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 Date 4/21/2020  
**CAROLYN TIMMANN**  
**CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT**  
 By MKV D.C.

April 14, 2020

Victor & Kristine Herd  
 4083 SE Honey Hill Lane  
 Stuart, FL 34997

Re: Encroachments on SE Myrtle Street Right-of-Way

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Herd:

SE Myrtle Street is a privately maintained, publicly dedicated right-of-way. This means that the right-of-way is dedicated to Martin County, but the property owners along the right-of-way are responsible for maintenance. This maintenance includes stabilizing the driving surface and keeping the right-of-way clear of vegetation so emergency services can access the properties as needed. This right-of-way serves as the sole access for the homes and lots addressed off SE Myrtle Street.

It appears that several of the improved lots adjacent to this right-of-way have placed encroachments, both vegetative and structural, in the right-of-way. Public Works staff has reviewed all County right-of-way use permits, and there does appear to be any permits or maintenance agreements for the encroachments placed within this right-of-way.

County surveyors will stake the property corners along the road right-of-way within the next two weeks. Please review the location of the stakes once they are placed and remove all encroachments from the right-of-way within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. Please feel free to contact me at (772) 320-3155 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Jim Gorton, Deputy Director  
 Martin County Public Works Department

BoatRamp Trail / Naked Lady Ranch

Pile 1 of 2



Pile 2 of 2 almost 70' long



Pile 1 of 2 almost as high as the fence

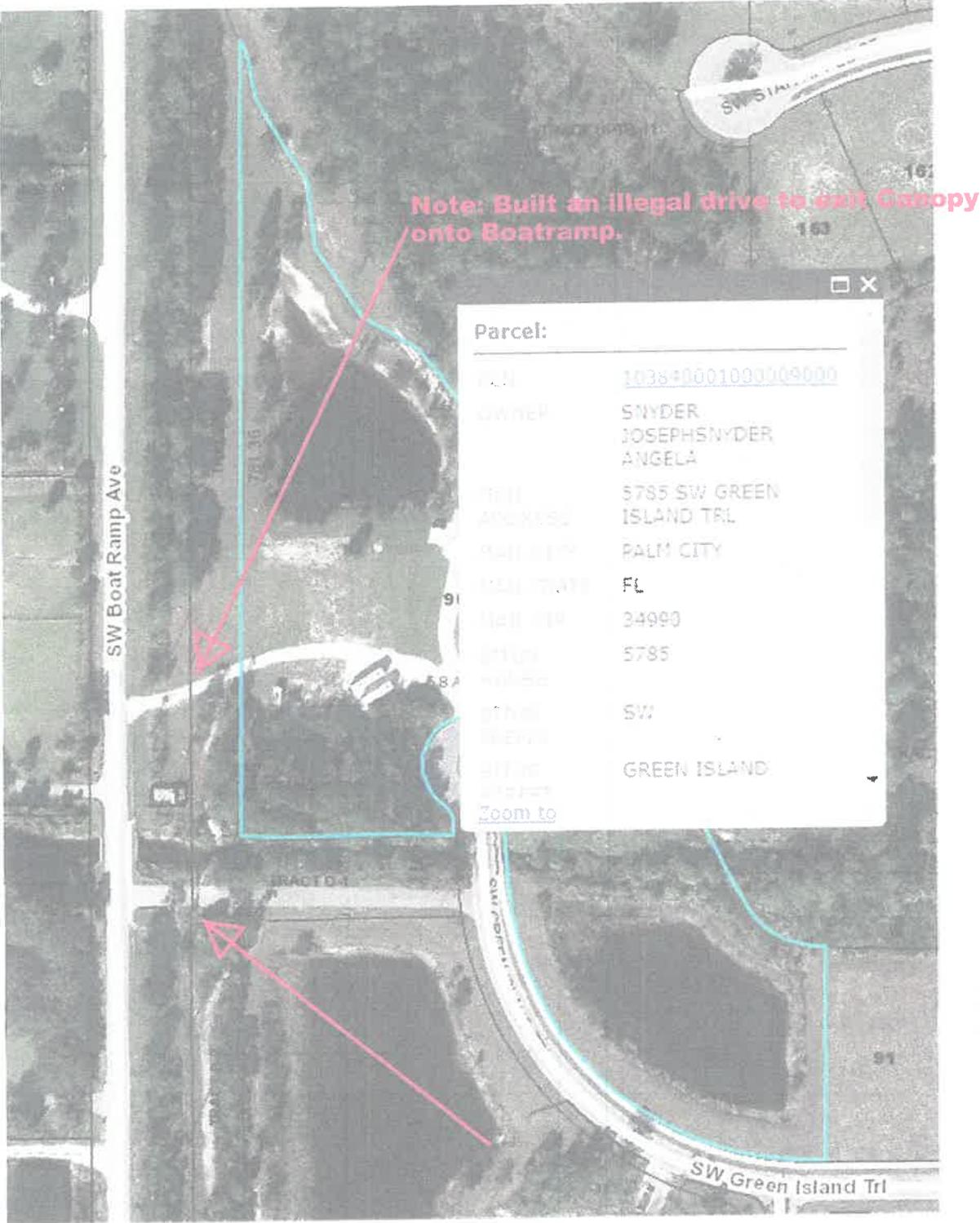


Snyder / Canopy Creek Trash Pile



Equestrian  
Trail  
Marker →

**Joseph Snyder  
Canopy Creek  
Boatrap & SW Green Island Trl**



**Piles of landscape debris from his house dumped on the established horse trail forcing the riders to ride in traffic on Boatrap to go around.**

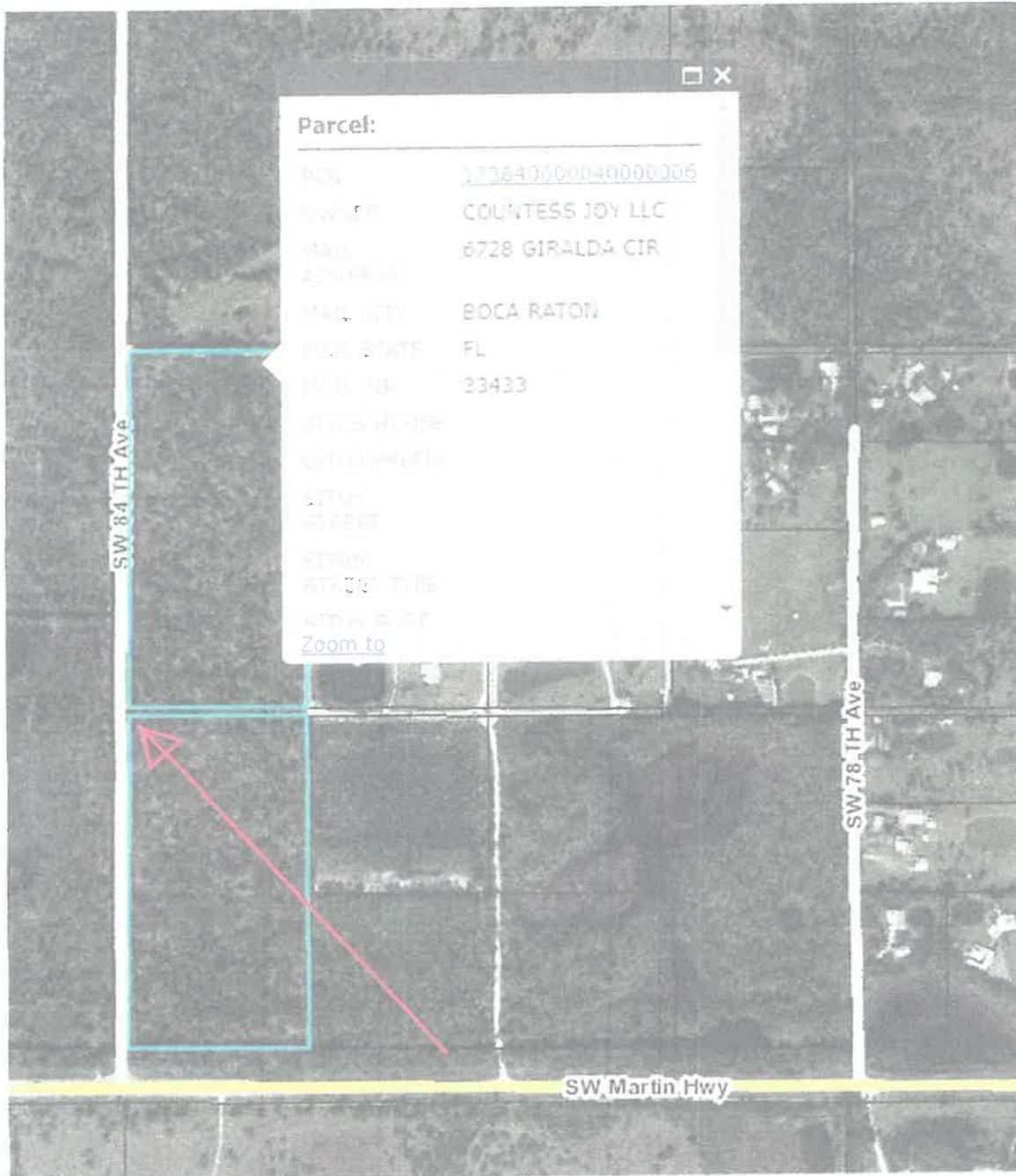
Countess Joy Fence



**Countess Joy, LLC  
David Goodfriend  
Dump Road & 33rd St W**

**One of the largest takers of public ROW to reduce fencing costs & gain additional cattle land & berry picking property.**

