

Crews, Sarah M.

From: edwin drake [dadrake7@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2004 9:53 PM
To: depclerk
Subject: asphalt plant

My name is Edwin Drake and I live at 2646 NW 68th Avenue in the Northwood Oaks Subdivision. I am a State Certified Residential Appraiser and would like to comment on the impending value decline if this plant is considered. My home is on the northern most street of Northwood Oaks and is already being bombarded by noise from the so called quiet stone/aggregate plant on the impending site. The noise is noticeable from dusk till dawn and is quite loud. With the proposed asphalt plant it is my opinion that this noise could only get worse no matter what sound barriers are in place or required. The market value of My home and most homes on the northern sectors of Northwood Oaks will suffer if this plant is allowed. There is also a proposed 700-900 acre site of residential uses just to the north of Northwood and has been approved by the city at a previous time. These proposed units will suffer a considerable value loss due to this plant. My home telephone number is 376-6225 and I would strongly suggest you deny this future asphalt plant. If you couldn't ok a Super WalMart on wet and sensitive land how can you change a zoning from agriculture to industrial on basically the same type of property.(WET and Swampy)

Thank you
Edwin O Drake Jr.

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Hot Line Operator: Merlyn R. Crews

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10/11/04
Submitted by
Ted LaCombe

Madame Mayor and Commissioners, my name is Ted La Combe and my presentation is the first in a series you will hear being made on behalf of the Northwest Gainesville Coalition of Homeowners Associations. You will also hear presentations by Peter Rebmann, ~~Karen Orr~~, Tom Busing, and Marilyn Walker. These presentations taken together will constitute the entire formal response to this petition by the Northwest Gainesville Coalition of Homeowners Associations.

The other presentations will each address a specific aspect of this project, but in my presentation I want to step back and take a broader view of the context of the project. In particular, I want to address the topics of **process and policy**.

Regarding the process that has been followed for this project, we are deeply concerned that it was allowed to skip the usual plan board review. Amongst other things, the plan board review offers citizens a first look at the plans for a particular project and lets them have an opportunity to ask questions and make initial comments about it. It also allows them time to absorb the details of the project and to familiarize themselves with the codes and ordinances that pertain to it.

By exempting this project from plan board review you have deprived area residents from that normal opportunity to review the project in a thorough and comprehensive manner and have forced them to make a cursory and hasty analysis of the potential impact it might have on their lives and their property.

Regarding policy, it is remarkable that, beginning about one mile north of the highway patrol station on US 441 and continuing from there to the northern city limit, there are completely incompatible land uses facing each other on opposite sides of the highway.

On the east side of 441, you have several parcels zoned for I-2 heavy industrial development. Including this project, an already existing asphalt plant, and the proposed new coal burning plant at Deerhaven, it appears that there is a trend that these parcels will be developed to support smokestack industries.

By contrast, on a large portion of the west side of this stretch of 441 you have the largest single undeveloped piece of property within the city limits, all of which is currently zoned for single family housing. It is difficult to imagine any more incompatible land uses than these located in such close proximity.

This is a major policy issue. Long experience has shown that single family housing, especially upscale housing, cannot coexist with smokestack industrial plants. At some point you and the city staff will need to sit down and come up with a ~~more elegant~~ policy for this area.

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Because of these defects in process and planning, we respectfully request that you send this petition back through the normal plan review process and, while that is going on, that you take up the task of creating an improved policy for development along this stretch of 441.

Madame Mayor and Commissioners, this concludes my presentation. I thank you for your time and your kind attention and I respectfully request that a written copy of my remarks be made part of the permanent record of this meeting.

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From: Gainesville Citizen [gainesvillecitizen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2004 8:42 PM
To: depclerk
Subject: Asphalt Plant Experts

This is almost too funny for words!

The experts say the site will be paved (giving a large paved cover over the ground), it's next to a stormwater retaining area (which will get alot, if not all, the runoff from the paved area, the retaining pond is next to a wetland, and the site will have large piles of asphalt and ingredients without roofs to keep the rain of them! The new equipment will HELP stop the smell, the particles, etc... BUT NOT ALL OF THEM according to the experts there tonight. This description makes makes it sound TERRIBLE for the surrounding area. How did this get a staff recommendation of approval when WAL-MART did not (and they didn't sound anywhere near as dirty to the local area)?

How come Commissioner Domenich says he's not too concerned based on these experts saying they're using "state of the art" equipment but was concerned enough to "kill" the Wal-Mart after their experts showed everything they would do to clean stormwater runoff (even the stuff from 441 that they had no responsibility to clean at all?) Will Commissioner Lowe and others apply their worry about WAL-MART's "large paved area" to this company as well?

There are people watching tonight who are wondering what is driving these decisions!! Try to help clear the confusion by stopping what appears to be RANDOM positions or worse yet, applied only to companies (like Wal-Mart) someone doesn't "like" for whatever reason.

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From: Gainesville Citizen [gainesvillecitizen@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2004 6:55 PM
To: citycomm
Subject: Asphalt Plant & City Staff

Starting out by saying I'm baffled by this city staff's recommendation to approve the asphalt plant would be an understatement! (Of course, this is ASSUMING the Gainesville Sun reported their position correctly in today's paper.)

