

MJ Matthews

From: thecreswells@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 10:41 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Fwd: Riverland and budget hearing proposal today

You have a long lasting decision to make today at one or both budget hearings. You can demonstrate your stewardship to the city residents by accepting Commissioner Rogers responsible proposal to allocate funds for purchase of a park on Riverland Road. We overwhelmingly want a park. I do support one of city's proposals (in staff discussion) of a single purpose, trail fit par course. This does not duplicate any of the nearby parks, lowers costs, and supports the "character" of the area. I do not want any language that implies, or specifies "athletic field(s)". This entirely changes the character, the environment, the cost, and the supervision of area. See below the specifics to my plea.

1. You know current and former residents overwhelmingly want a park. This long term environmental vision is supported by tireless efforts of the state, county, and city to

preserve the character of valuable native areas.

2. Do not make this a choice between having a park or destruction of 480 old growth trees. You know this area is famous for its canopy over many acres.

3. Please do not limit the concept of a park by using language that implies, or specifies "athletic fields". This changes, in entirety the concept of character.

4. This duplicates athletic fields that are within a mile and half to half mile distance from this proposed park. If you add athletic field(s) language that creates well

known expensive infrastructure, more hard surface accesses, motorized vehicle use, supervision, security, and list goes on. You are well aware of these issues at

current active sites.

5. You may not know, are 10 well used city athletic fields with multi day and night uses. There are some 60 to 70 acres of city parks, athletic fields, and supervised community centers in this area. Two public schools have 5 or more pre-built athletic fields and active play equipment that could be re opened as they once were, to the community. The city partnered with community, and public schools, and Sheridan Vocational High school in the neighborhood very successfully.

You have a choice: Allow the resolution as a park. Use wording that promotes a city suggestion of an active , single purpose trail fit par course. (a non duplicated active

park) Or leave the language as a park only, allowing time for a true partnership discussion.

The city and community worked many years in partnership to create the vibrant wonderful downtown we enjoy today.

As a resident of Riverland for 48 years and part of a family of six generations of volunteer service for the development of our extraordinary downtown, I am asking you to

use your critical opportunity to enhance and protect this treasure. Partner with us by opening up the opportunity to talk about a single use park with a par course. Avoid ambiguous and potentially damaging language. Lets have a park.

MJ Matthews

From: cind5988@bellsouth.net
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 12:33 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Park

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: cind5988@bellsouth.net
Date: September 7, 2016 at 12:31:37 PM EDT
To: "jack.seiler@fortlauderdale.gov" <jack.seiler@fortlauderdale.gov>
Subject: 2681 Riverland Park

Dear Comissioner,

I am writing to contribute my strong support for adding 2681 Riverland Road to our Ft Lauderdale active parks system. I am so excited that this beautiful natural habitat may be purchased by Ft Lauderdale for our neighborhood to enjoy forever!

My husband and I moved here from New Mexico in 1993 and we have enjoyed our "Old Florida" neighborhood so much since then. This is a property we pass by everyday and we feel ourselves so lucky to have this right where we live. Until Mr. Black bought it from his neighbor, with money-to-be-made in mind..we were clueless, but that the possibility that we might lose it, was always in the back of our minds. Yes, that's what we all think. The natural beauty is ours until a developer decides to invade a neighborhood, turn a tidy profit, and steal away before anybody notices the 'flaws'.

In New Mexico, the state makes a concerted effort to keep the sacred lands and preserve some of the past..for the future.

Here, in Riverland, we have another opportunity to keep and preserve, in essence, a sacred land. A spot to perpetuate and preserve a small place for animals, birds, and people.

I understand that in the past 10 years or so, Ft Lauderdale, Broward, and Florida have purchased and provided numerous pocket parks and spaces for people and dogs. Some have been dotted with vegetation or have been carved and configured for parks, with added amenities. And that's great, really. I enjoy one of these at thermal park at the 441 entrance into our Riverland Road neighborhood. Well enough....BUT, if you look at an overhead photo of this particular Black property, you will view trees. Period, old growth tree canopies that the Seminoles sat under and used in centuries past. A beautiful tree covered ground with all manner of respite for birds, bees, animals, amphibians. A NATURAL park. Boom, you've got it here. It doesn't have to be manufactured or created. It's already present.

How could we possibly justify carving into this mini forest to plop some sloppy, cheap town homes? It would simply be a travesty and a crime against nature and the residents that said they would join the city back a few years ago. The city promised to take care of us. And if the city purchase this park for us, we can be happy, and we will know that those promises have been kept. It is a space that will be cherished and used long after you and I are gone..

We are a neighborhood of walkers, bike riders, runners, bird watchers, butterfly habitat keepers, neighbors, friends, homeowners. In short, we are people. And we need and want this to be

preserved as a park.

It should be evident to the city and its commissioners by now, that this neighborhood is serious in this endeavor and we stand together as a neighborhood to stanch the tide of irresponsible development in this little piece of our world.

I hope that you will see our support for this purchase is felt deeply across the streets and homes surrounding our neighborhood.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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3151 RIVERLAND ROAD

Sent from my iPhone

MJ Matthews

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Submitted by

From: Korvick, Joanne E <duckweed@ufl.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 10:28 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Road park

Commissioner Rogers

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

I love the idea for the park on Riverland Road. Broward County in general, is short on athletic fields. An exercise track would make exercising safer for people using the sidewalks on Riverland, they can get crowded sometimes. Thank you for considering this enhancement to our improving neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Joanne Korvick
2407 Gulfstream Lane

MJ Matthews

From: Helen Gray <hgray@ammi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 10:47 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Vote Sept 7th to purchase Riverland property for a park

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

I am a resident on Andros Lane in Lauderdale Isles in the Riverland area. I have been in our home since 1993 and in the Isles since 1989. I implore you to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road on Sept 7, 2016.

