

Split Oak Forest "Rights of Nature" Amendment
2020-01-09 CRC Presentation

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At the December 2019 Orange County CRC Meeting the initial Split Oak Forest Sub-Committee formation was announced.

Former Commissioner Pete Clarke was mentioned in this clip as a colleague in how to "deal with the county" related to the Split Oak Forest Amendment.

In just under 2 months the environmentalist who are connected to the "Rights of Nature" movement in Florida have guided and assisted this sub-committee in drafting an Ecosystem Protection Amendment with the support of multiple environmental activist in the State of Florida including Chuck O'Neal who sat right next to Pete Clarke at Monday's Split Oak Forest Sub-Committee meeting.

Environmental supporters of the Split Oak Forest Charter Amendment will say this is not a "Right of Nature" amendment, however, when the Split Oak Forest sub-committee uses language from a City of Pittsburgh, PA environmental protection law as part of the document language being used in this amendment as a "Precedent" to Split Oak Forest Amendment language there is the intent to use the Split Oak Forest Charter Amendment as a Florida "precedent" for future "Rights of Nature" movement actions.

This group is attempting to enact environment protection laws across the State of Florida at the county level and will use Orange County Split Oak Forest Charter Amendment as model language to go by.

Next Month in Gainesville there is a Rights of Nature Conference (RONCon) with Doug Shields, Pittsburgh, PA City Council and Chuck O'Neal, Wekiva \ Econlockhatchee Bill of Rights (WEBOR, Orange County) as speakers.

These two speakers at the Florida Rights of Nature Conference expose the truth that the speed in which the Split Oak Forest Sub-Committee was drafted and ready to go with Charter amendment language in under two months is directly connected to the ecosystem protections the Rights of Nature movement wants to impose on local government across the State of Florida.

It needs to be also stated here and now that CRC Board Member, 30 Year Environmental Activist, Eugene Stoccardo threatened anarchy in the streets if his "Rights of Nature" Wekiva \ Econlockhatchee River sub-committee was not allowed to be formed.

In the Split Oak Forest sub-committee meeting on Monday, Jan. 6th. Mr. Stoccardo praised the environmentalist support which voted Commissioner Ted Edwards out of office and he committed to vote out Democrat Mayra Uribe for her support of the Osceola Expressway Extension.

She made the right transportation decision as the Osceola Expressway Extension will serve close to 50,000 new homes already approved and being built in South Orange and Osceola County tying them in to OIA with mainline direct access to their closest airport, including any future rail transportation access from OIA.

I agree with the CFXWay preferred route that uses 60 acres of "Easement Right of Way" through Split Oak Forest because it also adds 1550 acres of additional conservation lands with more uplands added than it takes away that has been committed for this specific pathway. Any other pathway will not receive those lands. Orange and Osceola County gain more conservation land than we lose with valuable land that feeds the aquifer and gives far more "Upland" dry land than it takes away. It also takes an industrial park or residential development plan in that 1550 acres off the table and adds conservation lands below Moss Park, Isle of Pine Preserve.

I do support Split Oak Forest protected conservation against any development and understand Florida Community Trust has the final say over "Easement Right of Way" access through these protected conservation lands in Florida after the Orange County Board approves any such plans.

I DO NOT SUPPORT a Charter Amendment for Split Oak Forest as it sets a State of Florida precedent we will regret for generations and sets a "Rights of Nature" precedent Orange County does not need.

This CRC Board decides whether this 2020 Charter Amendment should move forward as a "Right of Nature" precedent in Orange County or not.

Please vote against the Split Oak Forest Protection proposal.

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11. SPLIT OAK COMMITTEE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

F. Split Oak Committee Organizational Meeting to be Held on December 6, 2019 (Vice Chair Auffant)

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