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Mayor Tom Bussing City of Gainesville P.O. Box 490 Gainesville, Florida 32602-0490

RE: Agenda Item 002258

January 14, 2002 City Commission meeting

## Dear Mayor Bussing:

I have just read the proposed Agenda for the City Commission's meeting to be held Monday night, January 14, 2002.

Legislative File Number 002258 addresses "East Gainesville SPROUT Project - Community Involvement Plan for Depot Park Design (with back-up)."

Staff's explanation makes reference to a 1996 "Model Plan for Public Participation" for developers of Brownfields to encourage community participation in environmental decision-making and maintain honesty and integrity in the redevelopment process. To the average citizen or professionals, the Agenda is somewhat misleading, as stated below:

- 1. The second paragraph makes reference only to CSX property; but refers to stormwater design and preliminary park concepts with no mention of MCB property being a part thereof. It should be noted that MCB property is a separate tract of land and has not been acquired as of yet.
- 2. The third paragraph references that Staff is promoting public input at a meeting scheduled for January 26, 2002. It should be noted at that meeting that MCB property is not a part of CSX property and has not been acquired as yet.
- Paragraph 4 makes reference to additional meetings that one concept will be selected (from the three conceptual drawings of the proposed park, I assume) by mid March, and other meetings will be held in connection with rezoning park property. What rezoning is Staff referring to?

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4. The Fiscal Note states that the park design task is funded by Brownfields grants from the State of Florida and United States Environmental Protections Agency.

MCB Oil Company never agreed to allow it's property to be designated as a Brownfields site. When Mr. Matt Dube asked, I refused. (See his file for letters)

In addition, I do not believe that CSX property is included in the Brownfields Site Rehabilitation Agreement. Minutes of the East Gainesville Sprout Project Task Force meeting held on September 5, 2000, item V (copy attached) states, "The CSX properties were removed from the BSRA temporarily until the City gains control of the site Poole Roofing remains the only property designated in the pending BSRA".

Inasmuch as the City just signed the contracts with CSX around November 27, 2001, please furnish me with documentation that CSX properties or MCB properties are included in any BSRA. I believe Poole Roofing is the only property designated. If I am wrong, please furnish me documentation.

If all the above is true, how has the City of Gainesville funded the park design when CSX property has been removed and MCB property should never have been included in any BSRA proposal?

Sincerely,

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President MCB Oil Company

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CC: City Commissioners

Wayne Bowers, City Manager Marion Radson, City Attorney

East Gainesville Sprout Project Task Force

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