**Fenced across the ROW for 33rd knowing that was county property.  
Gained additional free use of county land, no taxes and a blatant disregard for the county and commission authority.**



## Donna Gordon

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**From:** ✘ Virginia Sherlock <vsherlock@lshlaw.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 8:37 AM  
**To:** Sarah Heard; Edward Ciampi; Harold Jenkins; Doug Smith; Stacey Hetherington  
**Cc:** Virginia Sherlock; Sarah Woods; Taryn Kryzda; BOCC-PublicComment  
**Subject:** It's wrong to conduct "business as usual" now

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Commissioners,

Over the weekend, the Washington Post reported that #FloridaMorons was trending when state and local government officials in Florida re-opened beaches as crowds immediately hit the sand and the waves without masks or social distancing.

I have provided a copy of the article following this e-mail for the record.

Like crowded beaches, golf courses, and sandbars, holding County Commission meetings in a venue where more than 10 people are gathered is not responsible government during a time we have been urged by scientists and health care professionals to stay at home.

It is wrong to place staff and residents at risk by ignoring public health and safety guidelines for the purpose of addressing development requests, Comprehensive Plan changes and re-zonings and to adopt new or revised ordinances when the public is effectively shut out.

By insisting on moving forward with "business as usual" at this very unusual time, you are sending a message to residents, telling us that you do not want meaningful public participation when it comes to approving development proposals and zoning changes and enacting new ordinances.

Asking residents to send you an e-mail before a meeting to discuss an item without an opportunity to hear discussion or presentations about proposed items does not allow the public to interact with local government officials when decisions are being made.

In fact, you appear to be deliberately suppressing public participation by insisting on moving forward with non-emergency agenda items at a time when residents are being told to stay home to protect their own health and safety as well as the health and safety of others.

Those of us who care about Martin County and who have worked hard to preserve our piece of paradise are disappointed and saddened by your lack of compassion and respect for us and our contributions to our community.

Ginny Sherlock  
Stuart

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## #FloridaMorons trends after people flock to reopened Florida beaches

*By Meryl Korneld and Samantha Pell  
The Washington Post, April 18, 2020*

Local news aired photos and videos of Florida’s shoreline dotted with people, closer than six feet apart, spurring #FloridaMorons to trend on Twitter after Gov. Ron DeSantis (R) gave the go-ahead for local beachfront governments to decide whether to reopen their beaches during a news briefing Friday.

Duval and St. Johns counties have reopened their beaches, while Miami-Dade County officials said they are considering following suit.

On the same day that Florida reported 58 deaths from the coronavirus — its highest daily toll since the pandemic began — DeSantis told reporters that it’s essential that Floridians get exercise outdoors.

“I get a kick out of somebody jogging on the beach in California, like all by his lonesome, and you have a fleet of cops go out there,” he said. “He’s just jogging. Going forward, I think we’ve got to be promoting people to get exercise.”

While DeSantis never ordered statewide closures of beaches, his comment Friday gave the green light to local officials such as Jacksonville Mayor Lenny Curry (R), who announced that Duval County’s beaches would reopen Friday. Curry banned certain items, including towels and chairs, and limited hours to 6 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. to deter people from gathering for a long time.

“This can be the beginning of the pathway back to normal life,” Curry said. “Please respect and follow these limitations. Stay within the guidelines for your safety as well as for the safety of your neighbors.”

The droves that showed up at Jacksonville’s beach largely ignored Curry’s restrictions.

“People were seen swimming, biking, surfing running and fishing,” CNN reported. Saturday evening, people were still flocking to multiple Florida beaches, but officials said it wasn’t an issue.

In a Saturday tweet, Curry wrote: “Spoke to Sheriff Williams @jsosheriff a few minutes ago. He said all Beaches are pretty much clear and They, Deputies @JSOPIO, had no issues neither did the beaches agencies . . . the community responded. Good work Jacksonville.”

Curry didn’t immediately respond to The Post’s request for comment about the crowds.

More local officials are following the Jacksonville area’s lead. St. Johns County, where St. Augustine is, said its beaches would reopen for physical activity from 6 a.m. to noon. Miami-Dade’s mayor said during a Saturday news conference that his county would also move forward with reopening beaches, although he didn’t specify when.

The governor’s office said he left the beach re-opening decision for local authorities because “Florida is not a state where a cookie-cutter solution works.”