I don't know the last time you drove down Riverland and passed this beautiful property that is home to protected owls, butterflies, majestic 200-year-old live oaks, nesting herons, gopher tortoises and other endangered species that exist on this site and on surrounding lands.

The foliage is dense and many of the homes are the original ones built in the 50s, when this was considered a wild part of unincorporated Broward. It's a magical place - the "Coconut Grove of Fort Lauderdale," and many people don't even know the neighborhood exists. Homes were designed around huge live oak trees, rather than cutting them down for easy tract home construction. Tremendous care went into preserving these beautiful specimen trees, highly valued and prized as living artwork and sculpture.

The Riverland Area was annexed by the City of Fort Lauderdale from unincorporated Broward county in February of 2002, and, understanding how special and important this area was, under Resolution 02-28 the City promised to preserve the existing character, integrity and unique lifestyle of the area.

In addition to environmental and lot size impacts, concerns over D.R.Horton's proposed development include life and safety issues. Access to the proposed development is on a busy, dangerous curve of Riverland Road.

Preservation of the trees, green space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood is all possible with your vote to purchase this property. Please save this green space.

Thank you,

Helen & Bill Gray
2425 Andros Lane
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312
954-583-5550

MJ Matthews

From: kathy smith <kathysmith2k7@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 10:48 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2682 Riverland Road preservation

I am in favor of the Commission to vote at the September 7th meeting in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include an athletic field and walking/fitness trail.Sent from my iPhone

MJ Matthews

From: domestic.goddess@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 11:09 AM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Robert McKinzie; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road, Fort Lauderdale 33312

Gentlemen:

I am a resident and homeowner in the Riverland area for over fifteen years. Additionally, I have fond memories of the Riverland area from when I lived in Plantation in the 1970's.

Each one of you that will take the time to read this e-mail are very familiar with the beauty and uniqueness of this part of Fort Lauderdale. It is the reason way we have such a diverse community of residents and housing. What we need is to keep what precious "greenspace" we have left and not a "home" development or cemetery. While this plat of land does not have room for a "field" of any kind (it would also deplete our greenery and animals) it would be a lovely place for a Community Park with little to no impact on the neighborhood. Only pluses, a lovely park, a place for children to run around, perhaps a swing or two and a Pars Course.

It has to seem obvious that our neighborhood does not want any sort of "commercial" type structures on this vacant piece of land. Or perhaps it is not so obvious as the last e-mail I generate only had a response from our Mayor. Remember this during election time, those who take the time to write an e-mail tend to take the time o vote.

Please do whatever necessary to obtain this piece of property for the our neighborhood to share with all of Fort Lauderdale.

Thank you!

Stephanie Shaw Leiva

MJ Matthews

From: john becker <jbmastermariner@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:35 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Robert McKinzie
Subject: vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road

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I am a resident on Bimini Lane in Lauderdale Isles in the Riverland area. I have been in our home since 2000 and in the Isles since 1979. I implore you to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road on Sept 7, 2016.

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Thank you,

John Becker

2424 Bimini Lane

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: Caroline Dungan Bass <carolinebass2011@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:42 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Cc: Brett Bass
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

When Brett and I decided to move from Rio Vista to the Riverland Woods area of Ft Lauderdale, the gateway property of 2681 Riverland Road was particularly appealing and set the mode for the "big bend" of Riverland Road into the "woods" area where we now live. This property set the tone for the area as an "authentic Florida" neighborhood with its magnificent oak hammocks and wooded large lot homes. It was our understanding as part of the annexation into the City of Fort Lauderdale, the uniqueness of this area would be preserved.

I would like to appeal to you to vote September 7th in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include an athletic field and walking/fitness trail.

Thank you for your service and your consideration in this matter.

Kindest Regards,

Caroline

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*Caroline Bass
Bass Realty and Investments, Inc.
1117 East Las Olas Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301
954-562-7212*

MJ Matthews

From: isabel rimanoczy <isabelrimanoczy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 12:58 PM
To: Romney Rogers; Robert McKinzie
Subject: Fwd: Pause and reflect about preserving an Old Florida treasure

Dear Commissioners Rogers and Roberts,

I am a scholar and educator in Sustainability, author and blogger of the Huffington Post, and I created the United Nations PRME Working Group on the Sustainability Mindset. My husband and I are residents on Sugarloaf Lane in Lauderdale Isles in the Riverland area. We have been in our home since 2010. We implore you to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road on Sept 7, 2016.

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Thank you,

Isabel Rimanoczy
Ernie Turner
2449 Sugarloaf Lane
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

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Isabel Rimanoczy, Ed.D.

Convener LEAP!

MJ Matthews

From: Dody Katz <midy@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 1:05 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Park

Please vote at the September 7th meeting in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include an athletic field and walking/fitness trail. Preservation of the trees, green space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood is all possible with this active park option. Thanks.

MJ Matthews

From: Marcella Ruffo <marcella.ruffo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 1:15 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road Purchase

Good afternoon Commissioner,

I wanted to write as a home owner in the Riverland neighborhood of Fort Lauderdale. I have remained abreast to the situation involving the acreage at 2681 Riverland Road and it has come to my attention that an "active" park is being discussed for the property. I wanted to say that this would be the best thing for our community! There is a small park at the end of Riverland Road, near 441, but for those of us that live close to the Davie Blvd portion, a new park would be much closer. My husband and I regularly run on Riverland Rd, but the sidewalks and overgrown bushes are a mess in segments. We would love to run to a park with a track and maybe even some of those fitness "machines" similar to the ones on Fort Lauderdale Beach, that would be amazing! Please keep this option alive for those of us that live/own here! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Marcella Zamis

MJ Matthews

From: Carolyn Edelstein <carolynedel@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 3:27 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: PL15004

Dear Mr. Rogers,

My name is Carolyn Edelstein and I live at 2490 Andros Ln, aka 32nd Ave, just off of Riverland Road and just West of the New River High School.

