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18 November 2015

RE: Appeal of SP# 1858.11 September 30, 2015 Revision to Approved Plan

I am writing to request the appeal of the decision granted to the developer Turtle Beach Land Company and to request that a full site plan review take place for this project.

The original Sutherland Crossing 1982 site plan was for a group of 62 small time-sharing cabins in a naturally landscaped setting. The intent of the timeshare, as stated on their

promotional materials, was a place where visitors could "Discover tranquility where the herons rest protected in the arms of Mangroves, explore the habitat where the tortoise burrows in the coolness of Pines, [and] seek the treasure where nature lies embraced by the sparkle of the warm Gulf" (<http://www.sutherlandcrossing.com/resort-details>). People came to this timeshare for quiet enjoyment of nature. They often walked and bicycled throughout the community, not significantly affecting the environment with their presence.

In contrast, the current developer's plan is for 61 McMansions within a gated community.

This will result in a significant impact upon the environment. For example, currently there are a number of gopher tortoises residing in this area. They are a keystone species. The impact of this development will result in a severe and negative impact on their habitat. As the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission site states, "Gopher tortoises are a threatened wildlife species and are protected by state law, Chapter 68A-27, Florida Administrative Code. Gopher tortoises must be relocated before any land clearing or development takes place, and property owners must obtain permits from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission before they can move them." The current developer has not obtained such permits.

There are other environmental threats as well. Only a full site plan review can determine the impact of this development.

According to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, "an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required when an EA indicates that a proposed project or activity will significantly impact the human environment, as defined in 24 CFR 58.37. The EIS is a detailed written statement describing, analyzing and assessing any alteration of environmental conditions or creation of a new set of environmental conditions, adverse or beneficial, caused or induced by the proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action."

Please protect the environment in Crystal Beach by adhering to policy 2.1.1 of the Pinellas Comprehensive Plan for "protection, conservation and/or restoration of functioning native ecosystems and native habitats, including for species of conservation concern."

Thank you.

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