

Citizen Comments for the April 13, 2021 Meeting Agenda

The following Citizen Comments were received for
Non Agendaed Item

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Non Agendaed Item	Name: Mitchell Potter
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3445 rustlewood ln
	Date Submitted: 4/5/2021 7:26:00 PM

Please address the use of county owned baseball fields and the use of them for adult league baseball. Can that be authorized? We have our covid protocols and waivers ready to go. Just need your approval for the county to allow us to schedule our league games.

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Non Agendaed Item	Name: Sheri Roark
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2017 Chimney Swift Hollow
	Date Submitted: 4/6/2021 11:02:00 AM

Drop the mask mandate! This is an outdated notion and has proven to do more harm than good.

Forcing children wear face masks has the potential to cause long-term psychological, emotional, and physical damage. It promotes an excessive fear of germs and of social interaction. The reduced oxygen levels increase anxiety, fatigue and brain fog, while decreasing learning capacity due to decreased oxygen to the brain, weaken their immune systems and can lead to an increased rate and severity of all types of infections, not just COVID-19. We also, know that children are at very low risk of complications from or spreading COVID-19.

Dr. Alan Palmer - <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/the-risks-vs-benefits-of-face-masks-is-there-an-agenda/>

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Non Agendaed Item	Name: Sheri Roark
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2017 Chimney Swift Hollow
	Date Submitted: 4/6/2021 11:27:00 AM

Since all persons 18 years of age and older are now eligible to receive the vaccine in Florida - there is no longer a reason to keep the Mask Mandate in Leon County. You are harming our children and dehumanizing society as a whole. Please, do not insult me by telling me the CDC still recommends masks after recieving the vaccine. The CDC has flip flopped too many times to take them seriously.

New study shows vaccines and naturally acquired immunity DO effectively neutralize COVID variants.

Neutralizing Antibodies Against SARS-CoV-2 Variants After Infection and Vaccination

JAMA. Published online March 19, 2021. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.4388

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Non Agendaed Item	Name: Victoria Schmookler
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2728 Whitney Dr N
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 10:32:00 PM

Good afternoon!

I am commenting to add my voice to the many who reject the mask mandate and request that it be removed. Evidence for their effectiveness is mixed and biased - all evidence pre-pandemic said they were worse than ineffective. Even the CDC, WHO, and the Surgeon General recommended against them in the beginning.

Additionally, they are an infringement on individual rights. I am 32 weeks pregnant and shortness of breath is a serious issue at this point - however, I am a rule follower so continue to struggle through wearing a mask in public places, despite the fact that it causes me to become light headed and quickly fatigued.

Please feel free to read the following article for a starting point on the controversial research of mask affectiveness: - https://m.theepochtimes.com/the-evidence-against-mask-mandates_3497899.html

Thank you for taking the time to consider the desires of We the People.

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Non Agendaed Item	Name: Chris Smith
Lobbyist: No	Address: Montebello Court
	Date Submitted: 4/9/2021 4:31:00 PM

With the COVID infection rate below 1% in Leon County, it is now time to remove the mask mandate. If not now, when? What metric is the Commission using to justify this mandate? Don't wait on anyone else to tell you its time. You put this in place and you can remove it. Now is the time.

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Non Agendaed Item	Name: Donna C Tharpe
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2028 East Forest Drive
	Date Submitted: 4/13/2021 11:11:00 AM

Propose that the county create an agenda item to add or change the appropriate zoning regulations as necessary to accommodate tiny houses, even in "mixed" neighborhoods with other larger houses.

Although there are several 4-13-2021 meeting agenda items relating to zoning, I do not know where on such a meeting agenda my request would fall. I believe my proposal would be more of a consensus/discussive item that I would like the LC Commission members to discuss, with an eye to ultimately changing the zoning restrictions for smaller houses. This proposal of mine could also be an agenda item of a future meeting.

Our world is shrinking--more people, less available acreage/space, dwindling resources (including food and housing)--and this calls for a logical and progressive policy and philosophy of "less is more." The era of oversized houses in certain areas of the United States (living space of 2000 sq ft or more for 1 to 3 persons) is beginning to be challenged by smaller living solutions in which shrinking planetary space and resources are taken into account, allowing more families to be able to afford to build a livable house that more readily suits their needs.

