

THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO
CANIN ASSOCIATES PRESENTATION
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05:32:11 >>Steven Sarkozy: LET ME START US OFF, SUSANA, AND THEN I'LL
05:32:15 HAND IT OVER TO YOU.
05:32:16 BUT THIS IS THE LAST OF THE FORMAL PRESENTATIONS THAT WE
05:32:22 HAVE IN FOCUS GROUPS THAT ARE FOCUSED ON THE PROPERTY THE
05:32:30 VILLAGE BOUGHT AT THE CORNER OF CORKSCREW ROAD AND U.S. 41.
05:32:34 WE MADE EVERY EFFORT IN THIS COVID ERA TO TRY TO INVOLVE THE
05:32:42 COMMUNITY IN THIS PLANNING PROCESS.
05:32:46 AND THE QUESTIONS ARE, HOW WE MIGHT USE THIS PROPERTY IN THE
05:32:51 BEST INTERESTS OF THE VILLAGE LONG TERM.
05:32:54 THERE ARE SOME DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES THERE, IF THE
05:32:58 COUNCIL WISHES TO AVAIL ITSELF OF ACTUAL DEVELOPMENT.
05:33:06 AND THE VILLAGE HAS ENGAGED CANIN AND ASSOCIATES OUT OF
05:33:12 ORLANDO TO HELP IN THAT PLANNING PROCESS.
05:33:16 AND SUSANA GONZALEZ IS REPRESENTING CANIN AND ASSOCIATES
05:33:20 THIS EVENING IN THIS SURVEY OF COMMUNITY VALUES.
05:33:23 WE'RE ENCOURAGING THE COMMUNITY TO BE INVOLVED BECAUSE THIS
05:33:27 IS REALLY AN IMPORTANT STEP ON HOW WE MIGHT USE THE

05:33:33 PROPERTY, WHAT TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT MIGHT OCCUR, AND SO
05:33:37 FORTH, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE VILLAGE.
05:33:39 AND WHEN YOU ASK THAT KIND OF OPEN-ENDED QUESTION, YOU GET
05:33:45 QUITE A FAR-RANGING FIELD OF RESPONSES.
05:33:51 SO PART OF THE FRAMEWORK HERE IS TO IDENTIFY THE TYPE OF
05:33:56 DEVELOPMENT THAT COULD MAKE SOME SENSE HERE, SHOULD THAT BE
05:34:00 THE DIRECTION OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.
05:34:02 NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, AND WE'RE BEING VERY DELIBERATE
05:34:09 IN THIS PLANNING EFFORT.
05:34:13 AND DELAYED SOMEWHAT BECAUSE OF THE COVID PROCESS, BUT CANIN
05:34:19 IS HELPING US WORK OUR WAY THROUGH THAT EFFORT.
05:34:22 SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I'D LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE
05:34:26 PARTICIPANTS, WHETHER YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESENT AT VILLAGE
05:34:31 HALL, TO BE PART OF THIS ENTIRE EFFORT.
05:34:36 SO THE VILLAGE COUNCIL REMAINS OPEN TO ANY COMMENTS THAT YOU
05:34:40 MIGHT HAVE, WHETHER IT'S THROUGH THIS SURVEY OR THROUGH
05:34:43 DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE COUNCIL OR WITH STAFF.
05:34:46 IF YOU DIRECT -- IF THE PUBLIC HAS ANY COMMENTS THAT YOU'D

05:34:51 LIKE US TO CONVEY TO THE COUNCIL, JUST LET US KNOW AND WE'LL
05:34:55 MAKE SURE THE COMMENTS GET OUT.
05:34:57 WITH THAT, SUSANA, TAKE IT AWAY.
05:34:59 THANK YOU.
05:35:02 >>Susana Gonzalez: THANK YOU, STEVE.
05:35:03 HELLO, EVERYONE.
05:35:04 MY NAME IS SUSANA GONZALEZ.

05:35:07 I AM AN URBAN PLANNER AT CANIN ASSOCIATES.
05:35:10 UNFORTUNATELY, BRIAN COULD NOT BE HERE WITH US TODAY.
05:35:14 HE'S TYPICALLY THE PERSON THAT CONDUCTS THESE SURVEYS.
05:35:17 BUT I'M HAPPY TO BE PRESENTING THE SURVEY TODAY.
05:35:21 TONIGHT IS THE LAST SURVEY THAT WE'LL CONDUCT IN THE
05:35:29 COMMUNITY.
05:35:30 WE CONDUCTED THROUGH DIFFERENT STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AS WELL.
05:35:33 ON BEHALF OF CANIN AND ASSOCIATES, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
05:35:37 PARTICIPATING.
05:35:39 THAT'S WHY WE DO THE SURVEYS.
05:35:42 I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THE STATE OF THE PROJECT THAT
05:35:47 WE ARE IN.
05:35:49 SOMETIMES WHEN WE'RE DONE SHOWING THE PICTURES OF THE
05:35:51 SURVEY, PEOPLE ASSUME THAT WHAT WE'VE SHOWN THEM IS WHAT WE
05:35:55 HAVE PLANNED FOR THE SITE, AND THAT IS NOT THE CASE.
05:35:58 WE HAVE NOT ADVANCED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS AND OUR DESIGN
05:36:05 WORK WILL BE BASED ON THE FEEDBACK YOU GIVE US TODAY
05:36:08 COMBINED WITH THE OTHER RESPONSES FROM YOUR FELLOW COMMUNITY
05:36:12 MEMBERS.
05:36:13 TODAY, YOU'LL BE SHOWN A SERIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS OR SLIDES IN
05:36:18 SIX DIFFERENT GROUPS OR CATEGORIES.
05:36:21 THESE SLIDES WILL BE SHOWN TO YOU FOR ONLY A FEW SECONDS.
05:36:25 I WILL NOT DESCRIBE OR SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THE IMAGE AS I
05:36:30 DON'T WANT TO SWAY YOUR OPINION ABOUT IT.
05:36:32 WE WILL GO QUICKLY AS WE WANT TO GET YOUR INITIAL GUT

05:36:36 REACTION, ONLY A FEW SECONDS FOR EACH SLIDE.
05:36:39 I'D LIKE TO RATE THE IMAGE FROM 1 TO 10 BASED ON HOW
05:36:47 APPROPRIATE YOU THINK THE IMAGE IS FOR THE COMMUNITY.
05:36:50 1 BEING THE LEAST APPROPRIATE AND 10 BEING THE MOST
05:36:52 APPROPRIATE.
05:36:52 KEEP IN MIND, PLEASE, THAT LIKING AN IMAGE IS NOT ENOUGH.
05:36:58 IT'S MOSTLY ABOUT HOW APPROPRIATE THE IMAGE IS.
05:37:01 IS WHAT YOU'RE SEEING ON CAMERA APPROPRIATE FOR THIS
05:37:07 CONTEXT, THE SITE, FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?
05:37:09 WILL IT MAKE YOU FEEL PROUD?
05:37:12 THE NUMBERS ON THE TOP LEFT AND BOTTOM RIGHT OF EACH IMAGE
05:37:18 CORRESPONDS TO THE LINE ON YOUR SHEET.
05:37:21 PLEASE MARK OR FILL IN THE BUBBLE.
05:37:24 I'D LIKE YOU ALSO TO NOW PUT YOUR NAMES ON THE TOP OF THE

05:37:27 SHEET, PLEASE.
05:37:30 FINALLY, WE WILL BE COLLECTING THE RESULTS AND AVERAGING THE
05:37:33 SCORES AND SHARING THE RESULTS WITH YOU IN A FEW WEEKS.
05:37:36 BEFORE I BEGIN SHOWING YOU THE PICTURES, I WANT TO SHOW YOU
05:37:41 A GRAPHIC OF THE SITE.
05:37:44 WHEN WE GO OVER THE DIFFERENT IMAGE CATEGORIES, KEEP IN MIND
05:37:50 THE SITE CHARACTERISTICS.
05:37:52 HERE, YOU ARE SEEING THE SITE THAT HAS TWO VERY DISTINCT
05:37:56 CHARACTERS, EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER.
05:38:00 WE HAVE TWO DIFFERENT PLANNING OPPORTUNITIES OR APPROACHES
05:38:03 TO EACH OF THE SITES.

