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Subject: RE: PDR-18-10(P) Imperial Lakes residential PLN1805-0014  

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Ms. Gordon, Commissioner Trace

Good morning, I am requesting an appointment with Commissioner Trace to discuss a proposed development: PDR-18-10(P) Imperial Lakes residential PLN1805-0014. I am the property owner on the south side of this planned project, that shares the projects entire southern boundary, and am sandwiched between it and Buffalo Creek. I am extremely concerned about the runoff from this project FLOODING my property. The matter is scheduled to come before the board on April 4, 2019 and I would like to meet with the commissioner prior to the hearing.

I look forward to your response,

Sincerely,

Harry O. Traylor
941 737 2490
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Regarding the Imperial Lakes Residential project (PDR-18-10) PLN 1805-0014.
My name is Tanisha Hubbard and I live at 8911 Amen Corner Place, Palmetto, FL 34221. In regards to the new development project (PDR-18-10) PLN 1805-0014 I am certainly for new development and I’ve learned that the developer is a very reputable builder. However, my concern is the green space. I would appreciate if the plans could/would include a green space buffer between the existing homes and the new development. I appreciate the green space and all of the animals, birds, etc. that dwell in it.

I greatly appreciate your consideration in this matter.

If you would like to contact me I can be reached at 813.598.4405.

Thank you!

Tanisha R. Hubbard
InteleTravel Vacation Planner
http://tanishahubbard.inteletravel.com/booktravel.cfm
Planning Commission

This letter is our written objection to the proposed site plan for a 66 single family detached residence community (Application PDR-18-10(P) Imperial Lakes Residential PLN1805-0014).

Our home is at 8938 Founders Circle and is adjacent to the proposed development strip between Founders Circle and the mobile home community.

This narrow strip area floods during any significant rain and overflows into our property, over the side walk, and across Founders Circle road. Our concern is that additional development will exacerbate the flooding issue and depreciate the value of our property along with every property along the Founders Circle road.

Though there is a retention pond located across the street from our house, it has proven to be insufficient to mitigate flooding issues during heavy rain as it fills and overflows onto Founders Circle.

Given the issues enumerated above, it is perplexing to fathom how a responsible Planning Commission or a County Board of County Commissioners could seriously consider moving forward with approving a development that would jeopardize the safety or the current residents of the Fairways of Imperial Lake Woods. Please vote no on this and any future development applications for the property adjacent to the
To whom it may concern,

I am a home owner living on Amen Corner Pl and quite surprised that this has already been approved. I was lead to believe that the area behind our homes were on a preserve due to the extensive wildlife and was the major reason we purchased our home. Since moving here I have seen countless wildlife nesting such as turtles, alligators, baby alligators, otters, rabbits, deer, snakes, cranes, birds, fish, armadillos, bob cats with babies, and most importantly an American Bald Eagle which I was lucky enough to get a photo of on 02/24/19 (see photos of wildlife below)! I’m not sure who the company was that was hired to survey the land and stated they didn’t observe any endangered or protected species, but maybe the looked the other way for money!!! It’s disturbing that making money/greed is more important than doing the right lawful thing and protecting endangered/protected wildlife, especially a protected American Bald Eagle’s habitat!!! I guess the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act would be violated and that’s okay because of making a buck!!! Enough is enough, there is no where for these animals to go and they will perish!!!

Thank You
Eleanor Zehner
Mrs. Kanoza,

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I am reaching out to you to voice my concern with the planned development PDR-18-10(P) Imperial Lakes Residential PLN1805-0014 Quasi Judicial Jamie Schindewol, Planner I.

I am in full agreement with the letter written by Deborah Monreal. Adding development in this section changes the entire feeling of our neighborhood, and ruins the view for many of us that bought this land understanding it was a natural preserve.

Additionally, there are no sidewalks at the entrance, where children are forced to wait in the street for the bus and to walk in the street when they are let off. There is a lack of sidewalks (about 330 feet) in addition to the 250 feet near the proposed entrance of the 66 homes. There have been many times when it has been dangerous with kids on the street and cars parked at the intersection.

Please reconsider the impact to both the residents of this neighborhood and most importantly, the animals that call this land home. Many will be killed with clearing of the land, or be forced to live in areas that are not natural to their environment. There are so many other parcels of cleared land that could be used for development. Would that not be a better solution?

