Hayden: Each and every one of us is different and free to choose

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their sacred honor, were to protect and honor the Constitution of the United States of America. Their goal was to have every person in the nation know their worth as an individual with inalienable rights given by the Creator and those rights, not given by, but protected by, our constitution. Our concern for and our benevolence toward the rest of humanity came from being taught that every one of our freedoms came with an awesome responsibility and we would be held accountable for how we used

our freedoms. For many of today's generation, our freedoms are meant only for their ability to do whatever appeals to their self-desires, right or wrong. As a nation we have been directed to the ambitions, or lack thereof, of the other nations of the world, and encouraged to become more like them for transformation into a one-world government. As a global nation, they say we would have no more border conflicts, no more poverty, no more wars (how can you war against yourself?). We would be all one nationality: no more racism, a global police force that would enforce the laws worldwide.

It almost sounds like a perfect setup, but what

it does not consider is that we are imperfect people, and there are those who think they are the ones who should control the whole shebang. In the tale, "The Animal Farm," by George Orwell written in 1945, the abusive farmer is finally done away with and all the finally have peace, prosperity, happiness, freedom, and the first commandment they worshipped was, "All animals are equal." Sound

The big lie is that all men are equal. We are not. I am not equal to George Washington Carver, nor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. I have neither their gifts of inventiveness or the gift of eloquence in speaking, but I do have the opportunity to be the builder of dreams of the inventor, or to be the instrument used by the eloquent speaker to recognize men of character and not color. My problem comes from considering myself their equal, in

all areas. Today they call it "equity" and it will cause the downfall of our American Dream. Maybe we ought to be freewill people and start thinking like the "Kings of the Road" and be free standing, not using our freedoms as clubs but as an opportunity to be a benevolent, loving people sharing our experiences, and praising GOD for allowing us to be a part of the greatest nation on this spaceship we call Earth!

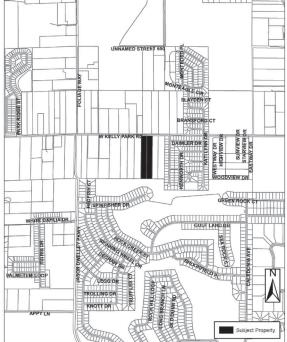
CITY OF APOPKA **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING**

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that <u>CARLOS BARIOS -</u> STEPHENS BARIOS ENGINEERING has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 2990

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL ESTATE TO VERY LOW DENSITY SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF WEST KELLY PARK ROAD, EAST OF JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY AND WEST OF KENWORTH DRIVE; OWNED BY RAFAEL ENRIQUE ALICEA CESTERO; COMPRISING 10.129 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

ORDINANCE NO. 2991 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITIONAL) TO RSF-1A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY - ESTATE) ZONING DISTRICT, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF WEST KELLY PARK ROAD, EAST OF JASON DWELLEY PARKWAY AND WEST OF KENWORTH DRIVE; OWNED BY RAFAEL ENRIQUE ALICEA CESTERO; COMPRISING 10.129 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 17-20-28-0000-00-015 & 28-0000-00-00 Contains: 10.129 +/- Acres

Notice is given that the City of Apopka Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Numbers 2990 and 2991 will be held by the ${f City}$ of ${f Apopka}$ ${f City}$ ${f Council}$ at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 beginning at 1:30 P.M. AND Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications 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.

> Apopka City Council Apopka Planning Commission Community Development Department

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

animals thought they would familiar? Continued from page 2A

Byrd: Meet me Feb. 20 at Wheatley

to interest and engage students.

But we can't do everything.

We alone can't solve the root problems that are plaguing our children when they leave our property.

Research shows that youth violence is a multifaceted problem. It is not just one thing that causes young people to turn to violence to "solve their problems" and it's not just one thing that is going to "fix the problem."

This is an issue that takes families, schools and the community working together to solve.

To that end, I am

bringing community leaders together for a roundtable discussion of the issue so that we can begin to figure out how we are going to help our children in crisis and keep all our children safe. I need everyone working together if we are going to find solutions that work.

On Monday, February 20, at Wheatley Elementary School, at 5:30 p.m., I will be hosting this roundtable discussion with school district leaders and staff, area elected officials, faith-based partners, and other experts and youth organizations. My hope is that we can open a dialog to address our specific needs here in our community and chart a path towards improving the safety for our children.

This will be a public meeting and I encourage you to attend to hear the discussion. We will allow the public to share thoughts and suggestions through electronic means that will be shared with the roundtable attendees after the meeting. You are also welcome to share your thoughts with me ahead of time by email at_melissa. byrd@ocps.net.

I am confident that with all of us paying attention, discussing and addressing this issue we can make progress. I firmly believe that the only way we can improve things is by working together.