I ask that you vote in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include an athletic field and walking/fitness trail on Sept 7, 2016.

I have lived in this area for 5 years and I walk the Riverland area everyday. I used to marvel at the jungle I passed all the time in the area that I now know is the Black property. I gasped when I saw it cleared. I assumed the property was for sale, but rumors suggested something else. Obviously, the rumors were false. Developing this property irresponsibly—without thought to the visual, environmental and safety concerns, would rape the authentic “old Florida” appearance of the property, further devastate the already misplaced wildlife that called that area home, and, like a domino effect, it would open doors for the whole neighborhood to get remodeled over time, thus, taking on whatever moniker the burb architecture of this decade will be labeled.

Our neighborhood is already stressed from too much drain overflow and the traffic on that bend, already known as “Dead Man’s Curve” is already scarily unsafe. I’m told there were some promises made when the area was annexed in 2002 that were set in place to preserve the unique character of the area. The development of this property as previously proposed would break that promise.

Thank-you.
Carolyn Edelstein
2490 Andros Ln
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: Max Smith <maxsmith54@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 3:34 PM
To: Jack Seiler; D.Tratalis@fortlauderdale.gov; Robert McKinzie; Bruce G. Roberts
Cc: Romney Rogers
Subject: PROPERTY AT 2681 RIVERLAND ROAD.

Dear Sirs, The city of Fort Lauderdale has a unique opportunity to add one of the last remaining fairly large parcels of land to the city's park system by acquiring the property at 2681 River land Road. The residences of the area would love to see an active park on this site instead of the continual development of the area. I know numerous people and their dogs would like to see a dog park included for this site. As a home owner in Flamingo Park I urge you to support commissioners Rogers proposed budget amendment on Sept. 7th. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Wayne M Smith.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

MJ Matthews

From: Gina Robichaux <gina@milieuintl.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 5:02 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road / Active Park

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

It was our understanding when we purchased our home in the Riverland area of Fort Lauderdale, that the City would preserve this areas' uniqueness as part of the agreement made at the time it was annexed into the City from Un-Incorporated Broward County.

I would like to appeal to you to vote September 7th in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include a walking/fitness trail, and River access but preserving the magnificent oak and sable palm hammock.

Thank you for your service and your consideration in this matter.

Kind regards,

Gina and Jason Robichaux
2121 SW 28 Way
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

From: Angelina Pluzhnyk <lina@chyden.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 5:08 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Robert McKinzie
Subject: Purchase of 2681 Riverland Road

Dear City Commission,

I am a resident on Lauderdale Isles, in the Riverland Road area. I have lived in our home since 2011. I believe that the land at 2681 Riverland Road should be put to its highest and best use, both to maximize tax revenues and to

reflect the market's preferred use of the land. Ideally, this would involve the construction of one or two dozen town-homes or detached homes.

I understand that oaks and palms are nice. However, dictating the use of somebody else's property goes against everything that real proper ownership stands for.

The impact on the traffic, given how many hundreds of homes have access to Riverland Road should be trivial.

If the current owner of the land or a prospective buyer wishes to donate the land to the City of Fort Lauderdale, that is fine. But to engage in the taking of real property that a small number of activists want creates even more financial

burden on the City of Fort Lauderdale, both in compensating the owner and maintaining a preservation area or a park.

If these activists wish to buy the land and donate it to the city, this is perfectly fine, but to require the taxpayers to divert tax money from alternative uses – e.g., storm water issues, police patrols, road repairs, etc – in order to

compensate the owner for not being allowed to develop the land to its highest and best use is unacceptable.

MJ Matthews

From: Regina Steinbeck <rstein33312@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 7:05 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland

I am supporting your vote at the September 7th meeting to be in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include an athletic field and walking/fitness trail.

Preservation of the trees, green space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood is all possible with this active park option. I have lived in the Riverland area (3 houses from the site in question) for over 30 years, and want to preserve the uniqueness of this area.

Thank you for your support.

MJ Matthews

From: A <ar3632@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 9:09 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Dear sir, I have lived in the area for 25 years and am so proud of the neighborhood that has this environmental treasure in Fort Lauderdale. Please preserve the Riverland Road as an active park. Thank you, Adrian Halper & Ramon Santiesteban.

MJ Matthews

From: josef001@comcast.net
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 6:12 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

I am IN FAVOR OF THE CITY PURCHASING THE PROPERTY at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Jose Frias

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

MJ Matthews

From: DillonJoey@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 7:52 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Road property

Please vote to purchase the Riverland property for a park to preserve the character of the area.

Thanks a million.