“Governor DeSantis does not oppose the prudent opening of beaches with restrictions,” DeSantis spokesperson Helen Ferre said.

DeSantis refused to close beaches at the height of the spring break rush, saying visitors could maintain social distancing, despite photos and videos from beaches across the state indicating that people were not doing so. Dozens of college students who had vacationed in Miami and other party spots have tested positive for the virus since returning to their home states of Texas, Florida and Wisconsin.

DeSantis has said he will follow President Trump’s lead on closures, although Trump has shifted positions and indicated that he will leave those decisions to the states. Florida’s stay-at-home order is in effect through April 30.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/04/18/florida-beaches-reopen-coronavirus/>

**Donna Gordon**

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**From:** Virginia Sherlock <vsherlock@lshlaw.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 9:58 AM  
**To:** Sarah Heard; Edward Ciampi; Doug Smith; Harold Jenkins; Stacey Hetherington; BOCC-PublicComment  
**Cc:** Taryn Kryzda; Sarah Woods; Virginia Sherlock  
**Subject:** WSJ on public meetings during the pandemic

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Commissioners,

\* Please add this article from the Wall Street Journal to my comments to be included in the record for the BOCC meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

Ginny Sherlock  
Stuart

## **Local Governments Are Hard to Find as Coronavirus Ends Public Meetings**

**Many communities struggle to run city-council meetings online amid bad connections and Zoombombing**

*By Tarini Parti and Joshua Jamerson*

*The Wall Street Journal, April 19, 2020*

Communities across the country are finding themselves in a bind as they try to pass urgent legislation to combat the coronavirus pandemic at the same time public meetings are impossible.

Open-government advocates say many city councils, school boards and other governing bodies are failing at the task, holding meetings that are inaccessible to the public, rushing actions without proper deliberation and impeding access to public records.

"When transparency is removed, so is the trust," said Daniel Bevarly, executive director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, a group that advocates for open government. Mr. Bevarly

said his group has received numerous complaints from private citizens and local journalists concerned about access to government during the coronavirus pandemic.

In Bellmead, Texas, a suburb of Waco, Mayor Travis Gibson says he is considering legal action against the very government he runs after four City Council members held a meeting in defiance of his emergency order banning gatherings of 10 people or more.

At the meeting, the council members voted to hire a new city manager, who had resigned from a previous post after accepting responsibility for making inappropriate comments and settling a sexual-harassment lawsuit.

Mr. Gibson said the meeting, held on short notice and with only a handful of people in attendance, violated Texas's open-meetings law.

The four Bellmead City Council members who voted in favor of the new hire and the city attorney said the mayor didn't have the authority to cancel the meeting without discussing it with the full council. Mr. Gibson is consulting with other lawyers in the state to figure out his next steps.

In South Carolina's Horry County, council members closed many hotels, campgrounds, minigolf parks, theaters and amusement parks during an emergency meeting last month. No members of the public were in attendance and a copy of the new ordinance wasn't released until after the meeting. The actions were criticized in newspaper editorials and by some legal experts who said officials have to give notice even for emergency meetings.

"What our lawyers have told us is that it isn't the normal public meeting that requires notice because time is of the essence," said Johnny Gardner, chairman of the council, adding that the uncommon nature of this outbreak made it hard to figure out how to conduct business.

In Waterville, Maine, the City Council created a special panel to deal with coronavirus-related matters. But when the panel also suspended the city's plastic-bag ban, it caused an uproar. The panel dissolved after the city attorney declared it acted illegally and the plastic-bag ban suspension was later approved by the full City Council. Erik Thomas, chair of the council, defended the special panel's creation and actions. "We were trying to make it clear to people who was taking the lead on the issue. The less people that were in meetings, the better," he said.

Governing bodies across the country are trying to make their proceedings available online, but have been beset by technical issues. Among those that have struggled is Denver's City Council, an Alcoholic

Beverage Control Board in North Carolina, and a city council in Texas that had to pay \$2,000 to upgrade its equipment after audio problems disrupted an earlier virtual meeting.

Communities are also dealing with one of most unpleasant aspects of online life: trolls. During a recent Kalamazoo City Commission meeting in Michigan held on Zoom, some participants used profanity and racial slurs during the public-comment portion of the meeting, according to a spokeswoman for the mayor.

Many local officials say they are doing the best they can to conduct business during the pandemic. For some in rural areas, where internet access can be spotty, it is even harder.

“Five minutes into the meeting, it came across my screen, ‘Your internet connection is unstable,’ ” said Christine Knisely, president of the City Council in Athens, Ohio, of a meeting she chaired Monday night. “And I thought, should I say something like, ‘If I get bumped off, next person in seniority take over?’ ”

Ms. Knisely said the council has decided to only take up business that is essential to keeping Athens, home to Ohio University, functioning during the pandemic. But that line can be hard to assess.

