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CITY COMMISSION MEETING MAY14,2001

GOOD EVENING MAYOR DELANEY, COMMIS-  
SIONERS, GENTLEMEN

I AM FLORENCE CLEMENTS, PRESIDENT OF  
TURKEY CREEK FOREST OWNERS ASSOC.

WE HAVE BEEN LISTENING TO MS. BOYCE'S  
RHETORIC FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS .AND  
NEVER ANSWERED HER

FIRST- SHE HAS INSISTED THIS WHOLE MORA-  
TORIUM ISSUE WAS POLITICAL IN NATURE.  
THEN SHE INSISTED WE HAD SINGLED OUT  
HER CLIENT'S ASPHALT PLANT .

THE CITIZENS FOR REFORM OF I-2 INDUSTRIAL  
ZONING HAVE NEVER MENTIONED THE ASPHALT  
PLANT OR ANY PLANT ALL THE MONTHS THEY  
HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THE CITY COMMISSION.-  
NOR DID I - UNTIL WE APPEARED BEFORE THE  
PLANNING BOARD ON APRIL 19,2001. IT WAS ONLY  
Ms. BOYCE WHO INSISTED-PERHAPS HER DESIRE TO  
DIVERT THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH  
ASPHALT PLANTS .

WE WERE AND ARE INTERESTED WITH THE I-2  
ZONING PERIOD!!!

WE IN TURKEY CREEK FOREST HAVE AN I-2 ZONE  
DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE ENTRANCE OF THE  
FOREST.

THE HARDSHIP THAT HEAVY INDUSTRY WOULD  
HAVE ON THE RESIDENTS OF TURKEY CREEK  
FOREST IS INSURMONTABLE. TO SOME.

OUR RESIDENTS HAVE WONDERED WHETHER THEY WOULD HAVE TO SELL THE HOMES THAT THEY HAVE LIVED IN- SOME FOR 20 YEARS. THE EFFECTS OF MORE POLLUTION UPON THEIR HEALTH PROBLEMS RESPIRATORY AND CARDIAC PARTICULARLY ARE THEIR MAIN CONCERN. MOST ARE ELDERLY AND AFRAID . MANY FEEL IT WOULD BE A 'DEATH KNOLL' FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT AFFORD TO MOVE.

I'M CERTAIN MS. BOYCE MAY CLAIM THIS AS THE EMOTION OF A MOB.

On 2/12/01 THE CITY COMMISSION VOTED TO HAVE MR. RADSON, THE CITY ATTORNEY , FORMULATE THE PROPER WORDING FOR A MORATORIUM. Mr. RADSON HAS STATED A MORATORIUM CALLS ON OWNERS TO TEMPORARILY CEASE DEVELOPMENT FOR 6 MONTHS. HE FURTHER STATED THAT IT WOULD BE A "RED FLAG" TO ANY POTENTIAL PERMIT SEEKERS. WATSON DID NOT PRESENT AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT UNTIL 2/15/01 AND A COMPLETED ONE ON 2/28/01.

OUR RESIDENTS FELT A LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. AND WERE SO GRATEFUL TO THE CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THEIR CONCERN. ON THE MATTER.

ON BEHALF OF MY COMMUNITY AND THE CRIZ I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP APPRECIATION TO THE CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR THIS DECISION AND THE IR WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER THE REFORM OF THE I2 HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONING CODE AND CREATE THE MORATORIUM WITH NO EXCEPTIONS

WE FEEL CERTAIN THAT THE REFORM OF GAINESVILLE'S HEAVY INDUSTRIAL ZONING CODE WILL BECOME A MODEL FOR OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FOLLOW . I THANK YOU. MAY THIS BECOME PART OF THE RECORD.