**Jo Dillon
2889 Riverland Road**

MJ Matthews

From: pcjreece@charter.net
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 9:11 AM
To: Jack Seiler
Cc: Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Robert McKinzie; RMckinzie@fortlsuderdale.gov
Subject: Riverland Road Property

Dear Mayor, Vice-Mayor and City Commissioners,

I was born and raised in Broward County, specifically 2973 Riverland Road. What a great neighborhood to grow up in! I moved to North Carolina after fast food joints and condominiums began springing up in the sleepy town of Davie, where I spent many happy hours riding my horse. Since then, I have been making frequent trips to Ft. Lauderdale to visit with friends, and the one thing that always brings a smile to my face is that my Riverland Road neighborhood has essentially not changed. I'm afraid I can't say the same about the rest of the county, but I understand change is inevitable. So, I feel the idea of the City of Ft. Lauderdale purchasing the 5 acres in the curve of Riverland Road for use as a park/green space would be the best solution for the neighborhood. Picturing 18 homes crammed onto that piece of land is not pretty, not to mention the traffic issues that will ensue.

I ask that you please vote to preserve this beautiful parcel of land by leaving it as a nature area that everyone can enjoy!

Thank you,

Patricia Derteen Reece
Candler, North Carolina

MJ Matthews

From: Martine Marie <martinem2743@att.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 9:24 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: PRESERVE RIVERLANDS BEAUTY

I don't know the last time you drove down Riverland and passed this beautiful property that is home to protected owls, butterflies, majestic 200-year-old live oaks, nesting herons, gopher tortoises and other endangered species that exist on this site and on surrounding lands.

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Thank you,

Martine Marie

(954) 708 0678

MJ Matthews

From: Millab@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 11:58 AM
To: Jack Seiler
Cc: Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; RMckinzie@fortlauderdale.gov
Subject: Riverland Road property

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Commissioners,

I've lived on a beautiful piece of property on Riverland Road for 48 years. Our neighborhood was unincorporated until 2002. Our choices were Davie, Dania and Fort Lauderdale and we became part of the City of Fort Lauderdale, with a promise that you would preserve the existing character and lifestyle of our area.

Now the beautiful five acres with 200 year old live oak trees and endangered owls, turtles and other species are in danger if the developer is allowed to build 14 tract homes on this property. The dense foliage and remaining trees that have not been "mutilated" could grow back if the City keeps it's promise to our neighborhood.

I understand a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing this property at 2681 Riverland Road will be voted upon on September 7th, 2016. I ask that you please vote to preserve this parcel of land by leaving it as a natural park that everyone can enjoy!

Many thanks,

Marge Miller
2913 Riverland Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: Arlene Avellanet <aavellanet@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 11:59 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Arlene Avellanet
Tanbark Ln

MJ Matthews

From: Millab@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 12:08 PM
To: Jack Seiler
Cc: Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Robert McKinzie
Subject: Riverland Road property budget amendment

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and City Commissioners,

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Marge Miller
2913 Riverland Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: gayle gibson <gibson2@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 12:15 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

To whom it may concern,

I am IN FAVOR of the city purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Thank you.

Gayle Gibson

MJ Matthews

From: jadepisut@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 1:08 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

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MJ Matthews

From: jadepisut@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 1:09 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

I am contacting you today with concern over the proposal to the land at the address listed above. I have lived in the Riverland area since 1998. I also spent plenty of time in this area as a teenager, and again in my early 20's. I have seen the area grow and change. Not always for the better. The proposed park would be a great enhancement to the area, as long as the park doesn't have an impact on the current environmental aspect.

I hope you could see the benefit of having a great park to exercise and enjoy one of the few areas in this city that are truly "old Florida" over another row of houses. There is a huge difference in having a man made park that has been cleared of native greenery, and looks like a cookie cutter of all the rest, and one that allows you to experience a little of the raw, natural beauty that this land has to offer.

In closing, I am for the park, as opposed to allowing it to be developed by another home builder trying to make a profit from of our land. However, I ask that the land be preserved to the best possible measure of the natural aspect of the area.

Jade Pisut
3321 SW 15th Ct
Riverland Village Resident

Sent from Windows Mail

MJ Matthews

From: kathy smith <kathysmith2k7@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 2:16 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road!

Dear Commissioner

I am a resident in the Riverland area. I have been in our home since 1962. I implore you to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road on Sept 7, 2016.

I don't know the last time you drove down Riverland and passed this beautiful property that is home to protected owls, butterflies, majestic 200-year-old live oaks, nesting herons, gopher tortoises and other endangered species that exist on this site and on surrounding lands.

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Preservation of the trees, green space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood is all possible with your vote to purchase this property. Please save this green space.

Thank you,
Kathryn Smith

Sent from my iPhone

MJ Matthews

From: Kirstin Carlson <kirstinhome@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 2:26 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road, to be used as an active park.

Please purchase the beautiful land! Please either leave it alone - it's so pretty the way it is, or perhaps allow for an exercise park w/mulch trail or a dog park, which is desperately needed. Literally everyone on my street has at least 1 dog!

Thanks in advance,
Kirstin Carlson
Richard Young
2506 Gulfstream Ln.

MJ Matthews

From: Andrew Blanco <vanderrohe6327@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 2:27 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Good afternoon,

My name is Andrew Blanco, I have been a resident of the river land area for a little over a year. Part of what attracted me to the area was the beautiful mature trees and the green space that is no longer seen among newer south Florida neighborhoods. When I heard that there was a chance that new tract homes would replace the beautiful green space at 2681 Riverland road I felt it my duty as a resident of the Riverland area to reach out and let you know that I am totally against this. Please preserve this space as an active park. The beauty of our neighborhood, I feel, is unparalleled to most in the Broward county area.

I hope my email will move you to make the right decision.

Thank you,

Andrew Blanco

Sent from my iPhone

MJ Matthews

From: amjrpa1 <amjrpamail@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 3:20 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie, and Rogers:

I am in favor of the Commission to vote at the September 7th meeting in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park limited to a jogging, walking/fitness trail. This fits in perfectly for the community and would be an active park. As you may know, the residents of Riverland use Riverland Road as a running, jogging, and walking track, but it is dangerous due to the heavy traffic, the curve, and the sidewalk which is not evenly paved.

