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Subject: Re: Arnold Appeal
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Julee,

Please accept this email as my "Petition for a Hearing" before the County Commissioner to appeal my denial of County Dock Permit Application WND-21-01528.

There are multiple reasons my wife and I would be aggrieved by your denial. I will attach multiple images of the property explaining my situation and request the County Commissioner grant us a variance and allow a minor pathway through the mangrove.

1. St. Petersburg has already approved my dock request, as I located it.
2. I'm sure there have been many variances granted for certainly far greater mangrove reduction than I am asking for. I.e. see photos of several neighbors situations below. I have not researched any in particular, but I will if you require that of me.
3. Our water access is NOT in a protected, fenced backyard. It is over 125' in front of our house, across a well traveled street.
4. NUMEROUS neighbors on my street have "NO TRESSPASSING", "PRIVATE PROPERTY" signs posted, as well as "gates" blocking the entrance to their docks. I have spoken to a few of them and their comments are as simple as random people using their docks for fishing, to as serious as Vandalism and Theft. See attached images.
5. Our riparian rights, which we recently purchased for a lot of money is with 225' foot of water frontage. I am asking for a variance of only 4' to go through the mangrove.
6. We have actual mangroves on our Riparian Rights of over "3000" square feet of plants. I am asking for a variance to only remove 4'x25'. This is 100 sq ft...only 1/30th of the total Mangroves on my property. 4' wide is the standard granted area for Hillsborough County.
7. My next door neighbors boat dock to the south of my home is actually over my property line, which would cause great difficulty getting my boat in/out,as well as his. This is precisely right next to where you want me to put my dock. I have 200 feet of property to the right of this. I want to be a good neighbor and not get into any riparian disputes. If you grant my request, my boat access and his boat access should not be an issue.
8. Per an attached image, you can already see the rejuvenation of mangroves on my property where I spent money to remove invasive species of plants to help with their to growth. Ie; Brazilian Peppers. I anticipate this area and others to continue to grow and expand. Increasing the mangroves at a far greater amount than our minimal request.
9. Our sunset patio is above the long straight sidewalk. I want to be able to see my boats. I want to make sure my property is safe. I currently have one very nice boat. I have ordered another new boat that is more expensive than my house. I refuse to dock it behind mangroves where I cannot see them for safety reasons.
10. The area to the left,St. Petersburg has already approved my dock request, as I located it.

where you request we do the dock, is currently growing new mangrove buds. Are you saying it is OK to remove those for a dock??? That makes no sense. I would be happy to commit to let them grow in exchange for the variance.

11. In order to stay friendly with my neighbor, Mr. McWilliams of Navigation and Waterways suggested I go out to the left of the mangrove, have the dock make a right hand turn, go right 40 feet, then turn left again and continue straight out where i was originally requesting. To make this change, I received a bid for an additional \$10,000 in costs. This would be considered burdensome for anyone. My guess is Navigation and Waterways is not offering to pay for this. To request this is truly unfair. Bid is attached.

I would appreciate an expedited hearing as this Application took 4 months to receive the denial. It is costing me \$450 per month to keep my boat at marina! Please let me know if I need or you would recommend my bringing Counsel to the Appeal Hearing.

Should you like to contact me directly, I welcome a return email, or a phone call to [317-691-4862](tel:317-691-4862).

Thank You,
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Neighbors Dock Entrance





