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From: Don Dohrman [mailto:dohr1@verizon.net]

Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 2:47 PM

To: jlarsen@ctsfl.us

Subject: Anclote parcel

Commissioner Larsen

Tonite the city has the opportunity to make a very important decision for future generations.. I would hope your vote would be in favor of this agenda item, so the citizens can have a right to vote on the proper use of this land. We may never have a chance like this again. This space offers many possible recreational uses. Unfortunately,I can not make this meeting to voice my support. I would hope for your positive vote.

Jeff I am a former City commissioner and City planning and zoning board member. A fourth generation Tarpon resident who would not want this opportunity pass us by.

I would like to thank you for your consideration on this item.

Sincerely, Don Dohrman

Sent from my iPhone

November 1, 2011

To Mayor and Board of Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that there is an opportunity to purchase 20 acres on the Anclote River once known as "Linger Longer". I have looked at the correspondence you have received both pro and con for this project and don't envy your position.

The first thought that crossed my mind when hearing of this opportunity was the peaceful ride down the river that we now enjoy. The second thought was the possible density for development if this property is not secured. I can't imagine the change in character of the river if there were multi-story condominiums put on this piece of property. I believe Tarpon Springs has done an excellent job in preserving some of the "old Florida" feel along the Anclote River.

With all of this said, I also can't imagine the pressure you are under in this economy. I see the esthetic needs of the City as I ride through town and know it is not an easy balancing act. I appreciate the struggles to keep day to day services for our citizens and answer the long term capital needs of the city. I would ask that you at least consider this project in your deliberations.

Thank you for your consideration and service to the City.

Karen Brayboy
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Former City Commissioner

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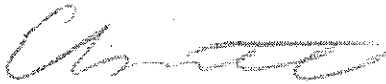
October 31,2011

Dear Mayor Archie,

Please accept my apology for not personally attending tonight's meeting. I hope my prior obligation does not diminish the sincerity of this brief message. In a climate of budget cuts and economic uncertainty, we can be certain a few things continue to draw people to Tarpon Springs - our wonderful restaurants, stores and historic homes, and they are all clustered along the Anclote River. Our sacred Epiphany Celebration and the Annual Arts Festival are both held on the banks of our bayous and river. The sponge docks and the unique atmosphere of fishing boats and marinas are all set along the Anclote River. The value of real estate and unique draw for tourism can all be linked to the riverfront. As the north bank of the Anclote River transitions from industrial to residential, an opportunity to secure public land along the Anclote River would seem a primary concern even if there was not an opportunity to purchase twenty acres at below market price. I do not believe it shows a lack of fiscal responsibility to allow voters to access the value of adding a future site to enhance public access to the riverfront. Rather it is at the heart of bringing Tarpon Springs into a bright future of protecting what has made this city one of the state's most treasured destinations.

Thank you for supporting the opportunity for voters to explore this opportunity. Thank you for all that you do for the great city of Tarpon Springs.

Sincerely,



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From: RICHARD MCCUE [mailto:tarponsunset@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, October 31, 2011 10:19 AM
To: thickey@ci.tarpon-springs.fl.us
Subject: purchase of Linger Longer property

TO: Tarpon Springs Mayor and Board of Commissioners

FROM: Marsha McCue
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RE: Linger Longer Property

DATE: October 31, 2011

My husband and I are in favor of the city's purchase of the Linger Longer property. It is so important to preserve natural settings, such as this, for the enjoyment of our community. So often we forget how much nature is a part of us. We can reconnect in this setting. Possibly a building housing a history lesson of the area and the Indian tribes could be built here. Everyone would appreciate and be fascinated by how the Indians, i.e. the Tocobaga tribe, depended upon the Anclote River and it's surrounding land for their survival.

There are five nature centers I have visited over the last five years that are great examples of what can be done with a property such as this. I know the residents of Tarpon Springs could come up with some great ideas for this land. I, personally, am glad to be living in Tarpon again. The tropical setting, the water birds, Howard Park. and old friends are so special to us. This is a community like no other.

Thank you for your time. I would be glad to pass along the info on the aforementioned history and nature education centers upon request.

Marsha

October 25, 2011

Tarpon Springs Mayor and City Commissioners,

This letter is to speak in favor of purchasing the Linger Longer property to be preserved for public access. There are so few large parcels of land with such a wonderful river front access. It would be ideal for boat launches, a kayak landing, picnic areas, a waterfront restaurant, bird watching, and just generally enjoying our beautiful Tarpon Springs environment.

It seems that the property can be a public private partnership to mitigate costs and allow for income streams from private development while maintaining the public access. There are many examples of where this combination has worked.

I would strongly favor using the Penny for Pinellas funds to make this purchase, and, if this project came to a vote of the citizens, I would be pleased to be counted in favor.

I have lived in Tarpon Springs for many years. I passed by the property yesterday, and it is sad to see it neglected and fenced in. It is such a beautiful spot!

Sincerely,



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