05:38:05 THE SOUTHERN PORTION IS VERY NATURAL AND CAN BE VERY
05:38:12 NATURE-ORIENTED, PASSIVE AREA.
05:38:14 WHEREAS, THE NORTH PORTION, NORTH OF THE RIVER, IS AN
05:38:17 ABANDONED ORANGE GROVE AND CAN BE IMAGINED AS A PEOPLE
05:38:21 PLACE, A VIBRANT ACTIVITY CENTER.
05:38:23 SO WITH THAT SORT OF REVIEW, WE WILL BEGIN.
05:38:26 THE FIRST CATEGORY IS NATURE AND THE RIVER.
05:38:30 FOR THE IMAGES THAT WILL FOLLOW, PLEASE ENVISION THE
05:38:35 SOUTHERN PART OF THE SITE.
05:38:39 FROM THE RIVER SOUTH.
05:38:42 WE WILL START AND GO SLOW AT FIRST BUT WE WILL PICK UP.
05:38:46 THIS IS THE FIRST IMAGE.
05:38:48 FOR NATURE AND THE RIVER, THIS IS ROW ONE.
05:38:50 SO LOOK AT THIS IMAGE AND MARK FROM 1 TO 10 HOW APPROPRIATE
05:38:55 YOU THINK THIS IMAGE IS FOR THIS SITE.
05:38:58 I'LL GIVE YOU A FEW SECONDS.
05:39:03 MARK WITH AN X.
05:39:06 ONE IS THE LEAST APPROPRIATE, TEN IS VERY APPROPRIATE FOR
05:39:09 THE SITE.
05:39:10 THIS IS IMAGE NUMBER TWO, ROW TWO, PERTAINING TO NATURE AND
05:39:19 THE RIVER.
05:39:19 HOW APPROPRIATE IS THIS FOR THE SITE.
05:39:24 IMAGE NUMBER 3, RATE FROM 1 TO 10.
05:39:32 IMAGE NUMBER 4.
05:39:42 IMAGE 5.

05:39:50 ROW 5.
05:39:52 HOW APPROPRIATE IS THIS?
05:39:53 NATURE AND THE RIVER.
05:39:58 ROW 6.
05:40:05 HOW APPROPRIATE IS THIS WHAT YOU ARE SEEING FOR YOUR
05:40:10 COMMUNITY AND FOR THE SITE?
05:40:16 IMAGE NUMBER 7.
05:40:18 HOW APPROPRIATE DO YOU THINK THIS IS FOR THE SITE AND YOUR
05:40:23 COMMUNITY?
05:40:23 IMAGE 8, ROW 8.

05:40:33 THIS IS THE LAST PICTURE FOR NATURE AND THE RIVER.
05:40:36 RATE THAT FROM 1 TO 10, PLEASE.
05:40:39 ALL RIGHT.
05:40:43 OUR SECOND GROUP OF PICTURES WILL RELATE TO PARKS AND OPEN
05:40:47 SPACE.
05:40:49 SO IF WE WERE TO ENVISION PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ON THIS SITE,
05:40:55 PARTICULARLY THE NORTHERN PORTION, HOW APPROPRIATE DO YOU
05:40:58 THINK THESE IMAGES ARE?
05:40:59 IMAGE NUMBER 9, ROW 9, HOW APPROPRIATE WOULD SOMETHING THAT
05:41:05 LOOKS LIKE THIS BE FOR THE SITE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?
05:41:10 IMAGE 10, ROW 10.
05:41:19 IMAGE 11.
05:41:28 IMAGE 12.
05:41:31 CAN YOU ENVISION THIS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?
05:41:37 IS IT APPROPRIATE?

05:41:38 IMAGE 13, ROW 13.
05:41:45 RATE FROM 1 TO 10.
05:41:49 AND THE LAST PICTURE OF THE GROUP, LINE 14, PLEASE RATE FROM
05:42:00 1 TO 10.
05:42:01 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE.
05:42:03 THE NEXT GROUP WE ARE CALLING THE VILLAGE CENTER AND MAIN
05:42:10 STREET.
05:42:11 IF WE WERE TO ENVISION A VILLAGE CENTER AND A MAIN STREET ON
05:42:15 THAT NORTHERN PORTION OF THE SITE, THINK ABOUT THAT.
05:42:19 IS THIS APPROPRIATE WHAT YOU ARE SEEING?
05:42:22 DO YOU ENVISION THIS FOR THAT PART OF THE SITE?
05:42:27 IS THIS APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY FOR THAT SITE?
05:42:31 1 IS LEAST APPROPRIATE.
05:42:36 10 IS VERY APPROPRIATE.
05:42:37 THIS IS LINE 15.
05:42:39 PICTURE 16, ROW 16.
05:42:44 PICTURE 17.
05:42:50 IMAGE 18, ROW 18.
05:42:57 IMAGE 19.
05:43:07 IMAGE 20 HOW APPROPRIATE IS THIS FOR THE SITE?
05:43:15 IMAGE 21.
05:43:26 HOW APPROPRIATE IS THIS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY IN THAT SITE?
05:43:30 IMAGE 22, ROW 22.
05:43:37 IMAGE 23.
05:43:50 ART DISTRICT IN THE VILLAGE CENTER, WOULD YOU LIKE IT TO

05:43:54 LOOK LIKE THIS YES OR NO.
05:43:56 RATE FROM 1 TO 10.
05:43:58 24, ROW 24.
05:44:03 25.
05:44:08 26.
05:44:14 27.

05:44:20 28.
05:44:29 IF WE WERE TO HAVE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, DO YOU THINK THE
05:44:39 FOLLOWING IMAGES ARE APPROPRIATE?
05:44:43 RATE FROM 1 TO 10 HOW APPROPRIATE THIS WOULD BE FOR YOUR
05:44:46 COMMUNITY AND THIS SITE.
05:44:49 SOMETHING THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS.
05:44:52 IS THIS APPROPRIATE?
05:44:55 29.
05:44:58 30.
05:45:00 IMAGE 30.
05:45:00 HOW APPROPRIATE WOULD THIS BE?
05:45:04 31.
05:45:15 32.
05:45:17 33.
05:45:24 34.
05:45:32 35.
05:45:41 36.
05:45:49 37.
05:45:58 38.

