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Sent: Saturday, January 18, 2020 8:51 AM
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Subject: Split Oak FCT Attorney Recommendation

Byron and Jeff,

Based on the email below I request that the vote on Dec. 17 be rescinded and that this item be reheard and voted on pursuant to Rule 62-818.016, F.A.C., as recommended by FCT's attorney.

I plan to attend the CFX meeting. I think it would benefit Orange County for our legal to be present as well.

Jeff, in the meantime, FCT's attorney's is available if you have any questions. Her information is below.

To stay in compliance with sunshine law, if the other Commissioners have comments on this matter please do not respond to this email; however, I will make myself available for a sunshine meeting if requested.

Your Commissioner,

Emily Bonilla

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From: "Wood, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Wood@FloridaDEP.gov>

Date: 1/17/20 4:33 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Strassner, Melissa T" <Melissa.Strassner@ocfl.net>, "Ventry, Rita" <Rita.Ventry@dep.state.fl.us>

Cc: "Bonilla, Emily (Commissioner)" <Emily.Bonilla@ocfl.net>, "LaSeur, Lois" <Lois.LaSeur@dep.state.fl.us>, "Reeves, Linda" <Linda.Reeves@dep.state.fl.us>

Subject: RE: Split Oak - Request from Orange County Commissioner Emily Bonilla

Hi Melissa,

Thank you for your patience in allowing us to respond. After review of both Rules 62-818.015 and 62-818.016, F.A.C., it is our recommendation that a request for land exchange under Rule 62-818.016, F.A.C. would be the appropriate avenue for this project.

As a side note, we received a meeting request from Richard Brightman with CFX. I have advised Mr. Brightman that we will be happy to schedule a meeting to discuss this project so long as the Counties are also represented.

If I can provide any additional information or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact our office. I've also copied our program attorney, Lois La Seur on this email. She is happy to answer any additional questions your attorney may have as well and can be reached at 850-245-2256.

Kind regards,

Rebecca Wood

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From: Melissa.Strassner@ocfl.net <Melissa.Strassner@ocfl.net>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 1:52 PM

To: Ventry, Rita <Rita.Ventry@dep.state.fl.us>

Cc: Emily.Bonilla@ocfl.net; LaSeur, Lois <Lois.LaSeur@dep.state.fl.us>; Wood, Rebecca <Rebecca.Wood@FloridaDEP.gov>; Reeves, Linda <Linda.Reeves@dep.state.fl.us>

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Hello Rita,

Thank you for the update. We look forward to hearing from you after the meeting.

Warm Regards,

Melissa Strassner

Aide to Commissioner Emily Bonilla

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From: Ventry, Rita <Rita.Ventry@dep.state.fl.us>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 10:37 AM

To: Strassner, Melissa T <Melissa.Strassner@ocfl.net>

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Melissa – Our meeting has been rescheduled for later this week for discussion of Split Oak. I will get back with you after the meeting. Thanks for your patience.

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From: Melissa.Strassner@ocfl.net <Melissa.Strassner@ocfl.net>

Sent: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 4:01 PM

To: Ventry, Rita <Rita.Ventry@dep.state.fl.us>; LaSeur, Lois <Lois.LaSeur@dep.state.fl.us>

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Hello Rita,

Thank you for taking the time to speak with me and Commissioner Bonilla today. As discussed, our office has been contacted by many constituents regarding Orange County Board of County Commissioners approval of the CFX Osceola Pkwy Extension. The approval was passed by a 71% vote.

Of concern is the fact that this matter was brought before the board as a lineal facilities decision pursuant to FAC 62-818.015; however, because a land exchange is involved an astute constituent advised us that perhaps FAC 62-818.016 governing land exchanges should have applied since a land exchange is an integral piece of the project. In addition, we need clarification as to if both codes apply that the more stringent one should be applied. This was something our constituent has brought forth as well.

We have attached both codes for ease of review. We understand that you have an internal staff meeting tomorrow in which this item can be discussed. We appreciate any information you can provide on this matter as the Commissioner would like to take further action if in fact a land exchange should have been considered by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners.

Warm Regards,

Melissa Strassner

Aide to Commissioner Emily Bonilla

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