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Best wishes,

Angelo "Tony" Marino, Jr.
2500 Riverland Road
Ft Lauderdale, FL

MJ Matthews

From: Robyn Reilly Chancey <robyn@thebestlifeteam.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 4:02 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers; Lee Feldman
Cc: Tracy Roach; rmmatthews@fortlauderdale.gov; Scott Wyman; Robbi Uptegrove; Safeea Ali; Aixa Penedo; rsablack@bellsouth.net
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Rogers, McKinzie and Roberts,

As you know from our meetings and correspondence over the past year, I have been intensely involved in the effort to preserve the 5+ acre property at 2681 Riverland Road.

I greatly appreciate the time and effort that Commissioner Rogers and City Manager Lee Feldman have spent working with our community, the Riverland Preservation Society and Mr. Robert Black to come to a successful conclusion with regards to this property. I feel confident that we have finally found the perfect solution.

I strongly support and encourage the Mayor and Commissioners to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purchase of 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park. The entire City of Fort Lauderdale will benefit greatly from the additional preserved green space, tree canopy and fitness area a park will provide.

Thank you all for your time, service and consideration.

Sincerely,

Robyn Reilly Chancey
2500 SW 21st Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
c 803-215-9966
h 754-551-6954

In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks.
John Muir

MJ Matthews

From: Stacey Keane <staceykeane@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 4:06 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Commissioner Rogers,

It has come to my attention that the property at 2681 Riverland Road is under review to be purchased by the city as an active park. As resident homeowners who live in Flamingo Park, we sincerely hope this purchase goes through for this designated purpose. This active park would become a park of our routine, as we walk this road for exercise daily. It would especially be wonderful if it would be dog friendly!

As you are aware, the community is quite hopeful that residential development does not commence in this location. An active park would be an ideal solution!

I would like to thank you for your assistance in this cause and the dedication to our community.

~Stacey Keane

~Stacey

MJ Matthews

From: Eva Scott <evaimscott@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 4:40 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Eva Scott
3241 SW 23 Court
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Sent from my iPad

MJ Matthews

From: Katherine Ames <tootleska@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 4:45 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Property for a Park

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

I am a resident in Oak River in the Riverland area. I have been in our home since 1997. I implore you to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road on Sept 7, 2016. I don't know the last time you drove down Riverland and passed this beautiful property that is home to protected owls, butterflies, majestic 200-year-old live oaks, nesting herons, gopher tortoises and other endangered species that exist on this site and on surrounding lands.

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Thank you,

Katherine Ames
1857 SW 24th Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: bruce cummings <spirited1bc@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 6:18 PM
To: Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Lee Feldman; Robert McKinzie
Subject: riverland property

Gentlemen, Here we have an opportunity to purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include an athletic field and walking/fitness trail. I highly endorse purchasing this piece as it is one of the last large stands of oak trees that we have left in lauderdale. We need this property for many reasons, all of which you have heard before. I'm just adding my name and my desire to have this land for preservation, not development. Thank you for considering my voice, brucie cummings

ps, I'd also like you to consider buying at least part of the land running along davie blvd. between 9th Ave and The Davie Bridge on the north side. It is owned by the Wittens who owned Causeway Lumber, and the parents wanted to keep this land as is. The kids want the money. There is a stand of Pine trees in this area which is also one of the last left in these parts and you cannot transplant pines. It has not been able to be successfully developed because of the entrance and exits needed for a large development, but I think they would sell at least part of this land which would be a great add to our parks!! Please look into this and I will do whatever is needed to help with this decision.

MJ Matthews

From: Todd Graham <tgmdiver@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 6:22 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Don't let them destroy the the riverland area by building multi unit housing . please support building a park in that area . active park / dog park.

Thank you
Todd graham

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MJ Matthews

From: Sabra Hall <sabrahall1@icloud.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 9:24 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Please purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Please consider purchasing this property. This is part of what makes Riverland Road so unique and beautiful.

Thank you,
Sabra Hall

MJ Matthews

From: Ana Fuquay <psychmama@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 6:49 AM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Robert McKinzie
Subject: Property on Riverland Road

Dear Mr. Seiler, Mr Roberts, Mr. Trantalis, Mr. Rogers, and Mr. Mckinzie,

I am emailing you to voice my support for the city purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

Respectfully yours,
Ana Fuquay

MJ Matthews

From: Tim Patrus <Tjp46@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 9:39 AM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers
Cc: amjrpa1
Subject: Re: Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, Mckenzie, and Rogers,

As a member of the Riverland community since 1954 I want to express the exact same sentiments described by Mr Marino. I fully support the budget amendment for a park that maintains all the large old growth tree canopy. The century old oak trees on this unique property are irreplaceable. The jogging, walking/fitness trail is a perfect fit. Although there is a small open area on the property it is not sufficient for a full size soccer field. And the other issues raised about any ballfield that would bring in too many participants at any one time are spot on.

Please support the amendment and keep the tree canopy.

Thanks,
Tim & Kathy Patrus
2554 Riverside Drive
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312

On Sep 1, 2016, at 3:20 PM, amjrpa1 <amjrpamail@aol.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie, and Rogers:

I am in favor of the Commission to vote at the September 7th meeting in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park limited to a jogging, walking/fitness trail. This fits in perfectly for the community and would be an active park. As you may know, the residents of Riverland use Riverland Road as a running, jogging, and walking track, but it is dangerous due to the heavy traffic, the curve, and the sidewalk which is not evenly paved.

