

CITIZEN COMMENT  
Brevity Counts

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My name is Beverly Craig and I was born in Gainesville Florida 58 years ago. I am a citizen, taxpayer and a business owner in the city of Gainesville. I grew up on the S.E. side of town until my family moved to N.E. Gainesville in 1969. I attended Williams Elementary and Lincoln High School until the Federal Government closed Lincoln High and I along with my classmates which included Commissioner Perry was forced to other High Schools to graduate in 1970. I am a citizen, taxpayer and business owner in the city of Gainesville and I have the right to utilize any park that is owned by the City of Gainesville including McPherson Park. Beverly Craig and all citizens in Gainesville have more rights than any person coming from out of state, different counties and different cities utilizing our parks. The Lincoln Estates Homeowner Association that have less than 1/4 of homeowners from Lincoln Estates as members do not have the right to come before this commission to say who can and can't utilize the McPherson Park if this park is owned by the city. If this Association from Lincoln Estates owns McPherson and is paying the tax bill for the citizens in Gainesville then Lincoln Estates Homeowner's Association can determine who enters this park.

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I don't recall anytime the Lincoln Estates Homeowner's Association came before this Commission about residents of Lincoln Estates that had a major Cocaine Drug ring that ran for numerous years. The feds came into Lincoln Estates and brought exposure to this matter. This association never confronted this Commission when the same drug dealer son was shot in Lincoln Estates that lives in Lincoln Estates nor did this association come before the Commission when Samuel Rivers, a resident of Lincoln Estates killed a University of Florida student. It seems when it comes to the residents that reside in Lincoln Estates, the President or Chairman of this association turns a deaf ear or place blinders on her eyes to overlook the problems within the Lincoln Estates neighborhood. The association President isn't making a fuss about the young men that stand on S.E. 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue daily in the Lincoln Estates neighborhood. The Commission wasn't contacted about the resident who lived in Lincoln Estate that conspired with a Jacksonville resident in a Ponzi Scheme to dupe many citizens including myself out of thousands of dollars in increments of \$100,000 deposits to secure false grants that never materialized. The Lincoln Estate resident that was part of this conspiracy is now heading a loose-knit organization where she became President. When the Federal Government finishes their investigation, the Lincoln Estates Homeowner's Association will be

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shocked and embarrassed to know who this pro-American leader is. Why didn't this Homeowner's Association approach this Commission about leaders in this City that were known drug dealers and some of them spent time in Federal Prison but this association admire these leaders as something special. If this Commission responds to this Homeowner's Association request to determine who enters the McPherson Park that's owned by the city then the City Commission has to respond to other Homeowner's Association request to alleviate all pit bulls, sexual predators and sexual predators from entering any park or facility that's owned by the city. Not to mention the lawsuit against the city for violating citizens rights because of a disgruntled group of people that have forgotten that they were young and don't know how to interact with the younger generation. Now would this Commission have responded if the Mile Run Neighborhood Association had petitioned to remove Terry Jones and the Dove Church from their neighborhood? Terry Jones has caused this future city to possibly be under a terrorist attack with a 2.5 million contract on his head for burning the Holy Koran. The City of Gainesville has been labeled as the worst city to live or visit in because of Terry Jones. Rights that prevented the Fed, State, County and City to stop Terry Jones from burning the Holy Koran. All citizens in the City of Gainesville have the same rights as Terry Jones and the Organizers of the Hempfest.

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that were given permission from this city to assemble and smoke their Cannabis on the Plaza in front of the Courthouse. Beverly Craig and all citizens of this city have the right to utilize any city-owned Park, lot, lot etc. and there isn't any Homeowner's Association that can prevent this unless the Homeowner's Association owns these parks. I do have a scheduled meeting with the Mayor concerning the McPherson Park as a follow-up. The only thing all citizens and Homeowner's Associations should be coming before this Commission is to determine whether we are safe as citizens to remain in this city after the actions of Perry Jones. The last thing is why no one protested about a former SPD officer coming back into this city after attacking Chief Jones and is now second in command to Sheriff Darnell. He as citizens in Gainesville was successful in removing Chief Shinnamon for not reprimanding the officer that's second in command to Sheriff Darnell. The Lincoln Estates Homeowner's Association should fight causes that are strong whether it involves their Residents of Lincoln Estates and their Personal Friends and Leave Causes Alone that can't be won from a loose ~~that~~ association that don't involve half of the Homeowners in Lincoln Estates. If this Commission wants a major class-action lawsuit and a federal investigation from them allow Lincoln Estates Homeowner's Association to coerce the Commission to violate citizen rights concerning city owned parks.