Moore: Volunteers are necessary

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adding intersection LED lighting, speed pavement markings, flashing speed beacons, analyzing speed limits, etc. There is even talk of removing portions of "suicide lanes" with tree-lined medians.

Now the question remains why we haven't been more successful in other areas - particularly Apopka. I can tell you. I offered four clean-ups with very few residents attending other than my faith-based partners. While we texted, called, emailed, and sent mailers, very few citizens participated. I can get done only as much as residents partner with me. Where I

have a volunteer in a neighborhood, we are successful. Where I cannot secure the help of HOA leaders or community service organizations, we simply do not have sufficient folks to get the work done.

Last weekend, I had the able assistance of the Apopka High School Key Club sponsor, Frances Portalatin of Seacoast Bank, and Wekiva High School FFA under educator Mark Shumate. The students picked up trash and dragged limbs for me. I had to supplement with students due to the lack of adult volunteers. Don't get me wrong – I really appreciate them. Special thanks to the City of Apopka Solid Waste Division for the retrieval of the debris.

However, I was lacking sufficient volunteers with chain and pole saws to complete the task. We completed only about 30 percent. Nevertheless, I will facilitate another cleanup on March 4. I'm praying more of the HOA board members along the Apopka Boulevard attend, but, any and all residents are in-

On a side note: Trimming trees and landscaping at Pleasant Cove was done with the consent of the Board of Directors. Remember, the more visible the property from Apopka Boulevard, the stronger the deterrent to crime.

Working: Age should not define you

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The goal should be to finish life well. Being a good steward of this phase of life will not occur unless we are prepared with a proactive, well-grounded, and thoughtful vision.

Be intentional and expectant about having your life experiences and wisdom

being used providentially in the lives of others.

Do not let age define your life. Author Richard J. Leider states that "the trouble is, when a number your age—becomes your identity, you've given away your power to choose your future."

The Lord's call does not fade over

time but summons us to the high calling of life-long, meaningful service to Him.

Age with purpose.

Dr. Jim Thrasher is the Senior Advisor to the Vice President for Student Recruitment and the coordinator of the Institute for Faith & Freedom's working group on calling.

The Apopka Chief

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February 3, 2023 February 10, 2023

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The Apopha Chief is a consistent award-winning community weekly newspaper and a member of the Florida Press Association. The newspaper won the group's award as its best newspaper in 1982, 1987, and 1988, the only three-time winner. Letters to the editor are welcome, but must be signed and include a daytime telephone number, address... or email address for verification. Management reserves the right to edit let-

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Orange County **Telephone Numbers**

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Other Area **Numbers of Note**

.407-836-3111 **U.S. Senators** 202-224-5274 Rick Scott (Rep.) Marco Rubio (Rep.).. 407-254-2573 **U.S.** Representative Maxwell Frost (Dist. 10) 202-225-2176 **State Representatives** Doug Bankson. 407-476-6787 Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45). **State Senators** Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11) 407-297-2045 **Orange County Commissioner** Christine Moore Orange County Public Schools Pupil assignment.... Bus routes. .407-317-3800 Superintendent.. .407-317-3200 School Board.. 407-317-3200 Miscellaneous The Apopka Chief...... Museum of the Apopkans...... 407-703-1707 Chamber of Commerce....

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Mizell: He was a founding member of Foliage Sertoma Club

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In 1965, Mizell moved from North Carolina to Apopka to start his teaching career at Apopka Memorial High School.

Two years after moving to Apopka, he married Brenda Woodis. They had two daughters, Stacy and

At Apopka, he taught earth science, physics and physical education, and in those days taught swimming at the city docks on Dream Lake. He moved on to teach marketing and started the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) program, through which students were placed in local businesses to learn career opportunities. He was on DECA's state Board of Directors and upon his retirement became chair-

Mizell was a teacher at Apopka High School for 38 years while also teaching nights at Valencia Community College until 2003. When he retired, he received a lifetime achievement award for his four decades of community service. Mayor John Land gave Mizell a key to the

Mizell was a driving force in the local Jaycee chapter, which was a community service organization made up of men ages 18-35. He built the club to 50 members.

He was a founding member of the Apopka Foliage Sertoma Club and was still a member when he died. He was also a member of Apopka Elks Lodge No. 2422.

Mizell was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Apopka, where he served as an elder and a trustee. He also launched and coordinated a monthly feed-the-needy program along with other churches. He started a program part-

nering with local schools to give families in need food and presents at Christmas. In recent years, with those needs increasing, he worked with the Foliage Sertoma Club and Apopka Elks Lodge to help fill those

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 5-7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of

Apopka. Funeral service will take place Thursday, February 16, at 11 a.m. at the same church, with a reception to follow.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mizell's name to Warrior In Me Corp, his family's nonprofit that supports cancer patients.

Elections chief to retire after current term

Bill Cowles, Orange County's longest serving supervisor of elections, announced Wednesday, February 8, that he intends to retire at the end of his current term, January 6, 2025.

