

Hayden: Palestinian leader says no

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In 1967, twenty years later, the nations of Egypt, Syria, and Jordan tried once again to drive Israel to the sea, in what was the six-day war. In six days, Israel acquired an astounding victory and won the West Bank and the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli government was split in their decision of dividing the land. Some wanted to give the West Bank back to Jordan, and Gaza to Egypt in exchange for peace. The other half wanted to return the land to

the Arab inhabitants, who had started using the name Palestinians, in hopes of building their own state there. A few months later the Arab League Summit took place and established their three “no’s” concerning Israel. No peace with Israel; No recognition of Israel, and No negotiations with Israel. The solution was rejection #3. In 2000, the Prime minister of Israel, Ehud Barak, met with PLO (Palestinean Liberation Organization) leader Yasser Arafat at Camp David, in the Unit-

ed States and offered him a Palestinian State, composed of all of Gaza and 94 percent of the West Bank, with East Jerusalem as its capitol. The Palestinian leader said, “No.” President Bill Clinton made the statement, “He (Arafat) was here 14 days and said ‘no’ to everything.” Instead, the Palestinians launched suicide bombings that killed over one thousand Jews and injured more than that in buses, wedding halls, and even pizza parlors. Re-

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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 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 **Lowndes c/o Logan Opsahl, Esq.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3033
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM PD (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT) TO I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 100 HERMIT SMITH ROAD; OWNED BY 100 HERMIT SMITH, LLC COMPRISING 4.15 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 01-21-27-0000-00-080
Contains: 4.15 +/- 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, December 12, 2023 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3033 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, January 3, 2024 beginning at 1:30 P.M.** AND **Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Rezoning Application 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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Life: Human being's life is valuable

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two infants who died in 2017 and 2018, respectively, when the NHS blocked their medical treatment against the will of their parents. Charlie suffered from a mitochondrial disease similar to Indi's; Alfie's, a neurological condition. Rome extended offers of treatment to both, and Charlie was even offered an experimental treatment by a New York doctor. The case of Alfie was hauntingly

similar to Indi's, with Pope Francis intervening and the Italian government, the *National Catholic Register* reported, even sending “a military air ambulance helicopter, fully equipped with medical equipment,” to fly Alfie from London to Bambino Gesù. Alfie and his parents were helpless, blocked by the state from leaving the hospital room. And the victims are not only infants. Earlier this year, a 19-year-old British teenager with a degen-

erative disease, identified as “ST,” passed away after being denied treatment. The court had even acknowledged that the woman displayed an “overwhelming desire to live.” No amount of suffering and no disability can take away the value of a human being's life and that person's right to keep it. Those who deny this right must be held accountable. As for Indi and

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says the author, is how do we move citizens forward on the continuum of engagement? (From: Hostile, Angry, Detached, Bored, Neutral, to: Curious, Engaged, Committed, Love) He believes it is the totality of our experiences in the city that makes the level of engagement.

It is from attending large events to the smallest; from developing our connections with neighbors; and from many other unconsciously processed factors.

This is one of the reasons we are offering events in Lockhart and Wekiwa Springs. Next year my plan is to assist a new group begin a farmers market along Clarcona-Ocoee Road. I have had to develop a strong enough team to facilitate events.

So, what is the fundamental point of experience and connection of a resident with their city or community? I can tell you that walking or riding my bike makes me more intimately acquainted with an area. Truly we need safe roadways and quality infrastructure, but the author emphasizes that occasionally focusing on little things, tiny acts can

increase engagement and overall vitality. Picking berries off the beauty trees, spotting a gopher tortoise, viewing the beloved bear at Clay Springs, or running into a friend along the route makes my ride special!

However, when someone breaks a window or throws a cigarette butt onto the sidewalk, a deficit is perpetrated. When the tide of deficit acts grow, we see larger manifestations of those acts and the decline of streets and entire neighborhoods. Unchecked negative acts accumulate and add up to blighted areas which have a tough time bouncing back.

Yet when positive acts accumulate, the opposite occurs, and areas thrive and blossom like well-tended gardens and nurtured children. Personal relationships exhibit these similar dynamics. Relationships are made up of lots of little acts over time. The author claims it takes a 5-to-1 ratio of positive acts to negative acts for any relationship to work.

The author asks the question, “What if a city formula for improvement were the reverse of the marriage formula?” What if one positive act, in the context of city life, made up for multiple negative acts?

Byrd: Involvement was important

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school's baseball, basketball and other sports teams; and

WHEREAS, when Wekiwa High opened in 2007, John ensured the school received extensive and equitable coverage for both its academic and athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, he also oversaw the of the newspaper's “Chief Junior” section, which provides OPCS schools in the Apopka area with a chance to promote the academic activities and events that are happening throughout the year with stories and pictures; and

WHEREAS, in his role as *The Apopka Chief's* editor, John's support for OPCS continued by providing School Board District 7 members with an opportunity to publish weekly columns so the Apopka community could obtain information on what was occurring in their school district; and

WHEREAS, generations of students, teachers, support personnel and administrators at all Apopka-area schools were positively touched by John Peery; and

WHEREAS, the entire Apopka and OPCS communities are mourning the loss of John Peery, who passed

away on October 12, 2023; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the School Board of Orange County, Florida does hereby acknowledge and declare that John Peery will remain a much-loved champion of education and resident of School Board District 7 who touched many lives, and left a legacy of love and faithfulness that will continue for generations to come.

ADOPTED by the School Board of Orange County, Florida, in Orlando, Florida, this 9th day of November, 2023.

Melissa Byrd.

ALL ABOUT APOPKA

The Apopka Chief

Established 1923
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The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. The Apopka Chief newspaper is published by Foliage Enterprises, Inc., every Friday at 400 North Park Avenue, Apopka, Fla., 32712-3417. An annual subscription is \$25 in Orange County and \$30 outside Orange County. Phone 407-886-2777. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, Fla., 32704-0880.

The Apopka 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 letters.

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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	
Daniel Webster (Dist. 11)	352-241-9220
State Representatives	
Doug Bankson	407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45)	unknown
State Senators	
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
Orange County Public Schools	
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