05:46:07 39.
05:46:14 DO YOU ENVISION THIS FOR THE SITE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?
05:46:22 40.
05:46:24 41.
05:46:31 THE NEXT GROUP IS ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM.
05:46:42 HOW APPROPRIATE DOES THIS LOOK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?
05:46:48 42.
05:46:54 43.
05:46:56 ROW 43.
05:46:58 ROW 44.
05:47:07 ROW 45.
05:47:14 46.
05:47:24 47.
05:47:31 48.
05:47:40 49.
05:47:47 50.
05:47:52 51.
05:47:58 LOOKING AT THE ARCHITECTURE AND URBANISM.
05:48:04 52.
05:48:07 HOW APPROPRIATE WOULD THIS BE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?
05:48:11 53.
05:48:15 54.
05:48:22 THIS IS THE LAST IMAGE.
05:48:24 54.
05:48:24 AND WITH THAT, WE ARE FINISHED.

05:48:32 THAT'S THE LAST OF OUR PICTURES.
05:48:34 I BELIEVE WE HAD SOME QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS.

05:49:00 >> DO YOU WANT TO GO FIRST OR DO YOU WANT ME TO READ?
05:49:11 >> MY NAME IS PATTY WHITEHEAD.
05:49:13 I LIVE HERE IN ESTERO, OLD ESTERO, RIGHT CLOSE ADJACENT TO
05:49:16 THIS PROPERTY.
05:49:18 JUST AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION, I'M A FORMER MEMBER OF THE
05:49:22 ESTERO DESIGN REVIEW BOARD.
05:49:25 SO TO SPEAK, I KNOW A THING OR TWO ABOUT A THING OR TWO WHEN
05:49:29 IT COMES TO PLANNING IN ESTERO.
05:49:31 MY KEY CONCERN HERE IS THAT WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ASSET
05:49:36 ADJACENT, SLICING RIGHT THROUGH THIS PROPERTY.
05:49:38 THAT'S THE ESTERO RIVER.
05:49:39 AND THERE ARE CERTAIN FACTUAL THINGS WE KNOW ABOUT THIS
05:49:42 RIVER.
05:49:42 THIS RIVER IS SEVERELY IMPAIRED ACROSS THE BOARDS FOR ALL
05:49:47 SORTS OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CONTAMINANTS.
05:49:52 IT'S IMPAIRED BECAUSE IT'S CONTAMINATED WITH FECAL COLIFORM,
05:49:56 FECAL BACTERIA.
05:49:57 IT'S IMPAIRED BECAUSE IT'S CONTAMINATED BY NITRATES FROM
05:50:00 CHEMICAL TREATMENTS TO ENHANCED LAWNS AND GOLF COURSES FROM
05:50:05 GATED COMMUNITIES.
05:50:06 IT'S IMPAIRED BECAUSE OF RUNOFF FROM STREETS AND URBAN
05:50:12 AREAS.
05:50:12 TO DISREGARD THE NEED TO RESTORE THIS RIVER, TO BRING THIS

05:50:18 RIVER BACK UP TO SNUFF SO IT IS A TRUE ASSET FOR THE PEOPLE
05:50:22 OF ESTERO, NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF A VISUAL ASSET, BUT AN ASSET
05:50:27 THAT CAN BE TANGIBLY ENJOYED BY CANOEING, KAYAKING AND EVEN
05:50:31 SWIMMING WITHOUT FEAR OF BEING INJURED, HARMED, BODILY
05:50:35 HARMED BY THE CONTAMINANTS, THIS IS PARAMOUNT.
05:50:39 WHAT CONCERNS ME IS ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY,
05:50:42 YOU'RE SHOWING SIGNIFICANT URBANISM IN THESE SLIDES.
05:50:45 A LOT OF THEM ARE TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT.
05:50:47 I WISH THAT THE REST OF ESTERO LOOKED LIKE THOSE SLIDES.
05:50:50 MOST OF ESTERO LOOKS VERY CONTRIVED AND BORING AND COOKIE
05:50:54 CUTTER.
05:50:55 COCONUT POINT MALL HAS A FEW NICE ASPECTS TO IT, BUT ALL IN
05:50:59 ALL, IT DOESN'T LOOK NEARLY AS CHARMING AS THOSE SLIDES YOU
05:51:02 PRESENTED.
05:51:03 I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING.
05:51:04 THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO SHOULD FOLLOW THE MODEL OF FREEDOM
05:51:07 PARK IN COLLIER COUNTY.
05:51:09 COLLIER COUNTY AND THIS -- EXCUSE ME, FREEDOM PARK IN
05:51:12 COLLIER COUNTY AND THIS PROPERTY HAVE SIGNIFICANT PARALLELS.
05:51:15 FREEDOM PARK IS ABOUT 51 ACRES.
05:51:18 THIS PROPERTY IS 62 ACRES.
05:51:20 FREEDOM PARK IS ADJACENT AND HAS THE GORDON RIVER RUNNING
05:51:23 BESIDE IT.
05:51:24 THIS PROPERTY HAS THE ESTERO RIVER RUNNING BESIDE IT.

05:51:27 FREEDOM PARK HAD A MASSIVE ABANDONED ORANGE ORCHARD, CITRUS
05:51:32 ORCHARD ON IT, SO DOES THIS PROPERTY.
05:51:35 FREEDOM PARK WAS DEGRADED BY INVASIVE PLANTS, SO DOES THIS
05:51:39 PROPERTY.
05:51:39 LET ME READ YOU SOME OF THE PASSAGES FROM THE MANAGEMENT
05:51:43 PLAN FOR FREEDOM PARK, AND YOU'LL SEE WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT
05:51:47 HERE.
05:51:47 FREEDOM PARK WAS PURCHASED AND DEVELOPED IN 2004 AS PART OF
05:51:50 THE GORDON RIVER MASTER PLAN DEVELOPED IN 2002 BY THE
05:51:53 COLLIER COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.
05:51:55 THIS SITE WAS ACQUIRED AS PARTIAL REIMBURSEMENT FROM FLORIDA
05:51:59 COMMUNITY TRUST GRANT PROGRAM, THE COLLIER COUNTY FACILITIES
05:52:01 MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, CONSERVATION COLLIER.
05:52:04 ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES FOR FREEDOM PARK WITH SOUTH
05:52:06 FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BIG CYPRESS BASIN.
05:52:10 I KNOW ONE OF THE COUNCILMEN IS WORKING VIGOROUSLY TO
05:52:12 INVOLVE BIG CYPRESS BASIN IN ESTERO MATTERS.
05:52:15 MAYBE THIS COULD BE ANOTHER FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE 62-ACRE
05:52:19 PROPERTY.
05:52:19 THE SITE PLAN INVOLVED DEVELOPMENT OF A SYSTEM OF TREATMENT
05:52:23 WETLANDS, RESTORATION OF EXISTING NATURAL WETLANDS, AND
05:52:26 CREATION OF PUBLIC AMENITIES.
05:52:27 THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED ON THIS PROPERTY.
05:52:29 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS WITHIN THE UPDATE TIME FRAME INCLUDE
05:52:36 CONSTRUCTION OF FREEDOM PARK TREATMENT WETLANDS AND PUBLIC
05:52:38 USE AMENITIES INCLUDING A 2500-SQUARE-FOOT EDUCATIONAL