"It has been the role of a lifetime to be trusted by the citizens of Orange County to conduct secure elections with the highest standards of integrity. After a fulfilling 33 years (which will be 35 years at the end of the term), first as chief deputy and now supervisor, it is time to pass the torch and retire to private life and enjoy time with my wife and four grandsons," Cowles said in a news release.

Cowles has been an integral part of the Orange County Elections Office since 1989. Prior to joining the elections team as chief deputy, he served thirteen years on the staff of the Central Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was elected as the Orange County Supervisor of Elections in 1996 and has been re-elected in every election since. Bill supervises the fifth-largest to a complete overhaul of



Cowles ... supervisor of elections

county elections office in the state of Florida.

Cowles' tenure has seen its fair share of elections excitement. The first county-wide election he conducted was the 1997 Penny Sales Tax election. It was declared by the U.S. Postal Service to be the largest mail-ballot election at the time. Cowles' first presidential election was the infamous 2000 election filled with hanging chads although, to be clear, in the words of Cowles: "Chad never came to Orange County." Additionally, the most contentious election he has overseen was the presidential race of 2020.

From hanging chads

cybersecurity and the transparency of today, Supervisor Cowles has steadied the helm through some tumultuous changing times.

Bill Cowles will leave the elections office in good hands, having assembled a team of professionals that has a combined 300-plus years of elections experience. Several senior staffers have more than 15 years of experience each, from the local elections office, other counties in Florida, and even from multiple

Always finding new ways to engage the community in the elections process, Cowles created the "Adopt-A-Precinct" program in 1998. The community partnership allows organizations to serve the community as poll workers while teambuilding and fundraising for their cause. In the most recent 2022 general election, 50% of the polling places were adopted by community

With his 70th birthday approaching, Supervisor Cowles joked that he "never intended to break Earl K. Woods' record." He chose to announce at this time out of courtesy to those seeking to fill his shoes, allowing them more time to begin making plans for their campaigns.

Cowles served on the Federal Elections Assistance Commission Board of Advisors from 2007 to 2011. His other professional involvements include being past president of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, as well as, past president of the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials, and

Treasurers. Cowles graduated in 1976 with a degree in public administration from the University of Central Florida. Bill Cowles has been married since 1978 to Cheryl and has two married sons and four grandsons. He will miss the job but is looking forward to spending more time with his family.



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CITY OF APOPKA **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE** AMENDMENTS TO APOPKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka proposes to amend the Land Development Code of the City of Apopka, Florida in accordance with Florida Statutes 166.0413(3)(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B), to revise sections of said Land Development Code as specified within the Ordinance title and within Ordinance Number 2994. The proposed amendments affect or may affect the use of property, the development of building and structures, and the development review process for land located within the jurisdiction of the City of Apopka, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 2994 OPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA BY AMENDING PART III - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; ARTICLE 2 ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 2.4.1. INFORMATIONAL MEET-ING; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2.4.2. PRE-APPLI-CATION COMMUNITY MEETING; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2.5.1. DISCRETIONARY APPROVALS; BY AMENDING PART III, 2, SECTION 2.5.5. RELIEF; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3 ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.1.3. ORGANIZATION OF ZONING DISTRICTS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3 ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.3.6 RESIDENTIAL TWO-FAMILY DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTI-CLE 3, SECTION 3.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.3. RESIDENTIAL BASE ZONING DISTRICTS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.6. MU-D MIXED-USE DIS-TRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4 USE REGULATIONS, SEC-TION 4.2. STANDARDS SPCIFIC TO PRINCIPAL USES; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.3. GENERAL STANDARDS FOR ALL AC-CESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE BICYCLE PARKING, AND LOADING STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5, TABLE 5.1.11.C.2: BICYCLE PARKING; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.3. TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5, SECTION 5.4. OPEN SPACE SET-ASIDE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5, TABLE 5.5.5.A: FENCE ROADS, STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND BIKEWAYS; BY AMENDING PART IMPROVEMENT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 10, TA-BUILD-TO ZONES; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10.4. LY PARK INTERCHANGE (MU-KPI) FORM-BASED CODE, G. – DISTRICT SIZE AND BLOCK STANDARDS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX A, MIXED USE KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE (MU-KPI) FORM-BASED CODE, H. - DENSITY, INTENSITY AND OPEN SPACE STANDARDS, TABLE 4: DENSITY, INTENSITY AND OPEN SPACE; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX D, DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES, 5.6. FENCES AND WALLS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY;

PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Notice is given that the City of Apopka Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider the amendments to the Apopka Land Development Code at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 beginning at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible. Notice is given that a public hearing for Ordinance No. 2994 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, March 1, 2023, beginning at 1:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible.

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Text Amendments 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 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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