I am always surprised when I look at the Leon County Property Appraiser website and see the jumble of new abbreviated zoning labels that are added quite frequently. Certainly a city like Tallahassee and a county like Leon, both so richly diverse in other ways, can and should accommodate much smaller houses in the neighborhood mixes that currently exist. A house of 400 sq ft would still require the usual building permits, sewer and water hookup fees, etc., and would be required to pay similar taxes and other required fees to the appropriate government entity(ies). Moreover, private land ownership in the presence of discrete subdivisions should be allowed for all the reasons stated above.

I for one have lived in rental housing for several years but now that I am older, I would like to have my own place and build a tiny house so that I may enjoy a small yard for gardening. A tiny house would require less energy and fewer funds to keep up and maintain in a visually pleasing way.

I fully welcome your feedback on how to mold this idea of mine into a viable meeting agenda item and would also welcome the involvement of any LC Commission member(s) who may be interested in exploring this issue in greater depth.

Thank you, Donna C Tharpe

The following Citizen Comments were received for
Item 16 - Status Update on Use of Glyphosate in Leon County and
Integrated Vegetation Management

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Item 16 - Status Update on Use of Glyphosate in Leon County and Integrated Vegetation Management	Name: John Outland
Lobbyist: No	Address: 1562 Tung Hill Dr
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 2:33:00 PM

The local governments listed below have chosen to eliminate the use of Glyphosate. EPA says it "probably does not cause cancer" I do not want to take a chance as the herbicide is used on roadsides, parks, water bodies, other public lands with no notification. We should not be taking a chance when there are alternatives.

- Indian River County
- Fort Myers
- Key West
- Martin County
- Miami Beach
- North Miami
- Port St. Lucie
- Satellite Beach
- Sebastian
- Stuart
- Vero Beach

The following Citizen Comments were received for

Item 22 - Approval of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendation to Award Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program Funds to the LeMoyne Arts, Inc. "Arts for Always" Project

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Item 22 - Approval of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendation to Award Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program Funds to the LeMoyne Arts, Inc. "Arts for Always" Project	Name: Rachel Borntreger
Lobbyist: No	Address: 510 Terrace Street
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 9:42:00 AM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to: Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

and, Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Thank you,

Rachel Borntreger

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Item 22 - Approval of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendation to Award Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program Funds to the LeMoyne Arts, Inc. "Arts for Always" Project	Name: Debra Corkhill
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3582 Velda Woods Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 4/11/2021 8:31:00 PM

Please approve the County Staff Recommendations to:

Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

and,

Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Thank you!!!

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 3582 Velda Woods Drive, --
	Date Submitted: 4/11/2021 3:02:00 PM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:

Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

and,
Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Thank you!!!

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 9320 Royal Troon Drive Tallahassee 32312
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 8:46:00 PM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to: Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program as it relates to LeMoyne Arts:

- 1) approve the change of scope as recommended and approved by the CRA Board during their January meeting AND
and,
- 2) Approve the release of LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" approved \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax fund since 2018

We at LeMoyne want to get started on our new Education Building so the community can benefit from our expanded classes and other educational experiences.

Pamala J. Doffek, Immediate Past President, LeMoyne Arts

District 4 constituent

Thank you!!!

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 2451 OAKDALE ST
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 11:12:00 AM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:

Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

and,

Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Thank you!!!

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 6264 Mahan Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32308
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 9:22:00 AM

Please favorably consider and approve the County Staff recommendations to accept the status report on the the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions relative to the Arts, Cultural, and Heritage Program relative to the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1,000,000 to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Submitted with respect and gratitude.

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 3103 Hotchkiss Lane
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 12:57:00 AM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:

Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural, and Heritage Grant Program.

Please approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Thanks for your consideration!

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 38083 Justice Lane
	Date Submitted: 4/13/2021 8:08:00 AM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:

Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

and,

Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 1606 N. MERIDIAN RD., Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 6:33:00 PM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:

- > Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

> and,

- > Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.
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- > Thank you!!!

Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

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> and,

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- > Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.
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- > Thank you!!!

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 9080 Old Chemonie Road
	Date Submitted: 4/13/2021 6:51:00 AM

Please approve the LeMoyne "Art for Always" project for \$1 million that will be awarded from the Tourist Development Tax Funds. LeMoyne's Art for Always project will be an excellent opportunity for the community to expand its art education programs for youths and adults, to have more artists visit our wonderful area and bring more people in to visit our area.

Further, please accept the County Staff Recommendation to accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

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Item 22 - Approval of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendation to Award Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program Funds to the LeMoyne Arts, Inc. "Arts for Always" Project	Name: Arielle Raff
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2332 Vinkara Dr
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 1:58:00 PM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:

1. Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.
- and,
2. Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Thank you!!!