05:52:41 CENTER, PATHWAYS, BOARDWALKS AND MEMORIAL SITE.
05:52:45 FREEDOM PARK CURRENTLY HOSTS NUMEROUS EDUCATIONAL CLASSES,
05:52:48 LECTURES AND EVENTS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN, GROUPS, AND
05:52:50 THE GENERAL PUBLIC.
05:52:51 THE GORDON RIVER GREENWAY PARK, INCLUDING THE CONSERVATION
05:52:54 COLLIER SECTION, HAS NEARLY COMPLETED THE PROJECT PLANNING
05:52:56 STAGE AND IS FINALIZING BOTH AGENCY AND COUNTY PERMITS.
05:52:58 OF COURSE, THIS IS THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FROM SEVERAL YEARS
05:53:01 AGO.
05:53:01 THE PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR THE ACQUISITION OF THE FREEDOM PARK
05:53:04 WAS TO DEVELOP A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT FACILITY THAT
05:53:07 INCORPORATES FLOOD PROTECTION, WHICH WE SIGNIFICANTLY NEED.
05:53:10 YOU KNOW WE HAD A SIGNIFICANT FLOODING EVENT HERE IN JULY OF
05:53:13 2016 THAT OCCURRED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH HURRICANE HARVEY THAT
05:53:17 JUST DEVASTATED SOUTH TEXAS, RIGHT?
05:53:23 THE DESIGN OBJECTIVES FOR FREEDOM PARK ADDRESS THE LOCAL
05:53:25 FLOODING CONDITION WHICH ENCOMPASSES NEARLY 25% OF THE
05:53:29 SURROUNDING WATERSHED OR APPROXIMATELY 2.5 SQUARE MILES.
05:53:33 STORMWATER TREATMENT OCCURS AS WATER PASSES THROUGH A SERIES
05:53:35 OF PONDS AND MARSHES SLOWING THE WATER SIGNIFICANTLY TO

05:53:39 ALLOW SEDIMENTATION, PARTICULATES INTO THE DEEP LAKES AND
05:53:43 UTILIZING EMERGENT VEGETATION IN THE SHALLOW WETLANDS TO
05:53:48 ASSIMILATE A PORTION OF THE REMAINING DISSOLVED POLLUTANTS.
05:53:50 THE GOAL OF BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE TREATMENT IS TO FILTER
05:53:52 AND CLEANSE WATER ENTERING THE GORDON RIVER AND FLOWING INTO

05:53:56 NAPLES BAY.
05:53:57 NOW, JUST SUBSTITUTE THE WORDS ESTERO RIVER AND ESTERO BAY,
05:54:01 AND YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THE SAME THINGS THAT FREEDOM PARK
05:54:04 IS ACCOMPLISHING.

05:54:06 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES FOR FREEDOM PARK AND GORDON RIVER
05:54:09 GREENWAY, ALLEVIATE LOCAL RESIDENTIAL FLOODING AND IMPROVE
05:54:12 WATER QUALITY, PROVIDE PASSIVE RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES,
05:54:15 PROVIDE NATURAL RESOURCES, REMOVE OR CONTROL POPULATIONS OF
05:54:18 INVASIVE, EXOTIC, OR PROBLEMATIC FLORA AND FAUNA.

05:54:23 RESTORE AND MAINTAIN NATIVE HABITATS.

05:54:26 PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

05:54:27 PROVIDE NON-VEHICULAR TRANSPORTATION CHOICES.

05:54:29 YOU CAPTURED A LOT OF THAT IN THOSE SLIDES WHICH WAS VERY
05:54:32 COMMENDABLE.

05:54:33 COLLIER COUNTY CONSERVATION AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN,
05:54:37 THIS IS RIGHT OUT OF THE COMP PLAN FOR COLLIER COUNTY.

05:54:39 IT DIRECTS THE COUNTY TO LIMIT THE SPECIFIC AND CUMULATIVE
05:54:42 IMPACTS OF STORMWATER RUNOFF, STORMWATER SYSTEMS, AND TO
05:54:46 DESIGN THEM IN SUCH A WAY THAT DISCHARGE WATER DOES NOT
05:54:49 DEGRADE RECEIVING WATERS AND AN ATTEMPT IS MADE TO ENHANCE
05:54:52 THE -- QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF FRESHWATER TO THE ESTUARIAN
05:54:59 SYSTEM.

05:54:59 THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED HERE.

05:55:01 IF YOU GO ABOUT PLANNING FOR THIS PROPERTY WITHOUT TAKING
05:55:04 INTO EFFECT THE CURRENT CONDITION OF THE ESTERO RIVER AND

05:55:06 THE GOALS THAT NEED TO BE MET TO RESTORE THE ESTERO RIVER,
05:55:09 THEN YOU ARE DOING BOTH THE PEOPLE OF ESTERO A DISSERVICE
05:55:12 AND YOU'RE DOING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THE FUTURE
05:55:14 SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ESTERO RIVER AND THE ENTIRE AREA A
05:55:16 DISSERVICE.

05:55:17 THAT NEEDS TO FACTOR IN SIGNIFICANTLY.

05:55:20 THAT'S WHY I'M SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE URBAN SCAPING THAT
05:55:24 YOU'RE SHOWING ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.

05:55:27 I THINK YOU NEED TO COUNTERBALANCE THAT AND MAYBE ELIMINATE
05:55:31 IT COMPLETELY, QUITE HONESTLY.

05:55:32 THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR URBAN SCAPING.

05:55:34 WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF RAW PARCELS OF LAND WHERE WE CAN DO
05:55:37 THAT, PROBABLY ACROSS FROM THE COCONUT POINT MALL.

05:55:40 THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT I HAVE TO OFFER.

05:55:42 MR. SARKOZY HAS A COPY OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR FREEDOM
05:55:45 PARK.

05:55:46 I UNDERSTAND HE'S GOING TO FORWARD IT TO MR. CANIN, AT WHICH
05:55:49 TIME YOU CAN ALSO RECEIVE A COPY AND REVIEW IT.
05:55:51 I HOPE YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE ALL OF THESE COMMENTS INTO
05:55:56 CONSIDERATION, AND IF YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AND YOU'RE IN
05:55:58 COLLIER COUNTY IN THE CITY OF NAPLES, PLEASE VISIT FREEDOM
05:56:01 PARK, AND YOU'LL SEE HOW IT STRONGLY PARALLELS THIS PIECE OF
05:56:05 LAND.
05:56:05 THANK YOU.
05:56:06 >>Susana Gonzalez: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

05:56:08 I BELIEVE YOU ARE NOT THE FIRST PERSON THAT MENTIONED
05:56:12 FREEDOM PARK.
05:56:13 WE WILL DEFINITELY LOOK INTO IT.
05:56:15 YES, WE HAVE SHOWN IMAGES WHERE THE DENSITY -- WE'RE TRYING
05:56:29 TO GET A FEEL OF WHAT EVERYONE FEELS ABOUT THE DIFFERENT
05:56:31 IMAGES.
05:56:32 WE WANT TO GET A SENSE AND FEEL OF WHAT EVERYONE IN THE
05:56:40 MEETING FEELS.
05:56:42 (INDISCERNIBLE) WE'RE NOT GOING TO GO WITH ONE SINGLE
05:56:49 ALTERNATIVE BASED ON (INDISCERNIBLE) DEFINITELY EXPLORE
05:56:56 DIFFERENT ROUTES.
05:56:57 (INDISCERNIBLE) WILL BE PART OF WHAT -- THANK YOU SO MUCH,
05:57:05 PATTY, FOR YOUR INPUT.
05:57:06 WE WILL DEFINITELY LOOK INTO FREEDOM PARK FOR SURE.
05:57:15 >> SUSAN, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
05:57:18 >> YES.
05:57:19 >> I'M GOING TO START WITH PUBLIC COMMENTS.
05:57:23 WHEN I'M DONE I CAN FORWARD THEM TO YOU AS WELL SO YOU'LL
05:57:25 HAVE THEIR CONTACT INFORMATION.
05:57:28 >>Susana Gonzalez: PERFECT.
05:57:29 SO THE THREE PEOPLE THAT ARE THERE IN PERSON DON'T HAVE ANY
05:57:34 QUESTIONS.
05:57:35 PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THEN YOU'LL FORWARD THEM TO ME --
05:57:44 >>Tammy Duran: THEY ARE MORE COMMENTS THAN QUESTIONS.
05:57:46 SOME ARE BOTH.