Access to records has also become an issue for state and local governments struggling to maintain basic operations during a pandemic. Many have slowed down or stopped responding to public-records requests.

"I would say most of the difficulties in adaptation can be chalked up to good-faith attempts to comply with the law in a new and unfamiliar world," said Frank LoMonte, director of the Brechner Center for Freedom of Information at the University of Florida. But he said the public should be wary of "a certain element of opportunity for certain agencies that just don't like open government."

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/local-governments-are-hard-to-find-as-coronavirus-ends-public-meetings-11587288600?mod=searchresults&page=1&pos=2>

## Donna Gordon

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**From:** Bitsy Taggart Fitzsimmons <bitsfitz@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:13 PM  
**To:** BOCC-PublicComment  
**Cc:** atsheard@martin.fl.us; Edward Ciampi; Doug Smith; Harold Jenkins; Stacey Hetherington; Taryn Kryzda; Sarah Woods  
**Subject:** Seriously? Business as usual?

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Commissioner Ciampi:

I am appalled by your public statement that this is the time to "conduct business as usual". These are anything but ordinary times. If you wonder why the newest trending hashtag is "Floridamorons", your April 7th meeting is a good example. There were at least two dozen people there, which is more than twice the number (10) of people allowed at a public gathering. No one wore a mask and only two of the speakers even wiped off the microphone.

To all Commissioners:

The fact that our Martin county commissioners are even contemplating a meeting where no residents may safely attend and give their in-person testimony is outrageous. This misguided plan to conduct a voting meeting without public participation is an insult to your constituents, to our intelligence, and runs against our American ideals and our rights. I strongly suggest you table any decisions Tuesday until the public can once again feel safe enough to attend the meeting and speak with the thought, intellect and emotion that can only be expressed in person. Before you take your seats Tuesday night, please challenge once more the advice of the County Attorney regarding this matter. I ask you to seriously consider that collectively, you run the risk of decisions being overturned in a court of law. No one in Martin County including yourselves, I am sure, has the appetite for more legal challenges. Clearly that is something this particular government entity can ill afford, both financially and in the eyes of your voters. Florida voters have good memories.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth T Fitzsimmons

1701 NE Ocean Blvd, #405

Donna Gordon

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**From:** Keith McDonough <keith.mcdonough@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 19, 2020 5:08 PM  
**To:** BOCC-PublicComment  
**Cc:** atsheard@martin.fl.us; Edward Ciampi; Doug Smith; Harold Jenkins; Stacey Hetherington; Taryn Kryzda; Sarah Woods  
**Subject:** business as usual?

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Commissioner Ciampi, I take exception to your public statement that this is the time to “conduct business as usual” in these extraordinary times.

To all Commissioners, the fact that our Martin county commissioners are even contemplating a meeting where no residents may safely attend and give their in-person testimony is outrageous. This misguided plan to conduct a voting meeting without public participation is an insult to your constituents and runs against our American ideals and our rights. I would strongly suggest you table any decisions Tuesday until the public can once again feel safe enough to attend the meeting and speak with the thought, intellect and emotion that can only be expressed in person. Before you take your seats Tuesday night please challenge once more the advice of the County Attorney regarding this matter. I ask you to give more thought that collectively you run the risk of decisions being overturned in a court of law. No one in Martin County including yourselves I am sure has the appetite for more legal challenges. Clearly that is something this particular government entity can ill afford, both financially and in the eyes of your voters.

Respectfully,  
Keith McDonough,  
1701 NE Ocean Blvd, unit 204  
Stuart, FL 34996

## Donna Gordon

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**From:** do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us on behalf of Martin County Florida via Martin County Florida <do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:13 AM  
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Submitted on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 - 8:13am Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

\* First Name: Brian  
Last Name: Moriarty  
Address:  
City:  
State:  
Zip Code:  
Email Address:

Agenda Item # or Topic: General public comment - not any specific item Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/04/21 Your Comment or Message:

I want to thank you Commissioners for the opportunity to be heard here today. I am writing this today both as a concerned FATHER and a concerned CITIZEN. As the FATHER of 3 wonderful children, I am concerned because my kids and all the other kids in Martin County have been cooped up for the past 5 weeks, and I WORRY about their mental health. They have no outlet to release energy at school, no sports to play, no parks or beaches to visit. I'm not too proud to admit that my wife and I have had several arguments with our children in the past 5 weeks that I would characterize as "above the normal amount." I can only imagine what is going on in other households. I heard the sheriff mention last week that domestic violence calls and suicide calls have "skyrocketed." I worry about the mental health of our county.

