

Byrd: 1st K-8 school has its walls

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Eight of those were serious heart conditions.

Sometimes, we hesitate to put requirements in place, especially if they cost money or will be more trouble for our already stretched thin parents' time. But this seemed like one we couldn't ignore. Even if it only saved one life, it would be worth it.

Well, this week we found out it is worth it!

A student athlete at one of our high schools got her ECG and her abnormal result ended up being diagnosed as a very serious electrical problem with her heart. She had to undergo a simple heart procedure and is now cleared to play again.

The doctors told her and her parents that it wasn't a matter of "if", but "when" a serious cardiac event would have happened to this young athlete. The ECG probably saved her life.

From athletics to buildings! If you've driven down Jason Dwellley Parkway lately, you may have noticed that walls are now up on our new K-8 school that will be opening in August 2022.

This much anticipated school will be the first K-8 school in all of District 7 and will provide relief to our Wolf Lake elementary and middle schools.

It is so exciting to see the vertical progress of this building.

A 40-percent-con-

struction community meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, September 2, at 6 p.m. at the Wolf Lake Elementary media center. This will be an opportunity for the construction team to share updates and answer questions from community members about the building.

Design on the Adult Learning Center near Wheatley Elementary School is near completion as well. A 100-percent design community meeting is set for Wednesday, September 22, at 6 p.m. at the Wheatley Elementary School media center.

The Adult Learning Center will be run by Orange Technical College and is set to open in August 2022.

Survey: City will also seek grants

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been earmarked for a long time for improvements, Forman said. Areas east of Jason Dwellley Parkway would also be considered for new and additional amenities, since the city has removed pine trees there due to an insect infestation.

In descending order, survey takers ranked the following amenity preferences: restrooms, accessible playground, more fields, additional field lights, a dog park, tennis courts, basketball courts, and disc golf.

The top write-in response was 59 for an aquatic facility such as a pool or a splash pad, and 22 for a skate park or a bike park. Other write-in responses were nine for pavilions, eight for trails, and seven for a field house.

According to Forman, the next step is to hire a park planner who will provide a concept map, artistic renderings, and an itemized project budget for the amenities, which would come this fall.

Some of the proposed amenities, such as field lights, have been incorporated in the upcoming budget workshops for the 2021-2022 fiscal year, Forman said, responding to Commissioner Kyle Becker's question about if the amenities are incorporated in this year's workshops. Alternative funding sources will be sought out for other amenities, such as grants for the accessible playground. The city will also wait and see what the parks planner would say.

The parks planner has already been incorporated into the city budget, with the city

intending to fill the position this month.

Although considering 660 responses low, Commissioner Diane Velazquez said the process of collection community input for Northwest Recreational Complex had just begun.

"Once we start kind of, I guess, moving along, we may get more input from our residents, but I am happy that we can do plenty, that we are putting bathrooms by the amphitheater," Velazquez said. "We use the amphitheater so much more now. And realizing a lot of seniors that are coming out and the bathrooms where we have them right now is really an inconvenience. And I'm just thankful that we have our staff that actually transports a lot of our seniors up there."

Becker asked Forman if city staff had referenced the Grow Apopka 2025 Vision Plan, which was completed in 2016 as a result of collaboration and input from the city, the Steering Committee, business owners, residents, and organizations to visualize what they want the city of Apopka to look like and how they should function within 10 years. The city of Apopka hired Keith & Schnars to prepare the document.

"It shouldn't have to start from scratch on these things," Becker said.

"I've seen the plan for Northwest (Recreation Complex). Some of it I didn't agree with, so obviously we reached back out," Forman said.

"I mean, that's all residents-driven," Becker said.

"My understanding was that it was mostly staff," Forman said in reply.

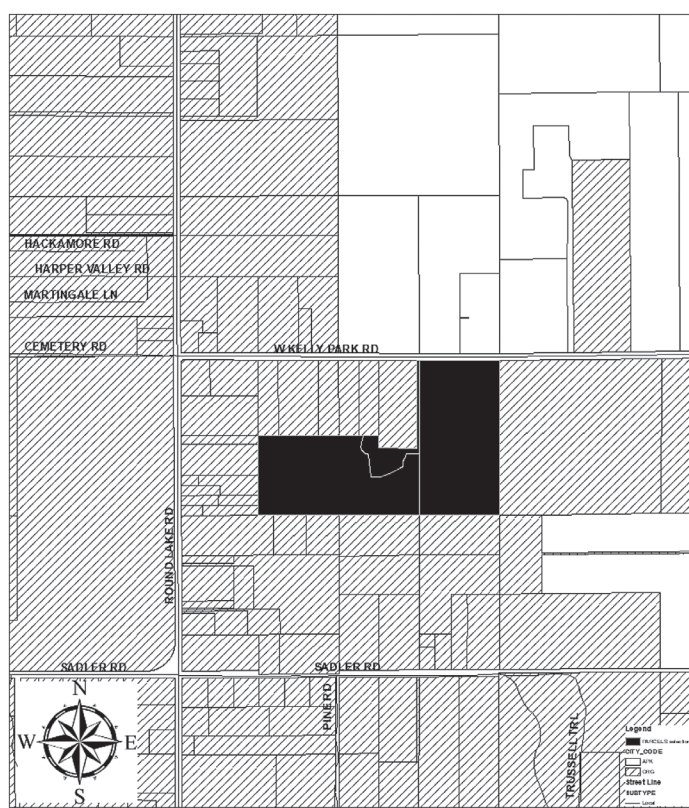
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 166.041(3)(c), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B), that **Ben Snyder, Hanover Land Company** has made an application, to the City of Apopka City Council for a **change in zoning from AG (Agriculture District) to MU-KPI (Kelly Park Interchange District Mixed Use), and assigning a Kelly Park Crossing Neighborhood Overlay District.** This application relates to the following described property located south of W. Kelly Park Road and east of Round Lake Road.