05:57:47 DO YOU WANT TO DO THE OTHER TWO LADIES THAT ARE HERE?
05:58:00 >> MY NAME IS PAULA HARRIS.
05:58:01 I LIVE IN ESTERO.
05:58:03 I WAS REALLY CONCERNED WHEN I SAW YOUR PRESENTATION BECAUSE
05:58:12 SUCH A SMALL AMOUNT OF IT HAD TO DO WITH NATURE AND THE
05:58:16 RIVER AND PARK.
05:58:17 AND MOST OF IT SEEMED TO BE VILLAGE CENTER, ARTS DISTRICT,
05:58:21 RESIDENTIAL, YOU KNOW, URBANISM.
05:58:25 I THINK THAT THE LAST THING THAT ESTERO NEEDS RIGHT NOW IS
05:58:28 MORE RESIDENTIAL AND MORE URBAN SHOPPING.
05:58:35 WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS THAT THE SIDE THAT IS MORE
05:58:38 NATURAL, THAT'S CLOSER TO CORKSCREW ROAD RIGHT NOW, I HAVE

05:58:44 KAYAKED THERE NUMEROUS TIMES, AND I THINK THAT AREA NEEDS TO
05:58:49 BE REALLY KEPT AS NATURAL AS POSSIBLE WITH MAKING SURE THAT
05:58:58 WE ARE ABSOLUTELY FOLLOWING A PLAN THAT WILL HELP THE WATER
05:59:03 QUALITY AND GET RID OF THE INVASIVE PLANTS.
05:59:06 I THINK THE OTHER SIDE SHOULD ACTUALLY BE A PLACE WHERE YOU
05:59:14 COULD RENT A KAYAK, WHERE YOU COULD HAVE OTHER KIND OF
05:59:22 AMENITIES THAT WOULD BE RELATED TO THE RIVER ITSELF.
05:59:27 MAYBE BAND STAND OR SMALL GAZEBO, TO HAVE SMALL CONCERTS
05:59:38 THERE, THINGS OF THAT NATURE, OR TO HAVE LIKE CURRENTLY
05:59:43 OCCURS IN THAT AREA.
05:59:44 YOGA CLASSES, OR WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE.
05:59:47 BUT THAT MAYBE WE EVEN RESTORE SOME OF THAT AREA THAT IS
05:59:52 NEXT TO THE RIVER TO BE MORE RELATED TO THE RIVER.

05:59:59 I AM TOTALLY AGAINST ANY MORE RESIDENTIAL AND GOD KNOWS, WE
06:00:06 HAVE PLENTY OF LITTLE SHOPS.
06:00:08 WE DO NOT NEED MORE STORES IN ESTERO.
06:00:11 IT IS LIKE THE SHOPPING CAPITAL OF THIS AREA.
06:00:14 WE DON'T NEED IT.
06:00:15 SO I WILL HOPE THAT YOU WILL THINK MORE ABOUT THE
06:00:20 RESTORATION AREA.
06:00:25 RESTORATION OF THE AREA MAYBE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER.
06:00:29 I THINK THAT WOULD BE A PLUS.
06:00:31 PEOPLE ARE CRYING OUT FOR THEIR ABILITY TO FIND SOME NATURE
06:00:38 HERE IN ESTERO AND MORE AND MORE, IT IS JUST BEING
06:00:42 DEVELOPED.
06:00:43 AND I THINK THAT WE DON'T NEED THAT ANYMORE.
06:00:46 THANK YOU.
06:00:50 >>Susana Gonzalez: THANK YOU FOR YOUR INPUT.
06:00:52 WE WILL DEFINITELY TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION.
06:00:55 SEEMS TO BE THE CONSENSUS TODAY.
06:00:58 THANK YOU, WE WILL FOR SURE TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION
06:01:01 WHEN WE COME UP WITH --
06:01:04 >> HI.
06:01:04 TINA WAYNE SCOTT.
06:01:06 I LIVE IN THE GROVES.
06:01:07 I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH THESE TWO LADIES.
06:01:10 PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING THAT THEY SAID.
06:01:12 THE PICTURES OF THE URBANIZATION AND THE ART DISTRICT IT

06:01:17 LOOKS PLEASANT AND I'VE SEEN THAT IN OTHER COMMUNITIES, BUT
06:01:20 WE DO HAVE SO MUCH OF THAT ALREADY.
06:01:22 LIKE THEY SAID, WE DON'T NEED ANY MORE URBAN PLACES OR
06:01:27 SHOPPING OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
06:01:29 BUT WE DEFINITELY NEED MORE GREENSPACE AND TO BE ABLE TO
06:01:32 UTILIZE THAT AREA.
06:01:35 I'M A BIG FAN OF HAPPEHATCHEE.
06:01:37 I'D LOVE TO SEE THAT KIND OF AREA JUST SO THAT WE CAN GO AND

06:01:40 WALK AND HAVE A PLACE MAYBE WHERE THERE IS A DOG PARK OR A
06:01:44 DOG-WALKING AREA, LIKE A PATHWAY THAT'S SEPARATE FOR THOSE
06:01:48 PEOPLE.
06:01:49 BUT JUST A PLACE WHERE WE CAN ALL ENJOY NATURE AND THE RIVER
06:01:53 AND PROTECT THE RIVER, BECAUSE WE DO NEED TO CLEAN THAT
06:01:56 RIVER UP.
06:01:56 WE DON'T NEED TO CONTRIBUTE ANY MORE TO IT.
06:01:59 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.
06:02:00 THANK YOU.
06:02:03 >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.
06:02:06 >>Tammy Duran: THE FIRST COMMENT IS FROM JUSTIN STULLER.
06:02:10 HE IS FROM ESTERO RIVER OUTFITTERS.
06:02:13 I AM JUSTIN.
06:02:14 MY FAMILY OWNS AND OPERATED OUR BUSINESS IN ESTERO SINCE
06:02:17 1977, LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY BEING DISCUSSED.
06:02:20 WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT KNOWN WE ARE ON TO OUR SECOND
06:02:24 GENERATION OF OWNERSHIP AND PLANNING FOR A THIRD.