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Best wishes,

Angelo "Tony" Marino, Jr.
2500 Riverland Road
Ft Lauderdale, FL

MJ Matthews

From: Amy Thomas <akthomas0627@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 11:49 AM
To: Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Bruce G. Roberts; Jack Seiler
Cc: Romney Rogers
Subject: Support an Active Park at 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor McKenzie, Trantalis and Roberts:

I am writing to you to request that you support Commissioner Roger's budget amendment to purchase 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park on September 7.

That property is so beautiful and one of the last vestiges of "Old Florida" in Fort Lauderdale. Furthermore, preserving open space for parks and recreation should be a priority for a city that has seen such rapid development over the years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Thomas

MJ Matthews

From: Littlejohn, Sharon <sharon.littlejohn@floridamoves.com>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 12:12 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers; amjrpamail@aol.com
Cc: amjrpa1
Subject: Re: Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie, and Rogers:

I am a resident in Riverland at 2421 SW 28th Ave and I am also in favor of the Commission to vote at the September 7th meeting in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park limited to a jogging, walking/fitness trail.

We appreciate all you do to better our community and hope that you will enhance this beautiful area of Fort Lauderdale by approving this purchase.

Best,
Sharon

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International Luxury Marketing Specialist
Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate
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MJ Matthews

From: Emirandalopez@aol.com
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 12:37 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Mr Rogers:

It is to be commended the City's Commission intent to save this so beautiful place for the community enjoyment and neighborhood character preservation.

I support the approval of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include an athletic field and walking/fitness trail.

Sincerely Yours,
E, Miranda Lopez

MJ Matthews

From: Christian <cgarbayo@fastmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 1:52 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Commisioner Rogers,

My name is Christian Garbayo and I live at 1748 SW 24 ave. I would like to advise you that I am IN FAVOR OF THE CITY PURCHASING THE PROPERTY at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park"

Sincerely,
Christian Garbayo

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Christian
cgarbayo@fastmail.com

MJ Matthews

From: artemariam@gmail.com on behalf of Mariam Tamborenea
<mariam.tamborenea@minervas.org>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 7:17 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Letters to City Commission for purchase of the Riverland property for a park

Dear Romney Rogers - commissioner

I don't know the last time you drove down Riverland and passed this beautiful property that is home to protected owls, butterflies, majestic 200-year-old live oaks, nesting herons, gopher tortoises and other endangered species that exist on this site and on surrounding lands.

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Preservation of the trees, green space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood is all possible with your vote to purchase this property. Please save this green space, so that you can proudly show it to your grandchildren, instead of showing them a picture of how it once was, this jewel of Old Florida in the heart of Fort Lauderdale.

Thank you,

Mariam Tamborenea
Minervas Artistic Director
mariam.tamborenea@minervas.org



<http://minervas.org>



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MJ Matthews

From: Heidi Engel <heidiandmarkengel@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2016 9:16 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Bruce G. Roberts
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road Property

Good evening Commissioners,

I am a resident on Riverview Dr which is between the subject property and New River Middle School. I have been keeping up with the proposals, requests and recommendations for the property on the Riverland curve through my neighborhood civic association and my in-laws who live on the adjacent private street on the back side of the subject property.

I am pleased the plat proposal for 13 single family homes was denied. I listened to the portion of the meeting last week where the discussion supported the addition of an active park opposed to a passive park.

I am in full support and encourage you to vote on September 7th in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase this subject property for use as an active park! I also propose serious consideration of sand volleyball courts to be included in the plans of the active park. Sand volleyball is an exploding international sport, yet the availability of QUALITY sand courts is scarce. Three courts on this site would be much more accessible to residents away from the beach and would blend with the desired character of the surrounding neighborhood at a relatively low cost.

Again, I encourage you to vote on September 7 in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase this subject property for use as an active park! Furthermore, please consider sand volleyball courts as part of this active park.

Thank you,

Heidi Engel

MJ Matthews

From: Greg Blodig <gb2200@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 03, 2016 5:15 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Robert McKinzie
Subject: Park At 2681 Riverland Rd.

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie, and Rogers:

I am a resident of the City in the Riverland area. I and my neighbors are in favor of the Commission to vote in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park. It would be one of the best expenditures I could think of, and would be greatly appreciated (and used) by all in the community. This is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity for the City to take advantage of.

Sincerely,

Greg Blodig
2200 SW 27th Terrace
Fort Lauderdale, FL

MJ Matthews

From: MaryLou <ma385@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2016 2:44 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: River land Road Property

Please vote for an active park for this property. We need this in our neighborhood. There are so many people walking here daily. We want to preserve some green areas...if we wanted asphalt and high rise apartments we would have stayed in the city.

Sent from my iPhone

MJ Matthews

From: Lee Bacall <lee@binarystar.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 04, 2016 11:23 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Robert McKinzie
Subject: In support of the City of Fort Lauderdale purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road for use as an active park.

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie, and Rogers:

I have been a permanent resident of the Riverland area since 1992, and a fan of this unique area since 1963.

I and my neighbors SUPPORT the Commission voting in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park.

This is truly a wonderful (and one-time-only) opportunity for the City to:

- Preserve and retain important old-growth Canopy cover thriving on this property.
- Provide an active park for people to congregate, play, exercise, and enrich the lives of people in the neighborhood.