This city staff recommended AGAINST the IMPROVED Wal-Mart SuperCenter after initially recommending APPROVAL of a vastly inferior plan. This city staff based it's last argument against Wal-Mart on the local environment and local residents concerns, yet then recommends APPROVAL of an ASPHALT PLANT literally "just down the street!"

What happened to the local citizens concerns the staff so cared about just a short time ago? What happened to the worries about the local environment? Does anybody actually believe that Wal-Mart's delivery trucks would have made more noise or left more oil products in the local area then AN ASPHALT PLANT???

Does anyone on the City Commission care what their staff looks like to the ordinary person watching from the sidelines or how it reflects on City Government in general? Was the staff "bought off" by the Pantry Group to "kill" Wal-Mart? Or perhaps by the Asphalt Plant's owners to recommend approval? Or do these staff members make their decisions by throwing darts over their shoulders with no regard to previous positions they themselves had taken in the recent past?

I'd love to hear how members of the Commission feel about this one and will continue watching the rest of the meeting on TV.

Good Luck with this one!

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From: Jim & Carol Sarisky [sarisky@gator.net]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2004 6:12 PM
To: citycomm
Subject: asphalt plant

Dear City Commissioners,

Please reconsider plans to allow the asphalt plant so close to neighborhoods.

Thank you,
Carol and Jim Sarisky

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From: Dick Stokes [rastokes@atlantic.net]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2004 6:05 PM
To: citycomm
Subject: Please deny asphalt plant proposal

Dear Commissioners:

I'd like to reiterate what Commissioner Chuck Chestnut noted several years ago when the zoning of polluting industries was under discussion.

Commissioner Chestnut said that the cumulative effect of the polluting businesses should be considered.

We don't need more pollutants added to our air and water. Please deny the request for a special use permit for the asphalt plant tonight.

Yours truly,

Dick Stokes

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From: MARGARET COBB [margaret.cobb1@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Monday, October 11, 2004 5:46 PM
To: citycomm
Subject: Asphalt Plant

I am a senior citizen living in Turkey Creek Forest. I am very opposed to the proposed location of the asphalt plant. I feel that the construction of this plant in the proposed location will have an adverse effect, not only on our air and water supply, but will certainly increase traffic on 441, which is heavily traveled at this time.

Many of our senior citizens are plagued with respiratory problems, and the air pollution that will surely result from the location of this plant will produce further health problems for these citizens. Surely there is an area that would be further removed from as populated an area as what is being considered.

As one of the many taxpayers of our at present reasonably clean city, I ask you to please cast your votes against the asphalt plant location at the proposed site.

Thank you.

Margaret T. Cobb
8620 NW 13th Street - Lot 457
Gainesville, FL

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Asphalt Plants in the Greater Gainesville Area

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| 1. V.E. Whitehurst & Sons | NW Section, 121 & 441 |
| 2. Hipp Construction | Alachua—High Springs |
| 3. Anderson Columbia | Hawthorne—SR 20 |
| 4. APAC | Waldo—Starke, US 301 |
| 5. Watson Construction | Newberry |
| 6. White Construction | NW Section, 121 & 441 |

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2. (9:32 PM) Ms. Mary Jane Drake (376-6225 – home, 281-2942 – cell) Ms. Drake lives at 2646 NW 68th Avenue, the last street to Northwood Oaks, and Ms. Drake states she already hears the noise from the Yelvington Plant – the noise goes ALL NIGHT and stops at 7:00 in the morning. They are already doing business there.
3. (9:34 PM) Lucille Wilson (375-1354) Ms. Wilson is just north of where the plant wants to be built, and she would like the Commission to mention that Whitney Mobile Home Park has 208 homes and they will be affected by this plant and they do not want it.
4. (9:39 PM) Mr. Mike Carter (374-8043) Mr. Carter states he lives in the Northwood Pines area and he does not want the plant. The City Commission did NOT want a WalMart but they want a plant to pollute and not to mention what it will do with all the noise all times of the night. Please do not approve this plant.
5. (10:09 PM) Mr. Leonard Eisenberg (377-3307) Mr. Eisenberg would like the Commission to postpone their decision on this issue (the plant) to allow other concerned citizens to come to comment. Mr. Eisenberg stated he did not know it was on the agenda until he turned on the television -therefore he is asking the Commission to postpone it.
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**MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONAL BACK-UP
October 11, 2004**

CONSENT AGENDA - MODIFICATIONS:

1. ✓ **File # 040531 - New Consent Item - Name for City Parking Garage.**

REGULAR AGENDA - MODIFICATIONS:

1. ✓ **File #040486 - Gainesville Regional Airport Authority - (Waive the Rules to hear immediately after Proclamations/Special Recognitions).**
2. ✓ **File #040474 Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan - Kennedy Homes - (Continue to the October 25, 2004 Meeting).**
3. **File #040532 - A New 401 Deferred Compensation Plan and a Payroll Deduction ROTH IRA through the ICMA Retirement Company - (New Item)**
4. **File #040533 - Orders Pertaining to Building Permit Fees and Procedures for Hurricane Related Repairs - (New Item)**

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#040187

Submitted by
JOE JACKSON

Here are some concrete steps you can take right away:

- stop arresting people for being in the parks at night
- unlock the bathrooms at the Downtown Plaza
- eliminate the artificial 75-meal limit at St Francis House
- eliminate the artificial 30-bed limit at St Francis House