

Ozona Village Improvement Society o.v.s.s.

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Chairman and Members of the Local Planning Agency
And Chairman and Members of the Board of County Commissioners
c/o Development Review Services Department
440 Court St. fourth floor
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Chairman and Members of the Board,

There is a proposed rezoning filed in Ozona at the address of 600 Pennsylvania. The proposal is to go from R-3 (Single family zoning) to RM-5 (Multi family zoning) on a 5.2 acre area. At our OVIS meeting of January 28 we received a presentation from the family and their development representatives on this proposal. The family appeared to be well intended with respect to doing something compatible to the community. However, as the meeting proceeded the people in our community became concerned that the proposal would not match the community character that has been established over the years and which is our identity. There was also considerable concern expressed with respect to the negative environmental and traffic impacts. This area, like most areas in Ozona, has environmental challenges with respect to wetlands. Therefore, increasing the density on such areas in Ozona presents serious problems with no easy solutions without negative impacts. Ozona has a very established pattern of development and people have come to expect that new development will match the old or established development and its character. This is very important for our community and its social and economic stability. We do not oppose development of the site under its current zoning but we do oppose increasing the zoning density. We say this not only because this rezoning will not match our community development but also because it will have environmental impacts and traffic impacts that cannot be remedied on an acceptable basis.

Therefore, we respectfully but strongly urge that you not approve a rezoning increase for this area of Ozona and instead retain the current zoning of R-3 for any development on the site. That is to say, keep the rules stable not only for this site but also for our community!

Sincerely,

Brian Smith

OVIS President