

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



February 5, 2018

Honorable Mayor Teresa Jacobs
201 S. Rosalind Ave.
5th Floor
Orlando, FL 32801

Re: 30.421 Acre property, SW corner of Rouse Road and McCullough Road, Orange County, FL.

Mayor Jacobs:

The Seminole County Board of County Commissioners was approached by Mr. R. Wayne Harrod, President of the Harrod Group, Inc., regarding his current ownership of approximately 30 acres of land in Orange County contiguous to the Seminole County border. Mr. Harrod has provided material to our Board, County Manager and staff which documents the ecological, historical and cultural characteristics and significance of the property, including a portion of the Little Econlockhatchee River which runs through his property. As you know, the contiguous property in Seminole County is within our charter protected rural areas.

To our understanding, Mr. Harrod is currently attempting to sell his property so that it can maintained as a public passive park in perpetuity. Mr. Harrod has demonstrated the public benefits of this concept, and the Board of County Commissioners agrees that a park at this location would serve a material public benefit to the entire area.

Therefore, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners supports Mr. Harrod and his efforts to convert his property to a public passive park.

Sincerely,

John Horan, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners

C: Seminole County Board of County Commissioners
Senator David Simmons
Representative Jason Brodeur
Representative Scott Plakon
Representative Bob Cortes
Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of State Lands
R. Wayne Harrod

Wayne Harrod

From: Michael Morsberger <Mike.Mors@ucf.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 1:34 PM
To: rwharrod@earthlink.net
Cc: Daniel Holsenbeck; William Merck
Subject: Thank you

Wayne--- I wanted to take the time to thank you once more, on behalf of UCF for yesterday's delightful stroll around your magnificent property off McCulloch Road. The history of the "Iron Bridge" and the surrounding beauty of this pristine land, felt as if we had walked into an old Florida postcard.

Dan Holsenbeck, Bill Merck and I were so grateful for the time you took with us. Coach "P" certainly serves this region well, as an elected official with an eye towards the future. We are grateful for his partnership in this discussion.

On behalf of the entire UCF community, I would like to formally express our interest in a cooperative agreement to accept this land as a preserve--- in conjunction with the county and state governments. Our goal would be to honor the commitment you have had to the land for 30 years and preserve it for future generations.

We look forward to working with you in the new year at making this dream a reality. Thank you again for your generosity. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. Cheers, Mike



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UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

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May 25, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

Having reviewed the documentation provided to us by Mr. Robert Wayne Harrod, of Altamonte Springs, Florida, we are writing to reiterate the local significance of the historic features at River Isle East, in Orange County Florida.

Taken together, the bridge pilings of both the Iron Bridge and the earlier wooden bridge constitute a historic landscape of value for understanding the early transportation routes and pioneer history of Orange County. Both are examples of rapidly disappearing historic resources that are worthy of protection.

Central Florida's early industrial history is an important part of our shared local heritage because it represents the process by which Central Florida became the major urban center it is today.

We are happy to be a part of this conversation, and we are available for further consultation.

Sincerely,

John H. Walker
Associate Professor

Sarah B. Barber
Associate Professor

Wayne Harrod

From: Ronald Fore <rfore@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, January 07, 2019 10:50 PM
To: Wayne Harrod
Subject: Wayne Harrod property

Dear Mayor Demings and District Commissioners,

I am writing to you in whole-hearted support of the County's purchase of Mr. Wayne Harrod's property along the banks of the Little Econ, across Rouse Road from Riversbend Estates. I am a past-president of the Riversbend HOA and I know that there has been much discussion among the owners of our 79 homes, as well as our HOA Board regarding the future of this property. Our Board unanimously supports the purchase as do our other residents. I believe this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the County to make a very significant decision to approve this purchase, which together with matching funds from the State of Florida, will create a perpetual nature preserve or a limited use public park.

To those of you who have not seen the property, I would encourage you to do so, to see for yourself the natural beauty of this land. It is not just for today but for generations to come, to be able to preserve this property for the residents of Orange and Seminole Counties. In addition, the purchase would fit hand-in-glove with the County's decision to declare much of the western portion of land on Rouse Road, and in the Rocking Horse area, as a Rural Enclave. I can tell you that those of us living on Rouse Road applaud that decision. Now, you have the opportunity to put in place the remaining piece of the puzzle to make this part of the County a place of unmatched, unique rural character. Much of "old" Florida has been paved over, lost forever. I hope that you can see how the past can be preserved in its natural state in this serene, delightful place and which is of some significant historical importance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ronald Fore, 4419 Clear River Ct., Orlando, FL 32817

I represent the Riversbend Homeowners Association and its 79 homeowners as President. I am writing you today to inform you of our support of the county's proposed purchase of Wayne Harrod's land directly across Rouse from our neighborhood. We are in favor of the property being made into a nature preserve or, alternatively, made into a public park that would be keep it in line with the rural, natural state of that land and the Little Econ that runs through it.

