezes off the river; calming sounds of birds, crickets, and frogs. Please don't take that away from us! Please do not approved this rezoning application!

Sincerely,

Jeannine Hinkel
1852 Wacassassa Street

Tarpon Springs, FL 34689
727-935-4952

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Subject: FW: Regarding Rezoning of Hickory Point

From: Denise Mannino <manninoarts@icloud.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 4:32 PM

To: Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Long, Janet C <JanetCLong@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Seel, Karen <kseel@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Peters, Kathleen <kpeters@co.pinellas.fl.us>; Welch, Kenneth <kwelch@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Regarding Rezoning of Hickory Point

Dear Commissioners;

As a resident of Tarpon Springs, I would like to be on the record as OPPOSED to the land use zone change at Hickory Point from Residential Estate and Residential Agriculture to Commercial Recreational. Case No. Z/LU-21-10-19 is being reviewed in a BCC Hearing on November 12, 2019.

The reasons for my opposition are many, but the primary reason is the sensitivity of all Tarpon Springs coastal area zones which are already demonstrating stress and instability during seasonal storms and high tides. It is an overburdened area already, with the existing trailers and aging septic system. It is simply inviting unnecessary environmental disaster and impact, when more could and should be done to preserve and fortify these areas.

Also, it has been reported by many that an eagle's nest is directly within the area where more clearing would be done if this was rezoned.

It is elementary to understanding how tree root systems protect sensitive areas from deep erosion. More removal for expansion and development will be destructive.

Thank you for listening to my concerns, and for exercising good discernment in making a decision on this case.

Respectfully,

Denise Mannino

470 Cypress St.

Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

"Be the change you want to see in the world." Gandhi

Subject: FW: Case NO. Z/LU-21-10-19

From: Greenleaf, Kim <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 3:32 PM
To: Bailey, Glenn <gbailey@co.pinellas.fl.us>
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Commissioner Karen Williams Seel - District 5 (2019 Chair)

Subject Case NO. Z/LU-21-10-19

Message I am a resident who's backyard connects with the proposed land use change (from residential to commercial recreation). I bought my house in the area for the single purpose to live in a quiet development and to view the birds and the protected species that call it home in the area. The flooding on the side of my house will be a major issue if you add more concrete and less grass and trees. The noise and less privacy due to the fact of less trees and no buffer spacing from the proposed additional renters will hamper things, then you have seasonal people coming down to party for a short period then go back home. More strangers walking in the neighborhood. We also have our bald eagles coming every year to visit us. I don't know if its a good thing or bad to create more RV space leasing but I hate to find out that it was a huge mistake and we are stuck.

Your Name	Emanuel Ginnis
Your Street Address	1840 Wacassassa St
City/Unincorporated County	Tarpon Springs
ZIP Code	34689
Your Phone Number	727-415-0377
Your Email Address	eginnis@engwelding.com

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Subject: FW: Case No Z/LU-21-10-19

From: Greenleaf, Kim <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:24 AM
To: laramona@bellsouth.net
Cc: Bailey, Glenn <gbailey@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: RE: Case No Z/LU-21-10-19

Your email of 10/21/19 was received and sent to Glenn Bailey, Section Manager for Zoning, so it can be included in the record for this case.

Any questions you have regarding this case should be directed to him and he can be reached at gbailey@pinellascounty.org.

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From: laramona@bellsouth.net <laramona@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 10:20 AM
To: Eggers, Dave <deggers@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Case No Z/LU-21-10-19

Good Morning,

I sent an email with my concerns regarding the above zoning/land use change from low density residential to commercial recreational. I would like to verify the email was received. I also have several questions.

The 4.5 acre parcel which is the subject is the zoning change request is located mainly in FEMA Flood Zone VE(EI14'). A major concern is another on-site sewage disposal system (septic system) added to an area prone to flooding and wave action from tropical storms. A number of the area residents are also considered about additional development in this area.

I would like more information regarding the proposed changes. Can I go to the building and zoning department to get copies? The request has already gone before the LPA and DRC. Is the information presented at those hearings available and may I have access? Who is the County Floodplain Administrator?

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Ramona Pletcher

1131 Anclote Road
Tarpon Springs, FL
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Subject: FW: Case No. Z/LU-21-10-19

From: laramona@bellsouth.net <laramona@bellsouth.net>

Sent: Sunday, October 20, 2019 8:39 AM

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Subject: Case No. Z/LU-21-10-19

RE: Case No. Z/LU-21-10-19

Dear Commissioners:

I want to go on record as opposed to the above proposed zoning and land use change from low density residential to commercial recreational use. My family's homestead property since 1951 is near the subject property.

Issues to consider regarding the increased density change are:

1. The 4.5 acres is in a FEMA Flood Zone VE(EL14'). The potential flooding and wave action from tropical storms should limit the use, not increase it.
2. Traffic on Anclote Road is already overburdened. This is a two-lane road that has not been improved in at least 66 years. I've lost count of the number of times my mailbox and bushes have been plowed over by speeding motorist not making the 45° turn several hundred feet from the subject property.
3. Local flooding from rain has increased over the years due to loss of trees and hard surface coverage of surrounding properties, including the existing RV park. My property now has standing water after a day of heavy rain.
4. There is a bald eagle's nest within thirty feet of the westerly property line of this property. Protection of the nest and habitat should be an important consideration.
5. A sanitary septic system would be required because there is no public sanitary system available at this location. A septic system already exists for the 65-unit RV park to the east of the subject property. Adding another large septic system in a velocity flood zone will increase the possible of discharge from the system into flood waters.
6. County Municipal Code requires RVs to be road ready and evacuated when tropical storms threaten. When Hurricane Irma passed through two years ago, only some the RVs were moved from the present RV park. Adding more RVs will only increase the need for enforcement and be a potential health risk from sewage discharge.
7. The additional tax base resulting from the proposed increase in land use is minimal when compared to the present zoning. Four waterfront residential homes would create more tax base than 30-40 more RV sites. Single family residential homes would require less tax dollar for police, fire, and other public services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Ramona Pletcher
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Tarpon Springs, FL 34689



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