

Public Comments
Orange County BCC Meeting 10/13/18
III. Work Session Item A.1.

My name is Kimberly Buchheit, a concerned citizen and a Professional Land Surveyor. My address is 6500 Swain Road, Apopka in Orange County District 2.

I'd like to thank Mayor Jacobs and the staff that arranged the Split Oak Forest Work Session today. I look forward to Beth Jackson's presentation.

Please forgive me "PRE-PEATING" what you may hear from Beth. I'd prefer to hear Beth's presentation before commenting, but I have no choice but to speak now on limited time.

I have met with Florida Communities Trust (FCT) staff. Here is a brief summary of the key points that staff clarified with me:

- Orange County and Osceola County are "the partners" in the FCT Grant Award Agreements (Deed Restrictions) that were placed on Split Oak Forest in the 1990's.
- Both Orange County and Osceola County, as "the partners" would need to agree and vote affirmatively in order to request modifications to the deed restrictions. In addition, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will need to approve any proposed changes before FCT will approve modifications to the project.
- Even if the CFX alignment only impacts the Osceola County portion of Split Oak Forest, Orange County BCC will be required to vote to approve submittal of the request to FCT to modify the agreements, since they are a partner.
- FCT does not have a public involvement process. The opportunity for public comment occurs when matters are brought before the Board for a final

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decision. FCT has been very clear that they expect a robust public process to occur at the local level organized by "the partners".

- FCT has clarified that CFX is not a party to the FCT Agreement(s) and they do not have the authority to request modifications to the Split Oak Forest governing documents. The CFX public process is not applicable since they are not the partners to the FCT Agreements.

It will be impossible for Orange County BCC to avoid a vote that will determine the fate of Split Oak Forest should any part of the Osceola Parkway alignment impact it.

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In addition to the FCT issues, I'd like to comment more generally...
I am concerned that you are being told that there are "exchange lands" that will repair impacts to Split Oak should a major toll road go through it. I've seen the preliminary maps and have analyzed the areas. There is simply not enough contiguous upland acreage to make the math work.

At this time, it would be irresponsible for anyone to claim that a land exchange or certain development "concessions" can produce the requisite contiguous upland acreage and appropriate habitat where it simply does not exist.

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I respect your ability to give fair consideration to the relevant facts and figures when the time comes.

Thank You.



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I worked on Orange County projects to put Conservation Easements on Split Oak Forest in the 1990's...to preserve it...in Perpetuity.