Sincerely

Lee Bacall, Secretary
Riverland Preservation Society, Inc.
<http://www.riverlandpreservation.org>

voice: 954-791-8575
cell: 954-655-6581
fax: 954-584-4567
skype: leebacall

MJ Matthews

From: Fhyremedic@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 10:48 AM
To: Dean Trantalis; Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Robert McKinzie
Cc: lee@binarystar.com; jeremytchancey@gmail.com; robynrcancey@gmail.com; cleikauf@gmail.com; bshaffner@msn.com; Greg.Blodig@gmlaw.com; johntbennett@hotmail.com; Tjp46@aol.com
Subject: 2681 Riverland Rd Property

September 5, 2016

City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioners
200 SE 6th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

RE: Property 2681 Riverland Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Dear Commissioners and Mayor:

I am in support of the city's purchase of the Black Property at 2681 Riverland Road for a park. For greater than a year this neighborhood and community have struggled with the possible development of this property. It has brought many community members and families together to become active participants in the area we live.

Finally a possible solution...a park...has been proposed by the city and supported by the greater majority of residents. Personally, I like the name Riverland Park. Certainly there will be a few greedy, irrational neighbors that will oppose this idea. Yes these same individuals have not participated in suggesting any other viable alternatives.

This unique ecosystem (the oak tree canopy and wildlife) which is possibly the last remaining in Fort Lauderdale area would complement the city's plan for complete streets/T.I.G.E.R. project that will be commencing in the future. Many residents will enjoy the beauty, shade and daytime activities. The magnificent trees will continue to provide food and shelter to the native species and migratory birds.

This in my view is the BEST solution.

As our representatives to our community, I would ask for each city commissioner's support to purchase this very special area. I also would ask that you proceed cautiously with any project that may include the tree canopy or removal of trees.

This is our home. This is where we have chosen to live. We love the area and would be very disappointed with any change in the characteristics that we have grown to appreciate as an asset to our city.

Sincerely,

Mark & Carla Cantor
2060 Riverland Road
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

From: Debbie Bates <debbie@southflhomes.com>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 1:45 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Rd. - Active Park Please?

I have been a resident of the Riverland area most of my life, as my parents bought an acre of property on Riverland Rd. when I was 5 years old. I'm 54 now. Growing up, I always knew the big 5 acre parcel at 2681 Riverland Rd. as Jean Enzenbacher's house. What a beautiful piece of property that was – and still is! Now as an adult and licensed Realtor, you might think I would love the idea of that property being developed into 13 homes, as that would mean more homes for me to sell! But that's not the case! I would be SO sad to see that property split up into small parcels. This property is one of the few remaining larger pieces of land that was once so prevalent in Fort Lauderdale. Where do we see 5 acre lots in Fort Lauderdale anymore? That piece of property is one of the reasons I chose to stay in the Riverland area as I grew up and eventually decided to buy my own home in this community. You just don't see properties like this anymore and it would be a true shame to see it split up & subdivided into a neighborhood of its own.

I'm emailing you to urge you to vote for this property to become an active park. It would be wonderful for residents to be able to continue enjoying the beauty of this property as they walk, bicycle or drive around the bend on Riverland Rd. In addition, I would love to see this be dog friendly. We have one other park on Riverland and it's not dog friendly. We need a place in our neighborhood for people to walk with their dogs. On leash of course! So I hope you will strongly consider my request at your next Commission meeting.

One last thing to consider is that the bend on Riverland Rd. has seen its share of accidents over the years. Mostly people taking the curve too wide and hitting the wall across the street. I can't help but think that adding 13 homes with people pulling in throughout the day & night would likely increase accidents in that area.

Thank you,

~Debbie

Debbie Bates, Realtor, ePRO, GRI
Coral Shores Realty
Phone: 954-557-7036
Fax: 888-329-8030



MJ Matthews

From: Kathy Leikauf <kleikauf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 3:10 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Budget Request Sept 7

Dear Mr. Rogers,

I would like to request that the city purchase the land at 2681 Riverland Rd. for an active fit Trail Park. I would also like to request that the park have no lighting, and be closed at night. In designing the park I request that you do not harm, remove, or relocate any trees on the land.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Leikauf

2110 Riverland Rd.

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

MJ Matthews

From: Kathy Leikauf <kleikauf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 3:23 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; BRiberts@fortlauderdale.gov; Robert McKinzie
Subject: Budget request Sept 7

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Sincerely,
Kathy Leikauf
2110 Riverland Rd.

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MJ Matthews

From: Charles Leikauf <cleikauf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 6:06 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers; Lee Feldman
Cc: MJ Matthews
Subject: Re: PARK AT 2681 RIVERLAND RD - BUDGET AMENDMENT TO PURCHASE AS AN ACTIVE PARK

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie, and Rogers:

The Riverland Preservation Society ask that you strongly consider an amendment to they City's Budget to purchase this property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active park.

This subject property is located in an older historic section of Fort Lauderdale and has several hundred trees located on it with many of these trees being specimen hundred year old oaks.

It is located on the east bend of Riverland Road and has been presented to the the Planning and Zoning Board for platting for 13 homes twice with the same negative results for the applicant due to the overwhelming objection to the removal, relocation, or subsequent destruction of the 485 trees by the hundreds of residents in the Riverland Community.

This part of the Riverland area is very active with many joggers, walkers, bicyclists, dog walkers, and Mom's and Dad's with strollers using the existing side walk and road adjacent to this parcel.

This property is best suited for an active fit trail park (Par Course) similar to the one in Oakland Park that would allow the trees to remain and become an integral part of an active park. A fitness trail park would be heavily utilized by the surrounding community as we have a highly active and engaged community.

There are many positives for purchasing this piece of property as it has various existing structures that could easily be re-purposed for a Community Center, pavilion, botanical center, or various other uses limiting the startup expenditures for an active park.

