Tomoka Oaks Times Newsletter

An Independent Newsletter Focused on Preventing Residential Development of the Tomoka Oaks Golf Course

Dear Neighbors,

Here is a quick recap of where things stand with the potential development of the golf course property. See the button below to submit your opposition comments to the City Commission:

- April 2022 The developer submitted a Planned Residential Development (PRD) site plan for approximately 272 homes with a 50' buffer separating Tomoka Reserve from our Tomoka Oaks neighborhood.
- Nov 2023 The City Commission remanded (returned) the PRD application back to the Planning Board to negotiate less homes.
- Dec 2023 The developer withdrew their PRD application and is now pursuing an R-2 rezoning map amendment which would allow them to build approximately 317 homes with a 6' buffer separating their homes from Tomoka Oaks homes.
- Jan 2024 <u>City Staff Report</u> recommends the Planning Board deny the R-2 rezoning and keep PRD zoning.
- Jan 2024 The developer's lawyer sent a <u>letter</u> to the city claiming the Staff Report was legally flawed and prevents the developer from their legal entitlement to conventional R-2 zoning. The developer threatens legal action against the city if the Commission denies R-2 rezoning.
- Jan 2024 The Planning Board unanimously recommends the Commission deny the R-2
 rezoning because the developer's lawyer did not provide competent substantial evidence at the
 1/11/24 hearing to prove the property should be rezoned to R-2 (<u>Meeting audio</u>).
- Feb 2024 The Commission will hold their first hearing on 2/20/24. Time and Location are TBD.

Let's unite to share our opposition with the Commission before their hearing!

The developer has threatened legal action against the city if the Commission does not approve their R-2 rezoning. We need to tell the Commission not to give in to these bully tactics. And we must inform the Commission why R-2 should be denied. How? Complete the R-2 Opposition form:

- The R-2 Opposition Form has 5 very short questions.
- Carolyn will compile our responses into a letter for the Commissioners and Mayor which will identify each person who submits the form and their specific concerns.
- Our united voices will make a strong statement encouraging denial of the R-2.
- The form can be submitted by anyone. The more people who submit, the stronger our united voices will be.
- Please submit by Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at the latest. Thank you.

R-2 Opposition Form Watch for future *Tomoka Oaks Times* emails as more details about the Commission Hearing become available.

You can still submit opposition letters to the Commissioners and Mayor even if you complete the R-2 Opposition Form. Email addresses available here.

Reminder: Find out the HOA's plans regarding the R-2 situation by attending the Tomoka Oaks Annual HOA meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the Ormond Beach Senior Center, 351 Andrews St.

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