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Lindy Kanoza
8710 Amen Corner Place, Palmetto, FL 34221
From: Vida Gordon
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 3:19 PM
To: FLCS~Mary Ellis Bonds <familylifecommunity@juno.com>
Cc: Priscilla WhisenantTrace <priscilla.whisenantrace@mymanatee.org>; Bobbi Roy <bobbi.roy@mymanatee.org>; John Barnott <john.barnott@mymanatee.org>; Charlie Hunsicker <charlie.hunsicker@mymanatee.org>
Subject: FW: Questions about (PDR-18-10) PLN 1805-0014

Mrs. Ellis Bonds,

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Hello Priscilla,

I don't know if you remember me. It's been many years. I am Jon and Cheryl McGuire's daughter. We purchased a home in Fairways at Imperial Lakewoods a year ago September with my mom. I know our neighbors are very concerned about the development that is planned for the area behind us. I am concerned as well, as one of the main reasons we purchased that home is because of all the wildlife we see from our backyard. There are several alligators that rest on our backyard peninsula almost everyday, some very large and then some young ones, as well as turtles, otters, and many, many different types of birds. I hate to see that destroyed by a new housing development, however I don't have a clear picture of what is planned. I have searched the internet but I cannot find specifics to help me. Many of our neighbors are protesting this development but I don't feel I have enough information to do that. Is there a place where I can get specifics about the development and, can you tell me, do they plan to tear out all of those trees along the water between the new development and Fairways? I would really hate to see that habitat destroyed. Thank you for any help you can give.

Sincerely,
Mary Ellis Bonds

From: Jamie Schindewolf
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 12:14 PM
To: Harry Traylor <harryotaylor@gmail.com>
Cc: Bobbi Roy <bobbi.roy@mymanatee.org>; Tom Gerstenberger <tom.gerstenberger@mymanatee.org>
Subject: RE: GCI Imperial investment

Good afternoon,
I have attached the proposed Preliminary Site Plan. I have also copied my responses to your previous questions:
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Subject: GCI Imperial investment
Importance: High

Ms. Schindewolf, Mr. Gestenberger, Mr. Roy,

Good morning, I have not heard from you regarding the Plat plan on proposed development nor the water drainage situation, only Mr. Davis has responded in regards to the question about a road. I would greatly appreciate answers to these questions since the meeting is on Thursday this week.

Sincerely,
Harry O. Traylor
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Good morning Debbie,

I have forwarded your message to our agenda coordinator.

I want to assure you that the planning commissioners have not yet moved to recommend approval. We include a recommended motion in the agenda based on staff findings after reviewing the project for compliance with the codes. The planning commissioners may amend this motion and recommend denial after hearing public comment and discussing the project at the hearing. All members of the public who wish to do so will have a chance to comment at the hearings prior to the vote and written messages like yours will be included in the packets given to the planning commissioners/county commissioners.

I hope this helps,

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Dear Commissioner Trace (of our District 1), Commissioner at large Commissioner Whitmore, Commissioner Benac and Case Planner Ms. Jamie Schindewolf,

Thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns regarding PDR-18-10(P) Imperial Lakes Residential PLN1805-0014 and it's impact on our beautiful north county.
And thank you for all of the work that you do.

We will be present at both this Thursday's Planning Commission Meeting and the Board of County Commissioners meeting on April 4th Regarding the Imperial Lakes Residential project (PDR-18-10) PLN 1805-0014.

Reviewing the agenda topic for this Thursday’s County Planning Commission Meeting –

It is dated 3/14 (today is the 11th) and very disturbing to read that you “move to recommend approval” based in part of comments made at the Public Hearing. Please, I must have missed it – as well as numerous other neighbors, we were given information that the opportunity to voice comments and perhaps gather more information is at the Planning Meeting this Thursday, 3/14/19.

So, obviously yes, the decision has already been made, but I do feel compelled to “comment” in hopes that some will have an open mind. Thank you.

I am a member of the Manatee County Audubon Society, St. Petersburg Audubon Society, and work in conjunction with both the Florida Audubon and National Audubon Societies. I am on the board of a not for profit Bird Rescue based in Manatee county and help with hooked, injured birds, those suffering from Red Tide and Green Algae effects in rescue, education and transport. Every Sunday morning you will find me volunteering, working hard at Manatee County Animal Services in Palmetto in Impound/Intake cleaning cages, litter boxes, feeding … and a couple of days a week at the Cat Adoption Center Downtown Bradenton. We have fostered many kittens and adult cats, never asking the county for supplies such as food, litter…. We just give back to our community in whatever way we can - and show a deep appreciation for all of God’s creatures.

We spent 30 years in Pinellas County and moved to Manatee County 5 years ago – truly thinking we had found paradise. We paid a premium lot upgrade fee as our home "backs up to the conservation area". (Stupid me) and the proposed project. North Manatee County was one of the most beautiful places to live I had seen, full of trees, birds and wildlife - and it seemed, an area that truly cares about green space, the wildlife, its land, and its environment. I observe birds and wildlife never seen just over the bridge.

It’s no wonder that Manatee County is listed on The Great Florida Birding Trail. But sadly, I wonder, for how long?

Every morning I sit in the back (with binoculars) as it borders the north side of the project, around 5:30 AM – I hear the Great horned Owl call out - and another answer, I see a bob cat
running with a kitten in his mouth only to stop and wait for her carrying another. We observe Eagles sitting on top of the 2 power poles almost daily (especially during season), and then they land, trying to take the black snake from the Great Blue Heron. We watch deer (if they are not killed by the poachers) drink at the ponds, the Alligators sun themselves, a female gator crawling up the brush to lay her eggs and then babies swimming – it is truly breathtaking, and a gift.