06:02:26 WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE PART OF THE COMMUNITY AND PART OF
06:02:29 THE ESTERO RIVER BECAUSE IT IS PART OF US.
06:02:31 WE BELIEVE WE ARE A BIG PART OF HOW PEOPLE GET ACCESS TO THE
06:02:36 ESTERO RIVER AND ALL IT HAS TO OFFER.
06:02:38 WE ENJOY IT TREMENDOUSLY.
06:02:39 WE HAVE BEEN TOLD NUMEROUS TIMES WE ARE LIKE A WELCOME
06:02:43 CENTER TO FOLKS MOVING TO SOUTHWEST FLORIDA.
06:02:46 AND WANTED TO EXPLORE THE OUTDOORS.
06:02:49 WE ARE SUITED AND PASSIONATE IN EXPANDING ADDITIONAL
06:02:52 SERVICES OFFERED SURROUNDING OUR PROPERTY.
06:02:55 AT LEAST THE -- ICE CREAM SHOPS, RESTAURANTS, OR ANYTHING TO
06:03:00 ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIVING IN ESTERO.
06:03:02 FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME OR ANYONE IN THE STULLER FAMILY
06:03:06 ANYTIME.
06:03:06 DIANE SMITH FROM ESTERO RIVER HEIGHTS.
06:03:10 I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN INPUT ON PLANNING
06:03:13 THE ESTERO RIVER PROPERTY.
06:03:15 AS A 40-YEAR MEMBER OF THIS COMMUNITY, I PARTICULARLY
06:03:19 APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY AND UNIQUENESS OF THE RIVER.
06:03:22 I DID NOT SEE ANY PICTURES OF THE ESTERO KAYAK AND BAIT SHOP
06:03:26 REPRESENTED IN YOUR SLIDES, ALTHOUGH KAYAKERS WERE
06:03:29 REPRESENTED.
06:03:30 I THINK THIS ESTABLISHMENT HAS BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR
06:03:33 COMMUNITY AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT BE SO IN THE FUTURE.
06:03:37 DO YOU HAVE CURRENT PLANS TO INCLUDE A BAIT AND KAYAK SHOP?

06:03:40 IF SO, HOW WILL THEY BE REPRESENTED?
06:03:43 JEFF LEWIS.
06:03:48 TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND DECISION MAKERS, MY NAME IS JEFF
06:03:54 LEWIS, AND I HAVE LIVED ON THE ESTERO RIVER FOR ABOUT 30

06:03:58 YEARS.
06:03:59 WE ARE BLESSED WITH RAISING TWO CHILDREN ON THE RIVER.
06:04:01 THE RIVER SHOULD AT ALL COSTS BE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE
06:04:04 GENERATIONS.
06:04:07 A CONSERVATIVE ENHANCEMENT COULD ENHANCE HERE WITH DEDICATED
06:04:10 WALK PATHS TO ACCESS VIEWS.
06:04:12 SETBACKS FOR ANY DEVELOPMENT AT LEAST 200 FEET BACK FROM THE
06:04:15 TOP BANK.
06:04:16 THE RIVER PROPERTY, IN MY VIEW, SHOULD BE USED AS AN
06:04:21 EDUCATIONAL PLATFORM.
06:04:22 I THINK ITS LOOK AND FEEL SHOULD BE OF A WELL-KEPT STATE
06:04:27 PARK ATMOSPHERE.
06:04:29 LOTS OF HISTORY TO TEACH HERE.
06:04:30 CALUSA INDIANS CONTROLLED THE RIVER FOR MANY YEARS.
06:04:33 ALSO, THE -- OWNED THIS SOUTHWEST REGION FOR YEARS, AND
06:04:38 AMAZING WILDLIFE.
06:04:39 THE PROPERTY UNIQUELY SITS BESIDE A STATE PARK THAT ALSO IS
06:04:44 ALONG THE RIVER.
06:04:45 SEEMS THAT SOME CONTINUING TO BE THE TWO LARGE PARCELS COULD
06:04:49 BENEFIT EVERYONE AND BE A NATIONAL DRAW.
06:04:51 TROLLEYS COULD BE USED AS A CONNECTOR TO EXPAND YOUR

06:04:56 EXPERIENCE ON THE RIVER.
06:04:58 ALSO, THE FUTURE USE OF THE RAILROAD SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN
06:05:01 THE DESIGN OF THE NORTH SIDE.
06:05:03 CANOE ACCESS WE HAVE ONLY TWO CURRENTLY.
06:05:06 RENTALS EXIST AT THE STATE PARK AND U.S. 41 BESIDES THE
06:05:10 RIVER PROPERTY.
06:05:11 ADDITIONAL ACCESS TO THE RIVER WILL BURDEN THIS RIVER.
06:05:15 IT'S NOT DISNEY LIKE FAKE.
06:05:18 IT'S LIFE AND DEATH TO CURRENT AND FUTURE WILDLIFE.
06:05:21 THE HUMAN IMPACT WILL DESTROY ITS BEAUTY.
06:05:24 SOUTH SIDE WALKABLE STOPS, RESTING SPOTS AND LIMITED PICNIC
06:05:29 AREAS AND POSSIBLE -- SMALL AMPHITHEATER SUCH AS BUSCH
06:05:35 GARDENS WILDLIFE AREA.
06:05:37 LIMITED PARKING, PUBLIC PARKING, HAVE DROP-OFF ZONES FOR
06:05:40 BUSES AND CARS, THEN PARK FAR END OF NORTH PROPERTY.
06:05:45 POSSIBLE WELCOME GIFT SHOP, RESTAURANTS, RESTROOMS, SNACK
06:05:48 SHOP ON THE SOUTH SIDE.
06:05:50 LIMIT ANY VERTICAL OR PAVING CONSTRUCTION.
06:05:53 NORTH SIDE OF ALL BUILDINGS COULD BE LIKE OUTDOOR FAIR TYPE.
06:05:58 OPEN-AIR PARK-LIKE FOR LARGE GATHERINGS.
06:06:02 FOR EXAMPLE, ART SHOWS, OUTDOOR CONCERTS, CARNIVALS,
06:06:05 WEDDINGS, ET CETERA.
06:06:06 PARK ON THE GRASS OR SOMETHING.
06:06:11 POSSIBLY USE EXISTING RAILROAD BRIDGE FOR ADA ACCESS FROM
06:06:14 NORTH SIDE TO SOUTH.

06:06:16 THE LOWER IMPACT ON THE NORTH SIDE CONSIDER USE OF FOOD
06:06:20 TRUCKS OR MOBILE FOOD SITES SIMILAR TO LEE COUNTY'S LAKE
06:06:24 PARK.
06:06:24 JUST ANOTHER THOUGHT FROM THE NORTH SIDE MAYBE AN OUTDOOR
06:06:27 DRIVE-IN SCREEN USING OPEN SPACE AND GRASS FIELDS, BUT NOT
06:06:31 DEVELOPING INTO A COCONUT POINT OR URBAN DRIVEN DESTINATION,
06:06:36 WE CAN SERVE ALL THE PEOPLE FOR MANY YEARS TO COME.
06:06:38 THESE ARE MY STARTING VIEWS ON WHAT'S BEST AND FUTURE USE OF
06:06:43 THE PROPERTY COULD BE.
06:06:44 GIVE BEST REGARDS.
06:06:47 JEFF LEWIS.
06:06:48 NANCY COMANDEKA FROM SPRING RUN AT THE BROOKS.
06:06:59 IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A RIVER WALK AREA WITH CAFES AND
06:07:03 SMALL CLOTHES AND ART BOUTIQUES, AN AREA FOR ART FEST,
06:07:06 FARMER MARKETS AND CONCERTS, A PARK WITH FOUNTAINS, A
06:07:10 RESIDENTIAL AREA THAT FITS IN AND DOES NOT OVERSHADOW THE
06:07:13 RIVER WALK AREA.
06:07:15 I JUST WATCHED THE VIDEO FROM THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON
06:07:17 SEPTEMBER 12 AND THOUGHT MANY OF THE IDEAS IN THE SLIDE SHOW
06:07:20 WOULD MAKE THIS AREA A WELCOME PLACE FOR ESTERO.
06:07:23 PLEASE NO STRIP CENTERS IN THIS AREA.
06:07:27 PRISCILLA THIBORDEAU FROM PELICAN SOUND.
06:07:36 INCLUDE AN AMPHITHEATER IN THE RIVER PROJECT.
06:07:41 CARMEN HELROG FROM VILLAGE OF COUNTY CREEK.
06:07:49 THE 62 ACRES AT THE CORNER OF 41 AND CORKSCREW WITH A