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 1117 Sandhurst Dr
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 11:40:00 AM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:

Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.

PLEASE

Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Many Thanks

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Item 22 - Approval of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendation to Award Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program Funds to the LeMoyne Arts, Inc. "Arts for Always" Project	Name: Mary Jo Spector
Lobbyist: No	Address: 4118 Faulkner lane
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 10:00:00 AM

As an artist and a board member of LeMoyne, I would like you to please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:

Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program and approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

Thanks for your support,

Mary Jo Spector

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Item 22 - Approval of the Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency's Recommendation to Award Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program Funds to the LeMoyne Arts, Inc. "Arts for Always" Project	Name: DANIEL TAYLOR
Lobbyist: No	Address: 1224 Mitchell Ave
	Date Submitted: 4/11/2021 7:34:00 PM

Please accept the County Staff Recommendations to:
Accept the status report on the Community Redevelopment Agency's recent actions related to the Arts, Cultural and Heritage Grant Program.
and,
Approve the LeMoyne Arts "Art for Always" project for \$1 million to be awarded from Tourist Development Tax funds.

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Lobbyist: No	Address: 2306 CHARLES CT
	Date Submitted: 4/11/2021 7:19:00 PM

Dear County Commissioners -

This is a request to approve the previously recommended \$1MM CRA grant award to LeMoyne Arts and the change of project scope. LeMoyne has a time sensitive opportunity to purchase the adjacent property to the south of the gallery and create an educational facility fully accessible by entire the community.

Please be the catalyst to help LeMoyne create an arts education program to support the burgeoning arts community in the Tallahassee area. Your actions will help support the talents of our incredible local artists, assist students of all socioeconomic levels gain valuable instruction, and draw world class artists and art supporters to further build and sustain our city!

Thank you for your leadership!

The following Citizen Comments were received for
Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North
Monroe Corridor Task Force

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Holly Binns
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2107 Mulberry Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 4/11/2021 10:49:00 AM

As a long time resident of the Town & Country neighborhood near North Monroe Street, I strongly encourage you to approve formation of the N. Monroe St. Task Force to address a suite of issues in this area. The recent increase in crime threatens nearby homeowners, businesses and vulnerable homeless individuals. It also decreases property values, when often that is the single largest investment for many homeowners, and so they (myself included) can ill afford for that investment to be devalued due to the deterioration of the nearby area.

This area offers easy access to downtown, midtown, I-10 and the campuses at FSU & FAMU, as well as established neighborhoods with lovely trees and affordable homes. North Monroe Street is also one of the major gateways into our state's capital city, yet it makes a poor impression on visitors. This undermines efforts to position Tallahassee as a destination city and attractive option for new businesses - initiatives in which local government has made significant investments.

I have observed the time and resources put into improving the south side, downtown, midtown, northeast Tallahassee and elsewhere over the past 5-10 years and support those efforts. However, it seems that the northwest area is too often ignored, despite having much to offer. This task force is a critical first step towards identifying needed solutions. I hope that you will support its formation, and carefully consider any recommendations this group may put forward for future action. Thank you for your consideration.

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Connie Callaway O'Brien
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3031 lakeshore drive
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 4:54:00 PM

We have lived on Lakeshore near 110 for 58 years The last year has shown a great amount of homeless standing on the streets at Lakeshore and North Monroe Street, often walking up to cars asking for money , and drinking alcohol out in public and in an area that clearly states no trespassing. They have also used Lakeshore as a pass through to meridian and to Thomasville Road We have seen a decrease of this since the Shelter has reopened. But more needs to be done We are excited for what the prospects are of cleaning up this area and making it an appealing part of our city again

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Haven Cook
Lobbyist: No	Address: 310 N Dellview Dr
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 1:34:00 PM

I have lived on Dellview Drive for 25 years, and I can see N Monroe Street from my front door. The area has changed drastically in the last two years, especially 2020. I no longer feel safe, and have stopped jogging or walking in my neighborhood. I keep my doors locked, even my gates to my backyard. People have come to my door and asked for money, and I've seen them digging through my trash bins when I set them out on collection day. It seems like the businesses I go to - Circle K on Sharer Rd, Publix, fast food restaurants, even the Centre of Tallahassee - everywhere I go people come up and ask for money. I think Tallahassee needs an ordinance prohibiting panhandling. The homeless people hang out all day AND leave a lot of litter (and I've seen them urinating on the sides/rear of businesses).

