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Good morning!

As I sit here listening to the calls, I again began to start thinking and I'm not sure how well this will fly with you. When you had the Magnolia room open for comment (and I'm not sure I spelled that correctly) only two people showed up if I'm remembering correctly.

One thing that is true about people, and this is not a mean intention, people are lazy. I know there is concern about opening the old way public meetings but could you put a capacity limit? People could wait outside to speak. However, in my heart I don't think they would show up how they are on the phones, and there isn't an intention to silence people, but we need something to calm what is going on. It is much easier to be harsh and vile over a phone, and there is no real accountability for certain actions. In person there is an ability to have a control over improper conduct. This Pinellas County Watch group drives their "power" from online, it feeds them and they feed each other on it and they are in no way wanting any kind of truth as I have attempted to squash unfounded rumors and have been blocked for doing due diligence searches and posting the actual truth. I just wonder if going back to in person if it would force them into a calmer, and hopeful nonexistant status given their level of hostility and the drive to pull as many residents as possible into this same mind set, the mindset of anger, hostility, and revenge. Yes, we have a right to free speech but I also started to think about it in terms of a store clerk. If a customer becomes hostile and vile, the store clerk can have them removed. I don't think you all are exempt from that just because you are a commissioner.

It is clear at this point our county is split but there is much truth in the hostility in our community. I would not want to be in your shoes right now given how strongly both sides are on the issue, I fear you are in a lose lose situation.

Hope you have a great day,
Dawn Bohler