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Sent: Tuesday, October 01, 2019 7:42 AM
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Subject: FW: PA-19-02/Ordinance 19-21 Our Lives PLN1902-0234

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Dear Ms. Tusing:

Please review the two attached documents. If possible, please include these letters in the commissioners packet.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
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September 30, 2019

Manatee County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1000
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Re: PA-19-02/Ordinance 19-21 Our Lives PLN1902-0234

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter concerning the above parcel and proposal to change it from a RES-3 and Res-6 to a Mixed Use.

This **proposed 160-acre parcel** was part of the original 19th century Gamble Plantation. I have two major concerns with any future development. These concerns are the water mitigation during development and a necessary aggressive archaeological survey.

Please understand that I do not in any way want to hinder or prevent development. With development comes the responsibility of the community acknowledging and maintaining its heritage. Gamble Planation is this community's heritage.

The Gamble Mill and Mansion lay south of the proposed parcel. My concern is that there are multiple wetlands located on the proposed parcel. Should construction create inadequate water drainage of the parcel property, then the 19 3/4-acre parcel of the State of Florida's Historic Gamble Mill could be flooded or rendered inaccessible.

Survey excavations of the Gamble Mill were conducted this past summer, (2019), by Dr.Charolotte Goudge from the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom under the auspice of Dr. Diane Wallman, from University of South Florida. Another joint international excavation is proposed for the summer of 2020. Flooding or additional water seepage south during construction will make this international excavation impossible or near impossible.

There were 16 miles of drainage canals located on the original 3450 acres of the Gamble Plantation. These canals served to drain water or provide irrigation for the

sugarcane crops, to supply water to the mill for the steam engine, or to potentially move supplies or harvested crops. Since the proposed parcel is located next to the mill, then it is likely that the parcel has some of these canals. These canals need to be archaeologically examined and hopefully preserved. Their function could be included into water drainage system since some of the local landholders have benefited from the north/south drainage.

As an archaeologist, I request that an aggressive survey be completed prior to construction. Any past investigations should be included but not exclude a more recent excavation. This survey needs to include a depth that will **exceed** 54cm. in order to reveal 19th century artifacts.

The mill, following Gamble's ownership was subdivided. At least a portion of the 160-acre parcel was also sold. These parcels were utilized for citrus farming that failed probably due to the excessive water in the area.

While 19th century artifacts were found at 54cm it is likely that citrus growth rendered artifacts deeper within the ground. I request also that myself, Dr. Wallman, or Dr. Goudge be present during the archaeological survey.

I am a steward of our heritage not only because of my position as an archaeologist but also because I am a member of the community. As evident, there is an international interest in our heritage. Any archaeological research can offer voice to the enslaved people who were not included in written documents except as a name and sale number.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

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9 September 2019

To whom it may concern,

My name is Dr Charlotte Goudge, during the summer of 2019 I directed a survey and excavation of the Gamble Mill in Ellenton. I have recently come to hear of a request to rezone land North of the historic mill site from residential to multi-use.

I have a number of concerns that relate to heritage protection of the site. First, there is credible historic documentation that suggests this area might be home to the enslaved worker village for the Gamble plantation and therefore any change of zoning should include the archaeological survey of these lands. The nature of the mill and its use as a citrus grove has caused a great deal of disturbance via bioturbation. However, excavations at the mill site have shown that materials from the 19th century can be found as deep as half a metre, these surveys remain incomplete and there is a strong likelihood that further artefacts lie below. It is possible that materials relating to the enslaved village could lie between half a metre and a metre or even deeper. The village would provide unparalleled cultural and historic data relating to the home life and culture of enslaved workers in Florida and must not be lost.

Second, I am extremely concerned regarding water impacts that any works might cause, not only to the mill site but also to the historic canal network which we began mapping this summer.

This site and the related lands are of vital historic importance for the state of Florida. Any future works should only be undertaken after archaeological and environmental surveys are undertaken to ensure heritage protection and data collection.

Please feel free to contact me at c.goudge@bristol.ac.uk if you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely,



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Public Comments

From: Norman Whitlow <greensonthegro@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 4:01 PM
To: Planning Agenda <planning.agenda@mymanatee.org>; greensonthegro@aol.com
Subject: application PA-19-02/Ordinance 19-21 Our Lives PLN 1902-0234

Greetings:

I have questions regarding this application, and I have not been able to find the answers on line.

1. If there are comments and questions regarding this project when do they need to be received so they appear in the Commissions package?
2. If comments regarding this project have been made on previous planning and regular commission meetings, (that a citizen would like to refer to) how do you include them during citizens comments at the BCC meeting?
3. During the Sept. 12th meeting, the applicant mentioned numerous times that this request and the General Development Plan legally could not be heard together. However, there was discussion that the applicant had signed an agreement with Mr. Lopez for affordable housing, and the proposed industrial component would provide 500 jobs etc, and that the retail component that they are requesting would possibly provide services for those employees and MAY include a day care, a place to get their cut, and a place to eat. Could someone address why these comments would be appropriate knowing that the GDP information was not to be heard together?
4. I was reviewing the Land Map Amendment history available on line to see how many MU applications have been requested. The history only goes through 3/4/2015. Where do I find the information from 2015 until August of 2019?
5. The applicant feels that the county needs to adopt this change DUE TO A CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES. Would you please explain to me or provide the Counties definition of this term?
6. If the GDP cannot be shared at this next proceeding, can it be reviewed by the public prior to the Oct. 3rd meeting?

Thank you,
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From: Margaret Tusing
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 10:56 AM
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FYI – I spoke with her on the phone, do not if she will attend hearing.

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From: Norman Whitlow <greenonthegro@aol.com>
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Subject: Pa-19-02 Ordinance 19-21 Our Lives PLN1902-0234 Parrish Land De

Good Morning Margaret!

Thank you for returning my call regarding the Our Lives Project off of Ellenton-Gillette Road.

My email address is Greenonthegro@aol.com

I have tried to do some researching on this thru the Mymanatee.org website and haven't had a lot of luck. However, (time for a new computer)
Here are some of my concerns:

It appears that this project is in an infill area,(UIRA) and was wondering if a MU development is appropriate in a Res area?

I could not find any Transportation projects to widen Ellenton-Gillette Road, other than widening it to meet the 24 ft. state guidelines. From our discussion I understood that the plans submitted to you, show very little detail, like where are the plans for the entrances to the projects,(just bubbles) what they comprise of, and number of units etc.

I could not find any plans to widen 29th St E, or of a planned future roadway going east to west of 21 St Ct E (it was proposed in an earlier rezoning and plan from the county)

I could not find anything on the records on line with proposed transportation from the project east to the Benderson Development.

I did not find any future bus routes, water or sewer expansions for this area.

There are existing adjacent property owner residents north of the project along 29th St. E, and along the west boundary of the project off Ellenton-Gillette Road. The south boundary has State owned and county owned property with a school, plus existing rezoned residential.

The request mentions that there will be property development conditions as to the locations of industrial uses within the project.

If this project is approved to the planning Board, I certainly would hope that ANY industrial use areas will be limited to the east of the 160 acre parcel.

The paperwork provided shows that this is a special area: CRA. What CRA, and when was it approved?

The 160 acre parcel is extremely low in elevation and floods during heavy rainfalls, and will require a SIGNIFICANT amount of fill. Drainage of this property is of great concern for us. Drainage from this property to existing county drainage is limited, and would hope it is addressed early in the projects review.

These are some of our concerns regarding this proposed property comprehensive plan change at this time.

Thanks again for your time talking to me, and I look forward to receiving updates via emails regarding our neighbor!

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