ORDINANCE NO. 2845

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM AG (AGRICULTURE DISTRICT) TO KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE DISTRICT MIXED-USE (MU-KPI), AND ASSIGNING A KELLY PARK CROSSING NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY DISTRICT, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF W. KELLY PARK ROAD AND EAST OF ROUND LAKE ROAD, COMPRISING 39.6 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY **KENT A. GREER AND ANNIE M. GREER**; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Vicinity Map



(THIS MAP IS FOR REFERENCE PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TO SCALE)

Parcel I.D Number: 14-20-27-0000-00-084, 14-20-27-0000-00-005, 14-20-27-0000-00-021

Contains: 39.6 +/- Acres

NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2845 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m.** or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. The proposed zoning ordinance and Master Plan can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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cal main street systems, growing e-commerce and global business opportunities ensuring high-speed broadband internet service is available, and transforming main street into the social center of the city.

I was at a high-level briefing today and interested in the \$6 million federal money the county is planning to spend to expand broadband. Any main street should have Wi-Fi available on its light poles to attract students and residents. I had Wi-Fi added to many of the county parks the first year I was your commissioner. I knew the importance of available Wi-Fi for all students to succeed with their studies.

People who live near downtown usually have a strong inclination to be close to the action, close to walkable streets, shops,

restaurants, and venues for entertainment. I enjoy walking from my office to a host of restaurants and cultural events while working downtown. I can only imagine how wonderful it would be for folks in Pine Hills, Lockhart, Apopka, and Ocoee to have the same opportunity. And small-town main streets have a different charm than a big city. This charm, however, must be fostered, encouraged, and implemented on a systematic basis.

Downtowns also need a variety of housing options. Apartments, condos, row homes, duplexes, hotels, and inns provide a variety of housing for people to spend the night downtown.

Kercher believes you must improve the housing elements prior to commercial operations being successful. He states that

city assistance is generally needed for those pioneering residential developers. This could be relief from fees and streamlined development processes. But most of all, the planning documents must be established correctly to allow for expanded uses consistent with a quality main street.

Kercher then recommends establishments that he feels are vital for the main street: hotels, parks or open spaces, civic buildings such as: a city hall, public library, history museum, active church, theater, post office, or any education or health-type of building.

All of this can seem daunting. However, without a well-worked plan, nothing ever improves. Let's plan and plan to succeed. Our families are counting on us to get the job done.

Hayden: Rule of Law explained

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as such, we are bound by those laws that our employees (members of Congress and senators) have legislated for our safety and protection. Somewhere, we have failed. Now, we have the employees ruing the employees (socialism) and no one seems to notice. In the publication, "American Thinker," July 4, 2021, M.E. Boyd talks about the Rule of Law and explains it as: "Think of it this way: God comes first; the duty to obey comes second (the Ten Commandments of Judaism and the Two Commandments of Christian-

ity); and our Rule of Law comes third.

"Of what does the Rule of Law consist? There are four elements: 1. Moral Law-What is right and what is wrong (based on the above Commandments); 2. Natural Law-Unalienable (cannot be separated from the person) rights from God to life and liberty; 3. Positive Law-Statutes, rules, and constitutions created by governing bodies and citizens; and 4. Unwritten Law-That which guides our relationships with each other - the courteous and kindly."

Until we turn back to the godly principles our Founding Fathers used

in creating our Constitution and see our employees honor their pledge to protect that and what it sets forth, we will not see the peace that we once had with our diversities held in check by the tolerance that is in Christ.

If you are not in love with the United States of America and willing to be a part of the greatest people in the world, go to where you feel comfortable. No one should be bound to a place they are not pleased to be in. I am so grateful to God for letting me be born in this nation! God bless the USA and the unity through the diversity of the American people!

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

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City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
City Administrator	407-703-1649
City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept.	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency	911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. www.apopka.net	

Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
www.orangecountyfl.net	

Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Val Demings (Dist. 10)	321-388-9808
State Representatives	
	352-742-6275
Kamia Brown (Dist. 45)	850-717-5045
State Senators	
Randolph Bracy (Dist. 11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
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Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
Bus routes	407-317-3800
Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
Miscellaneous	
The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apopkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441