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From: Office of Commissioner Passidomo
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 3:34 PM
To: Commissioner Correspondence
Subject: Docket No. 20240032
Attachments: Denial of Docket #20240032-SU

Please place the attached in Docket No. 20240032.

Thank you!

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From: Brian Fredley <bfredley@bpfdesign.com>
Sent: Monday, April 8, 2024 2:52 PM
To: Records Clerk
Cc: Office of Chairman La Rosa; Office of Commissioner Clark; Office of Commissioner Passidomo; Office of Commissioner Fay; Alexis Martin Yoga; pie@palmislandstates.org
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Attention: Clerk of the Commission

Subject: Docket #20240032-SU

Property Owner: Brian P Fredley – Alexis Martin - Spirit Quest Family Revocable Trust

Property Address: 311 Bocilla Drive, Placida, FL 33946

Barrier Island: Don Pedro Island / Bocilla Island

Owner Email: bfredley@bpfdesign.com

Memo: We are vigilantly opposed to the denial of the Docket #20240032-SU

There is no evidence that this proposed service is needed for the island or property owners. The current septic systems that are on each owner's fee simple property are all permitted under the statutes of Florida and the Florida Building Code. All the properties on the island require the review and permitting from the Department of Environmental Protection to develop these septic systems to insure they are compliant with regards to perk rates, elevation, proximity to bodies of water and total make up. As a result, there is tremendous investment by each landowner to install and maintain their system. There is no advantage of abandoning this permitted, well working and non-problematic system that is in place.

The cost recovery of this sewer system would be passed on to the residents that would be forced to connect. The cost is estimated to be approx. \$ 13-14,000 per property and most do not have the resources to pay for this, not to mention the estimated \$ 265 monthly cost for the utility. Moreover, there would be additional costs to pumping out the existing septic systems or removal, cost of electrical for lift stations, if needed. Lastly, with the potential hurricanes, we currently can maintain our own systems with power outages since these are all gravity systems. With the potential for power outages during storm events; lift station sewer systems would have devastating backups unless generators could be employed, yet another cost to owners.

The environmental impact of bringing a sewer service on to the island would be devastating to the habitat and the individual properties, to say the least. There is an endangered species of animals on this island that should not be disturbed including Gopher Tortoise. We see and experience this wildlife on a daily basis on these properties. In addition, it would require each property owner to give up private property rights with easements. These easements would be where the heavy construction would occur and there would be substantial loss of trees, vegetation, widening roads and habitat. Finally, heavy equipment, traffic congestion and chaos would be occurring to try to do this project on our sand roads.

This island is not a high-density development zoning. Providing sewer encourages rezoning and lobbying to attempt to achieve higher density developments on this pristine barrier island. We are sincerely asking PSC to deny the EU's application for wastewater service. Moreover, this request is unjustified and unwarranted. There is no logical reason to impact the island and all the properties with a private system that everyone is opposed to and destroy this natural Florida

habitat. We are pleading with you to help protect our properties and this barrier island from this development and the domino of future development. There is a hidden agenda for this request, and we urge you to understand what this is.

There are very few natural barrier islands remaining in Florida; that are remarkably untouched, as this one is. This happens to be one of them.

We encourage you to visit our island before making any sort of decision and see for yourself the type of habitat and community we have. I will personally give you a tour of the island to show you these points made above and many more if given the opportunity,

Please call me on my cell to schedule or discuss, 386/212-9206

Thank you, Brian

Brian P. Fredley, President



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