06:07:54 QUARTER-MILE OF ESTERO RIVER FRONTAGE.
06:07:56 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ACREAGE KEPT GREEN.
06:07:59 THERE ARE PLENTY OF DEVELOPMENT IN THIS AREA.
06:08:01 A PUBLIC KAYAK INPUT AREA WOULD BE NICE.
06:08:03 IT WOULD BE A PRESERVE WITH A WALKWAY, EVEN A DOG PARK AREA,
06:08:09 BIKE PATH, ET CETERA, AS WE HAVE VERY NICE RECREATION SETUP,
06:08:14 THE STREET ALONG WITH SEVERAL STRIP MALLS, BUT I DO NOT WANT
06:08:17 TO SEE THE AREA BULLDOZED AND BRICK AND MORTAR REPLACE IT.
06:08:21 RON ZACHER OF BELLE LAGO.
06:08:29 I WOULD HOPE THAT NO DEVELOPMENT WOULD TAKE PLACE ON THIS
06:08:34 PROPERTY.
06:08:35 LEAVE IT NATURAL WITH MANY WALKING PATHS.
06:08:37 -- NICELY ALONG 41 AND CORKSCREW.
06:08:41 KEEP ESTERO RIVER CLEAN, OUT OF DEBRIS, WITH A BIKE PATH ON
06:08:45 ONE SIDE, A WALKING PATH ON THE OTHER.
06:08:47 POSSIBLY INCENTIVES COULD BE OFFERED TO THE RENTAL AND KAYAK
06:08:50 PLACE.
06:08:51 IT'S NOT -- IT IS NOT ATTRACTIVE.
06:08:53 THIS AREA ALONG 41 BETWEEN ESTERO PARKWAY AND CORKSCREW IS
06:08:57 VISIBLE, ONE OF THE WORST -- ONE OF THE WORST IN ESTERO.
06:09:01 A GOOD EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE PROPERTY WOULD BE A HELP.
06:09:04 NO DEVELOPMENT, NO ROADS ON THIS PROPERTY.

06:09:07 THANK YOU, RON Z.
06:09:13 DONALD REYNOLDS OF FOUNTAIN LAKES.
06:09:16 CONSIDERING THE TOTAL SIZE OF THE AVAILABLE PROPERTY IN

06:09:20 QUESTION, I BELIEVE THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMMERCIAL OR
06:09:23 RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE NORTH SIDE.
06:09:25 I BELIEVE WE ALREADY HAVE THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL,
06:09:28 THE SMALL VILLAGE WILL NEED.
06:09:30 WHAT WE NEED DESPERATELY IS MORE GREEN OPEN SPACE DEVOTED
06:09:35 EXCLUSIVELY TO NATURE AND THE RIVER.
06:09:37 THEREFORE, IT IS MY DREAM TO SEE THE NORTHERN SIDE
06:09:39 CONSIDERED A LARGE PARKING AREA AND THE REST CONSIDERED A
06:09:44 NATIVE PLANTS AND TREES EXCLUSIVELY TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON
06:09:47 THEIR USE.
06:09:48 A BOTANICAL GARDEN WOULD ALSO FIT WELL.
06:09:51 TO GET THE SOUTH SIDE THERE SHOULD BE ONE, TWO, OR THREE
06:09:56 SAFE STEEL BRIDGES CONNECTING THE WALKING PATHS ALONG THE
06:10:00 RIVER.
06:10:00 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A PICNIC AREA WITH RESTROOMS, WATER
06:10:03 FOUNTAINS AND MANY RESTING BENCHES ALONG THE PATH.
06:10:05 THE BENCHES COULD BE PURCHASED -- DECEASED LOVED ONES
06:10:11 THEREFORE GENERATING OPERATING FUNDS.
06:10:12 BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, PLEASE, PLEASE LEAVE THESE BEAUTIFUL
06:10:15 TREES AND NATIVE PLANTS WHICH HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THERE.
06:10:18 WE DESPERATELY NEED THIS UNIQUE SETTING TO REMAIN AS NATURAL
06:10:22 AS POSSIBLE.
06:10:22 BRIAN GILMORE FROM THE CONCADE.
06:10:33 I'M HOPING THAT THERE WILL BE CONSIDERATION OF A WALKING
06:10:36 BIKE PATH BETWEEN THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RIVER UNDER 41 WEST

06:10:40 TO THE KORESHAN OUTLANDS.
06:10:48 HAS THIS BEEN DISCUSSED?
06:10:50 THANK YOU, BRIAN.
06:10:52 KATHLEEN FADICK FROM BELLA TERRA.
06:10:56 MY HUSBAND AND I SUPPORT THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO PURCHASE OF
06:10:59 THIS ESTERO RIVER PROPERTY IN ORDER TO RETAIN AS PRISTINE A
06:11:05 STATE AS POSSIBLE.
06:11:06 RESIDENTS' USAGE OF THE RIVER FOR NONMOTORIZED ACTIVITY
06:11:10 SHOULD BE ALLOWED, BUT ONLY SO FAR AS IT IS NOT TO DISTURB
06:11:14 OTHER'S PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT OF NATURE NOR DESTROY THE
06:11:18 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.
06:11:19 PARKING WOULD NEED TO BE AVAILABLE IN OPEN AREA.
06:11:22 OTHER ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS NEED TO BE EXCLUDED IN ORDER TO
06:11:25 RETAIN THIS UNIQUE SPACE IN SUCH A CLOSE TO NATURAL
06:11:29 CONDITION AS POSSIBLE, WHILE ALLOWING ITS BEAUTY TO SHED
06:11:35 WITHOUT DESTRUCTION.
06:11:36 WE DO NOT SUPPORT SPORTING ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, RACES,
06:11:39 ET CETERA, ON OR IN THE SPACE BUT EXPECT THE NATURAL

06:11:42 ENVIRONMENT TO BE RETAINED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
06:11:44 THANK YOU.
06:11:45 TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, THESE ARE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS
06:11:53 ATTACHED AND ACCOMPANY TO THE COMMUNITY VALUE SURVEY FOR THE
06:11:59 VILLAGE OF ESTERO CONCERNING THE ACREAGE THAT WAS PURCHASED
06:12:00 BY THE VILLAGE OF ESTERO ON THE CORNER OF CORKSCREW ROAD AND
06:12:03 TAMIAMI TRAIL IN ESTERO, FLORIDA.