I have counted almost 50 different species of birds (see attached) on this property or abutting it, this past season, some of which was included on the National Audubon Christmas bird count. Many are on Florida’s endangered and threatened species list, published by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The little Blue Heron, the tricolored heron, the Wood stork, Rosette Spoonbill, Kestrel, Sandhill Crane, and Snowy Egrets just to name a few. I questioned the “Environment Considerations Report” posted on the agenda (please keep in mind that this and the preliminary site plan report was prepared for GCI Imperial Investments, LLC – unfortunately listed at 9335 Raes Creek Pl – a home in our own neighborhood. If one is doing a job for someone why wouldn’t they try to satisfy their employer?) that was completed last year. It stated that none of these endangered or threatened birds were observed. Almost daily we watched large Geo Point Survey trucks drive behind our houses – the trucks and all the activity would certainly frighten any creature - it’s no wonder they didn’t see them. Please, one point in time doesn’t make for accurate reporting and decision making.

Page 5 of the "Environmental Considerations Report” states that the main species searched for were Eastern Indigo Snakes, American Alligator, Wood Stork and listed wading birds. The authors stated they saw no snakes – that the project will have no effect on this species???

They observed no alligators – funny, we see them almost every day – and again the authors concluded that the project “may affect, or not likely to adversely affect” this species. They stated not seeing any Eagles? Also, odd, as they are frequent visitors perched almost daily on the power poles of the proposed site. There may not be a visible nest, or an active one (MN 029) but we do observe them as they dive for fish, (taking it back to the top of the poles to eat) steel food from the other birds and land occasionally – please understand, their foraging habits WILL be disturbed by destruction of their habitat, by the large construction vehicles, ongoing construction, and fires burning the brush.

The authors did somewhat agree that the site contains wading bird nesting and foraging habitat, and the bird species considered were the snowy egret, the reddish egret, little blue heron, tricolored heron, sand hill crane, roseate spoonbill, but at that one point in time, didn’t observe any, and again concluded that the project “May affect – not likely to adversely affect”???

Does anyone really think that the destruction of this habitat isn’t going to adversely affect these species?

Please - Why would you destroy, sacrifice something so beautiful, so valuable to our wildlife for just 66 houses when the commission has already approved 20,000 homes and businesses in our Moccasin Wallow corridor, and destroyed the habitat.
Once it’s gone – it’s gone.

We have just witnessed the demise of the wet areas, ponds, destruction of trees and wildlife habitat on the north side of our neighborhood and are currently suffering the construction noise, road closures and traffic inconveniences (however nothing like the wildlife and birds) – how much do you want your residents to bear? Please give us notice on the destruction and burning so that we can leave our homes.

In reference to the “School Report”

Sidewalks and Bicycle Paths – “The sidewalks connect throughout the neighborhood” is INCORRECT. There is no sidewalk on either side of the street (Bobby Jones Court) where the entrance to this 66-unit subdivision is proposed, approximately 250 feet on the north and more on the south is void of sidewalks. Many people walk daily, early morning and evenings and are forced to walk in the street. This area is on a curve making it difficult for drivers, especially if they are travelling at just 25 mph, and walkers, to see.

A speed limit of 30 is way too fast as many think it is a “speed minimum”. With the addition of at least 66 cars, and the curvy roads, please LOWER the speed limit to 25 which is consistent with most residential neighborhoods.

There are three buses that stop at the intersection of Bobby Jones Court and Buffalo Road in the morning, (and evenings) the first when it is still a little dark. Children are forced to sit along the curb of the street or in one of the numerous cars parked along both sides. The exit is somewhat over a hill making it difficult for drivers to see and therefore NOT SAFE for our children. Please, with the addition of 66 more homes and perhaps maybe 132 more cars, a “safe” waiting area needs to be created, especially for our children who are not in vehicles.

Please remember –
ONCE it’s GONE – It’s GONE

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Deborah Monreal
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Palmetto, FL 34221
Bill&Patty Allen
8611 Amen Corner Pl.

After experiencing the excess traffic these few days from the Detour Construction we oppose the 66 single family homes that are planning to be built. There is enough building in the area. We moved to Imperial to away from Rt. 301 and all the noise. We love this community, the lakes, and the woods. We enjoy the wildlife: eagles, and abundance of birds that frequent our lake behind our house. More housing would be bring more cars and noise. Keep what little is left of our environment. WE are enjoying this tranquil community where we ride our bikes and golf carts. Also, walking our beautiful neighborhood without adding more housing, cars, and people. ENOUGH already!!! We oppose any housing in our neighborhood.

Thank you!

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Importance: High

Ms. Schindewolf,

Good morning, I am the property owner that shares the entire southern boundary with the proposed development and have some questions/concerns. I attended the August 8, 2018 meeting held in the Manatee Room which was for 66 lots on 53.99 acres adjacent to our home. I now see where the proposal has increased the proposed development to 71.39 acres and has added an additional parcel located at the south end of 71 avenue east and 86 street east. My questions are as follows.

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