I come to you as a concerned CITIZEN because in my practice, I get to meet a lot of different people. I am honored to be somewhat of a sounding board for them. And I can tell you...there are a lot of people in DIRE need financially. There are single moms who are right now being evicted. There are people who are becoming homeless. There are people who are hungry because they have no transportation to get a free meal despite the wonderful efforts of groups like the Boys and Girls Club, House of Hope, and others. Every day that things remain closed is another day that they need to hang on. But these ropes are running out of string. I look at the covid cases every day: 4 yesterday, 3 the day before, 1 the day before that. And I wonder...when will these restrictions start to loosen up? When will be able to start nudging back toward normalcy? I'm seeing our neighboring states like Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee beginning to open up, and I hope that we can too soon. I've heard the cry for more testing, but that WILL TAKE TIME. I've heard "we must wait for Palm Beach County to open up," but AGAIN that WILL TAKE TIME. Sadly we don't have this time, and this is the impossible decision for this county and so many others. I wish we had this time to line everything up perfectly. But we don't. And at some point, we are going to HAVE TO give mental health and economical health AN EDGE OVER physical health. Otherwise there will be nothing left. Thank you all for listening and God bless.

**Donna Gordon**

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Last Name: Degen  
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City:  
State:  
Zip Code:  
Email Address:  
Agenda Item # or Topic: Public Beach Closure - Allow Partial Opening Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/04/24 Your Comment or Message:  
Jacksonville is partially opening its beaches:  
[https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_www.dailymail.co.uk\\_news\\_article-2D8229933\\_Beaches-2DFlorida-2Dstart-2Dreopening-2DEVENING.html&d=DwIDaQ&c=M-INcdl6npGsOqaqdPFSjarDyrdbuB4nahCaBJ7badE&r=pxosY1smMAzUYI\\_MwqvSMRh\\_P2RgxEnwpacST39PadM&m=MdUHC70eFrzJ3q56ZmtkdbgDDU8-V1zZkcGEJvB2iYs&s=fOqKBluClCodICSyMDjNzl8cxRS4CCjFpdIE5zH9GD0&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.dailymail.co.uk_news_article-2D8229933_Beaches-2DFlorida-2Dstart-2Dreopening-2DEVENING.html&d=DwIDaQ&c=M-INcdl6npGsOqaqdPFSjarDyrdbuB4nahCaBJ7badE&r=pxosY1smMAzUYI_MwqvSMRh_P2RgxEnwpacST39PadM&m=MdUHC70eFrzJ3q56ZmtkdbgDDU8-V1zZkcGEJvB2iYs&s=fOqKBluClCodICSyMDjNzl8cxRS4CCjFpdIE5zH9GD0&e=)

Socially distanced activities such as walking and biking will be permitted - but sunbathing has been banned.

Martin could do the same thing, but include fishing as an allowed activity.  
As a surf fisherman, that is a high priority item for me.

## Donna Gordon

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**From:** do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us on behalf of Martin County Florida via Martin County Florida <do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us>  
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Last Name: Ruble  
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City: Hobe Sound  
State: Florida  
Zip Code: 33455  
Email Address: russian\_dollar@yahoo.com  
Agenda Item # or Topic: Golf  
Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/04/21  
Your Comment or Message:

Thank you for your attention to the golf courses. Please continue limiting golf course play to Martin County residents. Previously our course was over run by Boca, Palm Beach, Miami and Ft Lauderdale players. That's not good for our pro shop and cart barn people or any Martin County residents. The attitude expressed at the previous meeting by some of the private courses was embarrassing. Did not project a good image for Martin County.

## Donna Gordon

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**From:** do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us on behalf of Martin County Florida via Martin County Florida <do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 12:32 AM  
**To:** BOCC-CommentForm  
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\* First Name: Christopher

Last Name: Church

Address: 9325 SE Athena Street

City: Hobe Sound

State: FL

Zip Code: 33455

Email Address: thesuburbanforager@gmail.com Agenda Item # or Topic: Emergency Management

Date of Meeting: Wed, 2020/04/01 Your Comment or Message: Please move the Office of Emergency Management to the Sheriff Office as under Fire Rescue the office is completely useless. The Sheriff is the de facto Emergency Manager and the Fire Rescue Emergency Manager is completely ineffective. We have seen no local media coverage as we did in the 2004 hurricane season. The Sheriff Office would be much more effective CB. The Fire Rescue Emergency Manager is useless.

**Donna Gordon**

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**From:** Mabel Vogel <mabvog@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** BOCC-PublicComment  
**Subject:** Voting on Tues

This Email Sent From External Sender

To the County Commissioners:

As a long time resident of our incredible Martin County, I ask you please to NOT vote on items that need public discussion. A the discussion cannot be manifested with the current rules for gathering during the Virus Pandemic.