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Mary Geringer
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3127 Ortega Drive
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 12:16:00 AM

I am in favor of the Citizens' North Monroe Corridor Task Force. As the 'gateway' first impression of Tallahassee, North Monroe is a blight. As a primary traffic corridor for residents in the area, North Monroe can be a visual and safety affront. The increase in numbers of vagrants, homeless and others loitering at intersections makes North Monroe a safety concern for all. This last item appears to have improved since the re-opening of the Kearney Center.

Improvement suggestions: More control of signage style and size, landscaping in medians and between businesses and the street, sidewalks on the west side of Monroe south of Lakeshore Drive, enhanced transit stop design with better overhead protection from the elements, regular patrolling by sheriff and/or police, at intersections/locations where transient persons hang out, to discourage loitering and reduce the potential for crime.

Also, I am very concerned about neighborhood safety, because in early March, we had a middle of the night trespasser, presumably on drugs, on our premises in a quiet residential neighborhood. He knocked on a door at the end of our long driveway, asking for money and odd jobs. (Our house is approximately 1.5 miles from North Monroe and Lakeshore Drive, and is quite a hike in the dark at 1:30 a.m.) He left with no further incident.

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Allen Harkins
Lobbyist: No	Address: Candlewood Suites 2815 LAKESHORE DR
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 7:21:00 PM

THANKS FOR YOUR TIME. I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND THE GENERAL IMPACT OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ON BUSINESSES. I WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE UNIQUE IMPACT IT HAS ON A HOTEL BUSINESS.

1.SAFTEY IS THE NUMBER ONE FACTOR WHEN STAYING OVERNIGHT AT A HOTEL.

A GUEST IS GOING TO BE SPENDING MORE TIME AT THE LOCATION THAN SAY A VISIT TO A DOCTORS OFFICE OR RESTAURANT.

2. OUR CUSTOMERS ARE VISITING THE AREA. THEY ARE NOT LOCALS THAT HAVE A GENERAL SENSE OF THE SAFETY TO THE PART OF TOWN THEY ARE IN. OUR CUSTOMERS ARE IMPACTED GREATLY BY THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

3. WE CAN'T MOVE OUR BUSINESSES. WE HAVE A LARGE INVESTMENT BASED MOSTLY ON THE LOCATION. IF THE LOCATION GOES DOWNHILL THEN SO DOES OUR BUSINESS REGARDLESS OF THE JOB WE ARE DOING.

NOT BEING ABLE TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OURSELVES IS VERY FRUSTRATING.

TO FIND OUT THE POLICE CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS IS AGGRAVATING. OUR PROPERTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR \$500000 A YEAR IN TAXES AND FEES FOR THE COUNTY/CITY. WHEN WE BUILT THIS BUILDING WE DID EVERYTHING THE CITY AND COUNTY REQUIRED. I FELT AT THAT TIME WE SHOOKS HANDS WITH THE COUNTY AGREEING TO DO OUR PART. IT FEELS THAT THE COUNTY ISN'T UPHOLDING IT'S END OF THE DEAL TO PROTECT MY PROPERTY.

I THINK MOST PEOPLE WHEN THEY SEE AN INDIVIDUAL HOMELESS PERSON THEY FEEL EMPATHY. HOWEVER WHEN THEY SEE FIVE TO FIFTEEN PEOPLE TOGETHER THEY ARE UNCOMFORTABLE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME ENFORCEMENT OF MULTIPLE PEOPLE GATHERING.

ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

ALLEN HARKINS OWNER, CANDLEWOOD SUITES

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Madeline Hart
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3302 Robinhood Road
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 3:32:00 PM

Hello,

I am a resident of a well-established neighborhood along the N Monroe corridor. I support the ideas behind this task force and can only hope it will not be made up of well-connected lobbyists, developers, and consultants, and will actually include residents or representatives from the Association of Tallahassee Neighborhoods, etc. If you are looking for citizen participants I would really love to participate but am not sure if the participant list has already been drafted.

This area is a major hub and in-road to the heart of our community and the state it's been allowed to fall into is supremely disappointing to say the least. The idea of building a Greenway here that basically connects multiple communities of houseless people as well as to dead shopping centers (Sharer Rd and the Center of Tallahassee) seems counter-intuitive as I can't think of anyone who would want to use it in its current state. In addition, other than the Okeeheepkee and Lake Jackson Mounds parks in the NW, there is no draw for someone to bike or walk from Lake Ella up this way. There are no restaurants or shopping in this area that would attract people. Personally, I feel the construction of a secondary shelter and associated services for those experiencing homelessness, as well as septic to sewer conversions for the two neighborhoods this greenway will run through would be beneficial before we start building greenways but I digress.