06:12:05 THIS ENTIRE LAND PURCHASE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE VILLAGE
06:12:11 TO PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENTAL AND FAMILY FRIENDLY DESTINATION
06:12:15 THAT WOULD RESTORE THE COUNTRY-LIKE SETTING OF ESTERO THAT
06:12:19 IS AN ASSET FOR LIVING HERE.
06:12:21 WALKING AND BIKE PATHS WOULD BE A RELAXING ESCAPE AWAY FROM
06:12:25 THE EVERYDAY TRAFFIC NOISE AND CONSTANT DEVELOPMENT.
06:12:29 THE BUILDINGS THAT ARE CURRENTLY ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE
06:12:31 PROPERTY SHOULD BE RESTORED, UTILIZED AS PART OF THE NATURAL
06:12:35 PART OF THE EXISTING LANDSCAPE.
06:12:37 THEY SHOULD BE USED FOR RESTING AND HYDRATION POINTS ALONG
06:12:41 THE PATH FOR RESIDENTS USING THEM.
06:12:43 INVASION PLANTS SHOULD BE REMOVED, BUT LEAVE THE FOLIAGE AND
06:12:47 TREES ON THE ENTIRE PROPERTY THAT ARE CONSIDERED TO BE
06:12:50 OLD-FLORIDA NATIVE VEGETATION.
06:12:52 AFTER ALL, THERE IS SO LITTLE THAT IS LEFT OF OUR BEAUTIFUL
06:12:55 AND NATURAL OLD-FLORIDA VEGETATION.
06:12:58 THAT IS VERY SAD.
06:12:59 THE ESTERO RIVER IS A RUSTIC HIDDEN GEM OF NATURE THAT FLOWS
06:13:04 THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE PROPERTY.
06:13:06 CURRENTLY, WE ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLEANLINESS OF
06:13:10 THE WATER IN ESTERO RIVER FOR SWIMMING.
06:13:13 THE NATIVE FOLIAGE AND TREES NEED TO REMAIN ON THE BANKS OF
06:13:16 THE ESTERO RIVER FOR THAT TO RETAIN ITS CHARM.
06:13:18 NUMEROUS BOAT RAMPS SHOULD BE -- WOULD TOTALLY DRY THE
06:13:23 RIVER'S UNIQUE ATTRACTIVENESS.

06:13:24 A CONNECTING BRIDGE DESIGNED TO BLEND DISCREETLY INTO
06:13:28 NATURE'S LANDSCAPE FOR WALKERS AND BIKERS TO CONNECT THE TWO
06:13:31 SIDES OF THE PROPERTY.
06:13:32 ESTERO DOES NOT NEED MORE SHOPS, STORES, VILLAS, HOMES,
06:13:36 MULTISTORY APARTMENTS OR CONDOS THAT WILL BE USED MORE OF
06:13:40 OUR PRECIOUS CLEAN WATER SUPPLY AND POLLUTE THE LANDSCAPE
06:13:44 REGARDLESS OF THE VARIOUS ARCHITECTURAL TYPES AND FORMATS.
06:13:46 WE LIKE THE IDEA OF USING THE OUTDOOR EXPANSION OF THE LAND
06:13:50 FOR OCCASIONAL SMALL MUSIC OR ART FESTIVALS.
06:13:53 WHY CAN'T THIS LAND BE PURCHASED -- WHY CAN'T THIS LAND
06:14:00 PURCHASE EXPAND IN WITH THE OLD HISTORIC ESTERO ON BROADWAY
06:14:06 AND ULTIMATELY TIE THE RIVER -- THE RAILS AND TRAILS CONCEPT
06:14:10 AS ALREADY PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH OUR ESTERO RESIDENTS.
06:14:13 THERE IS NO PLAN B IF THE HISTORICAL RUSTIC CHARM OF THE

06:14:17 ESTERO RIVER AND THE LAND ADJACENT TO ITS BANKS ARE
06:14:20 DESTROYED BY DEVELOPMENT.
06:14:21 PLEASE UTILIZE THE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY OUR VILLAGE HAS IN
06:14:24 FRONT OF US TO MAKE THE ESTERO RIVER LAND ACQUISITION A
06:14:29 DESTINATION WITH WHAT BENEFITS BOTH FLORIDA ENVIRONMENT AND
06:14:33 ESTERO RESIDENTS FOR ALL AGES TO UTILIZE FOR MANY
06:14:45 GENERATIONS.
06:14:46 SUSAN POLLOCK AND BRUCE MILLER OF BELLA TERRA, ESTERO,
06:14:51 FLORIDA.
06:14:51 AND THAT IS THE LAST ONE.
06:14:56 >>Susana Gonzalez: THAT WAS ALL VERY GOOD INPUT.

06:14:58 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
06:14:58 WE WILL BE RESPONDING TO THE QUESTIONS ASKED.
06:15:07 ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS?
06:15:16 >>Tammy Duran: CAN YOU JUST MAKE SURE WITH THE QUESTIONS,
06:15:19 THE RESPONSES YOU MAKE THAT YOU CAN SEND THEM TO US SO WE
06:15:22 CAN PUBLICIZE THEM FOR THE PUBLIC SO IF THEY HAVE THE SAME
06:15:29 QUESTIONS.
06:15:30 >> I HAVE AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION.
06:15:31 MY QUESTION IS YOU'RE PROBABLY AWARE BY NOW, BUT THERE IS NO
06:15:34 SEWER AND WATER SERVICE BETWEEN EAST BROADWAY AND CORKSCREW
06:15:39 ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.
06:15:41 SO THE QUESTION IS, ALL THIS VERTICAL URBANISM THAT YOU'RE
06:15:47 PLANNING THERE, WHO WOULD PAY FOR ALL THAT INFRASTRUCTURE?
06:15:51 ISN'T THAT PART OF -- IN THE PURVIEW OF WHAT YOU'RE
06:15:58 CONSIDERING HERE?
06:16:00 IT HAS TO BE.
06:16:00 >>Susana Gonzalez: WHEN YOU SAY THE VERTICAL URBANISM,
06:16:04 AGAIN, WE ARE NOT (INDISCERNIBLE)
06:16:09 WE ARE NOT CURRENTLY IN THE POSITION TO SAY WHAT THE LAND
06:16:13 USES WILL BE, WHAT THE TYPOLOGY OF THE BUILDINGS WILL BE,
06:16:16 WHAT THE DENSITY OF THE BUILDINGS WILL BE.
06:16:18 THAT IS THE NEXT PHASE.
06:16:21 SO I DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS FOR YOU.
06:16:22 >>PATTY: THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING WE DON'T NEED TO PUT THE
06:16:27 CART BEFORE THE HORSE.

06:16:28 FIRST WE HAVE TO CONSIDER THE INTEGRITY OF THE ESTERO RIVER
06:16:31 AND RESTORATIONS NEEDED TO IMPROVE THAT.
06:16:34 >>Susana Gonzalez: -- WHAT WE WILL DO.
06:16:35 >> THANK YOU.
06:16:36 >> SUSANA, I THINK THAT'S IT.
06:16:49 THANK YOU.
06:16:51 >>Susana Gonzalez: THANK YOU, CAROL.
06:16:53 THANK YOU SO MUCH.
06:16:55 >> HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.
06:17:01 >> YOU TOO, BYE-BYE.

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