We have a right to have our opinions heard about slow growth, building heights, and occupancy density of public buildings. These are not pressing issues but are important to those of us who want a fair and balanced discussion about them.

Respectfully,  
Mabel Vogel, Hobe Sound

Sent from my iPad

**Donna Gordon**

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**From:** darielart@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 18, 2020 11:36 AM  
**To:** BOCC-PublicComment  
**Subject:** Meeting on height restrictions in Martin County

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How dare you have a meeting on this subject of height restrictions for Martin County, when no one can attend the meeting due to the virus. Shame on you. Dariel Buczek, resident Sent from my iPhone

## Donna Gordon

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**From:** realsquack <realsquack@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 1:04 PM  
**To:** BOCC-PublicComment  
**Subject:** Public Comment 4/21/2020

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### Public Comment

The meeting this morning should not be held during a pandemic nor should any meetings which require votes and would usually have Public Comment on agenda items be held. I, Jackie Trancynger, refuse to allow you to manipulate me into commenting on items that should not be taken up at this time, so that in the future, when this is over, you and your attorneys can say it was a legal, transparent meeting... I believe it is not legal, it is a travesty .

You might also be encouraging people to disobey the social distancing orders which are in place and necessary for the health and safety of your constituents.

Jackie Trancynger  
1933 NE Acapulco Drive  
Jensen Beach FL 34957  
772-232-0837

**Donna Gordon**

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Last Name: Sedwitz  
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City: Hobe Sound  
State: Florida  
Zip Code: 33456  
Email Address: jsedwitz@gmail.com  
Agenda Item # or Topic: CV19 Preventative Measures at Public Park Facilities Date of Meeting: Fri, 2020/04/24 Your Comment or Message: Will County consider plans to install hand sanitizing stations at our public parks in various areas such as baseball fields, tennis, Pickleball, basket ball courts as restrictions are eased in the future? In addition, CDC guidelines signage placed strategically in park areas with higher concentrations of people?

**Donna Gordon**

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State: FL

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Boat ramps/Beach openings Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/04/21 Your

Comment or Message: Boat ramps should be opened on weekends, with on water trouble areas patrolled to ensure compliance. Beaches should be opened to Martin County residents only with law enforcement verifying M.C. residence at the gate and checking for CDC guidelines compliance on the beach.

## Donna Gordon

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City: Stuart  
State: FL  
Zip Code: 34997  
Email Address: gary.guthrie@grguthrie.net Agenda Item # or Topic: Public Comment Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/04/21 Your Comment or Message:

My comment is regarding the closure of County boat ramps on weekends. There are many county residents who are being denied the opportunity to use the ramps we pay for with our taxes. Many of us work Monday through Friday, so our only opportunity to launch our boats is on the weekend. I understand that the County desires to limit the number of boats on the water, especially being trailered here from the populous and more infected counties to our south. Obviously many people have suddenly started commercial fishing operations to continue to have access to their recreation opportunities. I considered it myself; however, I believe that I should not have to pay my way around a security checkpoint to use a facility that I have already paid for.

Since there are Sheriff Deputies already providing access control to the ramps at Sandsprit, I am requesting that the County Board of Commissioners modify their ruling to permit all local residents to launch their boats at Sandsprit. A vast majority of the boats on the water are not launched from trailers, so it is the lower and middle class working people who can't afford to live on the water that you are penalizing from their recreation.

At a minimum, if you still believe that only people launching from trailered boats congregate at sandbars, which is not supported by any data, perhaps you can at least modify your order to permit recreational fishermen in addition to commercial and the new commercial-recreational fishermen to use the ramps that we paid for on weekends.

There are many residents who are very irritated by your position, especially as we see our sister county to the north opening up its ramps. Facebook is full of the frustration. When we recreate, we spend money for ice, bait, tackle, sandwiches, and fuel, which help our local small business owners. If I have to drive to another county to launch my boat, I will also spend my money in that county, so you are also impacting local businesses who are trying to survive.

Thank you for listening. If you do not have time during this meeting to address this issue, I hereby respectfully request that you add an item to the next Board meeting and invite public comment.