I support this task force. I hope it gets approved and that said approval actually means something to this long suffering area of our City and County.

Thank you,

Madeline Hart

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Susan (Susie) Henderson
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3124 Ortega Drive
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 10:46:00 PM

North Monroe is THE access road to the capitol of Florida, the third largest state in the nation, for the majority of vehicles coming to our city, the airport, FSU, FAMU and more. What are your first and lasting impressions of Tallahassee and Leon County when driving on this street? For me, North Monroe Street, one of our county's older streets, has become an embarrassment and an area in decline with a significant homeless population, crime and blight. We need the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force to tackle multiple challenges. North Monroe Street should start to reveal our city and what it has to offer. I believe that the decline, crime, blight and homeless issues can be helped, improved and eliminated with creative solutions.

I also believe that the Lake Jackson Greenway Project will help solve some problems in our area as well as bring a wonderful opportunity for recreation and connecting our community resources. All of my neighbors are in support of this project. An 8 yr old boy posted a sign today that says "Yay for the Greenway!"

Will you help restore our personal safety? Neighbors avoid some North Monroe businesses. One said a man exposed himself to her child at a gas station. Another neighbor's grandson was held up at gunpoint. Another had a knock on the door at 1:30 a.m. with a young man asking for money, work and was reportedly high on drugs. These type of events never used to take place.

Please, vote yes for the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force.

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Jonathan Lammers
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3164 LAKESHORE DR
	Date Submitted: 4/9/2021 12:50:00 PM

I support the creation of the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force. As a resident of the Lakeshore area, I drive this corridor daily. It is a shame of the city that the primary corridor from I-10 into downtown is one of the ugliest stretches of roadway in Tallahassee. The area needs landscaping, median plantings, and most of all, a sign ordinance that regularizes the visual blight along the roadway. Undergrounding the huge utility wires around Tallahassee Mall would also help. Generally speaking, it feels as though this part of the city was given away to wall-to-wall chain stores, with only a handful of local businesses. Everything about it feels transient and cheap.

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Piyush Patel
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3090 N Monroe St
	Date Submitted: 4/11/2021 7:58:00 PM

I operate Quality Inn just North of I-10, the homeless traffic and crime has been on incline for at least last 3 years. It's very difficult to operate a family friendly business and our customers shy away from N Monroe generally stating they do not feel safe.

We used to win group business from sporting and political events that are either not coming to town any longer or choose not to stay on N Monroe.

This business alone pays over \$24k in property taxes, \$51k in 2018, \$46k in 2019 and \$17k in 2020. Although I would rather move back to TX if N Monroe St maintained it's current condition or gets even worst.

I support the task force proposal as it is a step in the right direction to make the main exit of Tallahassee more appealing to tourism.

suggestion - An officer car rolling though N Monroe businesses parking lots would go a long way in making owners, employees, visitors and visiting workers feel more safe.

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Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Kip and Bev Wells
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3128 Ortega Dr
	Date Submitted: 4/12/2021 9:40:00 AM

We are in favor of the task force to provide ideas to improve the N. Monroe St corridor. We have been living in the immediate area for over 30 years and have noticed a marked degradation of the corridor. Continued development in the area is in need of guidance from all interest groups.

Our hope is to improve pedestrian and bike access to, from and on N. Monroe, which would assist visitors at the hotels and residents with access to local businesses.

Board of County Commissioners, April 13, 2021 Citizen Comments

Item 23 - Approval of the Resolution to Establish the Citizens North Monroe Corridor Task Force	Name: Jeri Workman
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	Date Submitted: 4/11/2021 5:00:00 PM

As a representative of Bojangles, we have spent thousands of dollars to upgrade our landscaping to represent Tallahassee and North Monroe. I believe we need the Task force to help make the North Monroe corridor into the welcoming area it should be.

We need a task force to help put together regulations about panhandling in the area and how to better serve homeless to keep them from just congregating in restaurants and convenience stores.

I fear for my employee every morning as they are opening the unit at 4:30am daily. There is a tent city put up every night on our property right beside the unit.

I feel that guests bypass us if they see homeless just hanging out in front of our restaurant.

Please help us prevent crime and vandalism by creating this task force.