

**Items submitted by John Henslick at the August 10,
2017 Planning Commission**

GOOD MORNING/AFTERNOON

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS THIS
COMMISSION

My name is JOHN HENSLICK

During my past professional career, I have worked as an

ECOLOGIST for the

US DEPT OF INTERIOR

SARASOTA COUNTY

STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPT OF NAT. RESOURCES

And finally I have worked in SW Florida as a Prof. Wetland
Scientist and Environmental Consultant for the last 30 years

And I hold a Master's Degree from the Center for Wetlands at the Univ. of
Florida

I am addressing this Commission today as a PRIVATE CITIZEN

I am personally very familiar with the property and the details of the
proposed project.

I agree with the County and State experts that have determined this project
will not and I repeat, WILL NOT result in adverse impacts to the
coastal or aquatic habitats of the Bay, **BUT** will indeed result in an overall
ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT or IMPROVEMENT to these
habitats.

ALL of the County environmental and planning experts, and the State environmental and engineering experts that have reviewed this project have provided reports and documents stating the project adheres to all requirements and they recommend the approval of the project.

Other's have suggested adverse impacts will occur due to this project.

As this is a QUASI JUDICIAL HEARING, the review and testimony of EXPERTS **must** carry more weight and influence than the testimony of non-experts or laymen. Much testimony has and will be given by the public which is based on emotion and what is believed as truth, these comments although heart felt should not be given **equal** consideration when compared to the testimony and reports provided by your own expert staff and other expert witnesses commenting here today.

As far as wildlife concerns go:

Please keep in mind, the redfish, snook, the manatees and porpoises and flounder, as well as the herons, pelicans and other water fowl, that utilize these shoreline habitats and the bay, really do not care whether the shoreline has single story or multi-story buildings on them. ONLY the people care. And your planning staff have determined the proposed building heights and densities to be appropriate.

I urge this Commission to show and express it's confidence in the experts you have hired and the staff you pay to provide professional , unbiased reviews of development application as well as the information provided by other qualified experts.

AND APPROVE THIS PROJECT AS PROPOSED