## Donna Gordon

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**From:** do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us on behalf of Martin County Florida via Martin County Florida  
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**Sent:** Monday, April 20, 2020 7:18 PM  
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Submitted on Monday, April 20, 2020 - 7:18pm Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

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Agenda Item # or Topic: Opening Martin county Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/04/21 Your Comment or Message: [ Can we please get county open think we can open business and plan on using masks and gloves. I am in yacht sales business and my wife has salon with just two people working there with protection there is not reason we can not open. We have both applied for loan assistance and there is none they are all out of funding. Health is important so is work and making a living. We have low risk county so with protection we need to go back to work . Thank you

## Donna Gordon

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**From:** do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us on behalf of Martin County Florida via Martin County Florida <do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us>  
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Zip Code: 34957

Email Address: Jennifernolan731@gmail.com Agenda Item # or Topic: End the Shutdown Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/04/21 Your Comment or Message: Please reopen Martin County beaches and allow boat ramps to be open on the weekends. I have made several requests for you to develop a plan of action to open the local economy via Facebook and have been ignored. Fatalities are low and not rising, the 36 hospitalizations are stable, and according to you may or may not be current and only reflect cumulative data. In fact, the only elevated numbers are those testing negative for the Coronavirus. It is time to develop a plan of action to open immediately. A quarantine is no longer appropriate. Thank you for your, we anxiously await your response.

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**Donna Gordon**

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**From:** do\_not\_reply@martin.fl.us on behalf of Martin County Florida via Martin County Florida  
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Email Address: michellemercier3703@comcast.net Agenda Item # or Topic: ARTICLE 3, TABLE 3.12.1, LDR, Agenda Item: 20-0606 PH-2, PHQJ-2 Date of Meeting: Tue, 2020/04/21 Your Comment or Message:  
" ... the public should be wary of "a certain element of opportunity for certain agencies that just don't like open government." Frank LoMonte, director of the Brechner Center for Freedom of Information at the University of Florida.

April 21, 2020 PUBLIC HEARINGS PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3, TABLE 3.12.1, LDR The beauty, and a distinguishing factor between Martin County, and the overbuilt counties of south Florida, is directly linked to height restrictions on our buildings.

April 21, 2020 -- GROWTH MANAGEMENT CNST -7 REQUEST TO INITIATE TEXT AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR HODAPP PROPERTY The Growth Management Department (GMD) requests the Board of County Commissioners (Board) initiate text and Future Land Use Map amendments to the Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan (CGMP) for the Hodapp property located at 7715 SW 39th Street.

Why should taxpayers pay the expense of initiating and processing a Comp Plan to benefit one land owner?

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April 21, 2020 PUBLIC HEARINGS PH-1 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 3, TABLE 3.12.1, LDR The Gunster Law Firm has proposed an amendment to the Land Development Regulations to amend Table 3.12.1, Development Standards, of Article 3. The amendment is regarding the development standards of the LI zoning district and would allow Commercial and Business uses permitted by the LI zoning district to have an increased height.



The beauty and a distinguishing factor of Martin County from the overbuilt counties of south Florida is directly linked to height restrictions on our buildings. HEIGHT restrictions matter. IT Matters in all zones.

Agenda Item: 20-0606 PH-2 PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES This is a public hearing to consider adoption of an Ordinance repealing Chapter 25, Cable Communications, and amending Chapter 155, Streets, Roads, and Bridges to: establish a minimum speed limit; eliminate conflicts with state statutes; and require permits in County rights-of-way. Agenda Item: 20-0600

What does this rule mean ?

PHQJ-2 SECOND PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE THAT ESTABLISHES ARTICLE 12, DIVISION 4, THE OLD PALM CITY COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT CODE AND AMENDS THE ZONING ATLAS This is the second public hearing on the proposed ordinance that (1) amends the Land Development Regulations (LDR) to establish Division 4, Article 12, Old Palm City Community Redevelopment Code, (2) amends the Zoning Atlas to assign the Old Palm City Redevelopment Zoning District and other zoning districts, and (3) repeals Section 3.265 of the LDR. The adoption of this ordinance will implement Chapter 18, Community Redevelopment Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, the Old Palm City Redevelopment Plan and CPA 19-24, Old Palm City CRA FLUM. Agenda Item: 20-0623

"Debate over Palm City Farms rights-of-way has been raging for years." We need more information.

It is wrong, and possibly illegal, for staff and the Commission to enact a new ordinance without meaningful public comment or participation, since it is not advisable -- or permissible -- for many residents to attend the meeting.

M Mercier  
Stuart, Florida

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April 21, 2020

Submitted for Public Comment during Martin County Commission meeting.

RE: Palm City CRA / Board Item 20-0623 / Agenda Item PHQJ – 2

My name is Ted Astolfi, Economic Council of Martin County CEO. The need to stay home and stay safe is important so I am writing to express my continued and full support of the adoption of the ordinance that establishes the Old Palm City Redevelopment Code and amends the zoning atlas. This is another great step forward for the County and CRA's. Your Community Redevelopment staff along with the Regional Planning staff have made strong efforts to accommodate property owners' requests and develop truly workable plans for the future. I thank you for your continued support of these efforts and ask you to vote to approve this item.

Thank you.

Public Comment submitted by:  
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