I sincerely appreciate your support of this upcoming proposal.

Sincerely,

Christopher Kendall
4427 Calm Water Court, Orlando
Riversbend HOA, President

Chris Kendall
407-256-2443

Wayne Harrod

From: Ronald Fore <rfore@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 10:52 AM
To: "mayor@ocfl.net;district1@ocfl.net;district2@ocfl.net;district3@ocfl.net;district4@ocfl.net;district5@ocfl.net;district6"@ocfl.net
Subject: Wayne Harrod property along the Little Econ
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Mayor Jacobs and District Commissioners,

It is my understanding that you will be meeting soon to vote to approve the County's portion of the funding needed to purchase the Wayne Harrod property on the Little Econ in northern Orange County. I also understand that matching funds will be required from the State of Florida to accomplish the acquisition of the property. I can only speak for myself, but as a past president of the Riversbend HOA, I feel confident in saying that the owners of our 79 homes are, by a huge majority, in favor of the County's purchase of the property. We would welcome the County's ownership of the property because we know that the BCC would act in the best interest of all County residents in making the property into a nature preserve or a public park. That would be something we would favor as being in our best interests and also that of other residents of Orange and Seminole counties who live in this area. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your vote to proceed with the County's funding of this purchase.

Respectfully,

Ronald Fore

4419 Clear River Ct., Orlando, FL 32817

Wayne Harrod

From: Cynthia Chamberlin <jcham229@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:38 AM
To: ckendall67@aol.com; rfore@cfl.rr.com; harrodrw@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Wayne Harrod's property

John and I both sent separate emails to the mayor and commissioners this morning echoing our support for the county purchase of Wayne's property :-)

Cynthia Chamberlin

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Kendall <ckendall67@aol.com>
To: Ronald Fore <rfore@cfl.rr.com>
Cc: Cynthia Chamberlin <jcham229@aol.com>
Sent: Mon, Oct 22, 2018 5:23 pm
Subject: Re: Wayne Harrod's property

Ron,

Thanks for the heads and your continued commitment to the community! I will absolutely send an email to her.

Christopher Kendall

> On Oct 22, 2018, at 4:54 PM, Ronald Fore <rfore@cfl.rr.com> wrote:

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> Cynthia,

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> I got a call from Wayne asking me (and he asked me to communicate this to you also) to send the BCC and Mayor an email encouraging them to approve the County's funding of the purchase of his property, as has been discussed by the BCC on prior occasions. The non-public meeting is to be held on Oct. 30, so he asked us to give this some priority. My email is going to go something like this:

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> "Dear Mayor Jacobs and District Commissioners, it is my understanding that you will be meeting soon to vote to approve the County's portion of the funding needed to purchase the Wayne Harrod property on the Little Econ in northern Orange County. I also understand that matching funds will be required from the State of Florida to accomplish the acquisition of the property. I can only speak for myself, but as a past president of the Riversbend HOA, I feel confident in saying that the owners of our 79 homes are, by a huge majority, in favor of the County's purchase of the property. We would welcome the County's ownership of the property because we know that the BCC would act in the best interest of all County residents in making the property into a nature preserve or a public park. That would be something we would favor as being in our best interests and also that of other residents of Orange and Seminole counties who live in this area. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your vote to proceed with the County's funding of this purchase."

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> I will send this tomorrow and I hope you will too. By copy of this email I am asking Chris if he feels comfortable in doing something similar on behalf of all HOA members, or whatever he might feel comfortable doing as HOA Pres. The email addresses of the BCC are Mayor@ocfl.net, District1@ocfl.net, District2@ocfl.net, etcetera all the way to District6@ocfl.net. This is, by far, in my opinion, the best result we could get from the County regarding this property.

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> Thanks and let me or Wayne know that you have done this. I know he greatly values your contributions to help get him to this point.

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> Ron

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From: Nancy Rohal <nancyr@fishkind.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 10:49 AM
To: emily.bonilla@ocfl.net
Cc: Wayne Harrod
Subject: Historic Little Econ Property Acquisition

Commissioner Bonilla,

I write in support of the potential funding by Orange County for the acquisition of the property consisting of 30.4 acres situated on both sides of the Little Econ River to be used as a Preserve or County park. I believe it would be in the best interest of the property to remain in its natural state.

The preservation of the property will contribute to survival of the remains of the historical bridge. The remains of cypress timber bridge, along with the original Iron Bridge Road remains, have been established to be dated back as early as the 1700's.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

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