If this was to be purchased by the City for an active park this would add much needed "active" green space and would augment the TIGER Grant awarded to the Broward MPO as it relates to the Riverland Road Area and the City of Fort Lauderdale's Complete Streets Initiative.

In addition, the purchase of this parcel for an active fitness park would be the "Model" for other Cities to follow as this would a "Best in Class" active green park.

The Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works, and several other City groups have already visited and reviewed this site for feasibility for an active park with several members of the community and the Riverland Preservation Society. The feedback from these various City departments was very positive.

MJ Matthews

From: Johanna Fields <dutchie953@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 6:37 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Bruce G. Roberts; Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Road development

Save Riverland. Vote YES to buy the property and make it into a park.

Thank you !

Johanna Fields
954.629.8283

Sent from my iPhone

MJ Matthews

From: Wendy vanwoerden <wwwoerden@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 8:46 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Bruce G. Roberts; Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Road Project

Dear Commissioners,

As a resident of Chula Vista, in the Riverland area of Ft. Lauderdale, I have moved into this area in 1986 and have raised my family here. The proposed development of this area by D.R.Horton, has a direct impact on the livelihood and safety of the current residents in the area. I do not want to see the property on Riverland Road to be turned into an apartment or townhouse complex. It would be better served as a park for the residents of the neighborhood. explore you to vote yes to save or beautiful community.

Best regards,
Wendy van Woerden
2137 SW 30th Terrace
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl 33312

From: pjflorida <pjflorida@att.net>
Sent: Monday, September 05, 2016 9:54 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Dean Trantalis; Bruce G. Roberts; Romney Rogers; Robert McKinzie
Subject: 2681 Riverland Rd-Haire Ltr To City 9-2016
Attachments: 2681 Riverland Rd-Haire Ltr To City 9-2016.docx

September 5, 2016

To: City of Fort Lauderdale Mayor and Commissioners
100 North Andrews Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301

Re: City of Fort Lauderdale consideration to purchase the residential property located at 2681 Riverland Road for conversion to an active City park/nature preservation area

Good day Honorable Mayor and Commissioners,

My husband Jack and I are in favor of the City of Fort Lauderdale purchasing the property for use as an active park/nature preservation area. This would be keeping the property as close as possible to the current hammock environment and, at the same time, provide a place for all to participate in day time activities. There are few areas such as this left in our beautiful City and it is important to preserve the nature environment not only for those of us today, but for generations to follow.

The proposed park would allow all to wander about and marvel that such a place still exists in our City. The plantings could include a wide variety of native, under story plants and trees that would attract local and migratory wildlife. The park would be a place for young and old to walk, jog and make use of activity areas.

Regarding the nature aspect, our property on SW 27th Terrace, is a ½ acre wildlife habitat. Just today we spotted a Yellow Rumped Warbler and an American Red Start. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Painted Buntings. Preserving the property in question would be a wonderful way for the City to contribute to what we know would be a beautiful place for people of all ages to enjoy as well as encourage all forms of wildlife. Given what we attract on our property, I can imagine all that will be attracted to a larger area carefully planted with wildlife attracting plants/trees. Maintaining the current tree canopy is crucial as a starting point to create a unique habitat.

Our home was the very first built on SW 27th Terrace in 1964. At that time there was no water to the area. Jack hand dug in our water line under the narrow, mangrove lined, canal that runs alongside our home. Progress came to our area many years later. The area was wild and beautiful. Others saw the beauty of the area and made the decision to build their homes here. We are all here as each and every one of us admires and appreciates our surroundings. We take great pride in keeping our area beautiful. Maintenance can be overwhelming but the reward is great. Folks traveling our area are amazed that such a place still exists in our growing City.

MJ Matthews

From: magalinewson@gmail.com on behalf of Magali Newson <magali@newson.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 8:49 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road fort Lauderdale FL

Please, please purchase this property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active green space park. We need more green space not more concrete!!

Sincerely

Magali Newson

MJ Matthews

From: Vincent Valdeperas <vince_v@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 9:03 AM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: Riverland Road park plan.

Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of Lauderdale isles. Since moving to the area one thing I have noted is excessive traffic along riverland road and a lack of good parks. The plan being suggested to have the city turn the area at the turn on riverland road to a park rather than let it be platted for some 13 homes is the better option. Not only would 13 homes in that small area be an isore but it would destroy the trees we have grown to love and which make the area beautiful but it would also add to the traffic problem which is already an issue. Another concern is flooding, that area because of being very low would easily flood, the trees and green area help to absorb much of the rain runoff from the road. If houses are built there and they don't improve the road by raising it you will have flooding on the road and worse if they don't raise the land before building.

Please support the effort to turn this land into a park, doing so will help alleviate all the issues mentioned above and will make all our neighbors very happy. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Vincent Valdeperas
2624 sugarloaf ln
Ft Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: Geoffrey Richardson <gcrichardson1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 9:11 AM
To: Romney Rogers; Lee Feldman
Subject: FW: Active green space park

Please support amendment to the city budget to purchase property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active green space park.

Thank You

Geoffrey Clive Richardson
2631 Flamingo Lane
Fort Lauderdale
Florida
33312

Telephone: cell 954-980-0023

MJ Matthews

From: Caroline Geertz <carolinegeertz@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 9:38 AM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: Make 2861 Riverland Road an active park, please!

I am IN FAVOR OF THE CITY PURCHASING THE PROPERTY at 2681 Riverland Road to be used as an active park.

I ma a long time resident of the Lauderdale Isles, and I would love it if 2681 Riverland became an active park. It is a beautiful piece of wooded land that would make a lovely walking trail. Even better if it had exercise stations like I just saw on the Riverwalk near Huizinga Plaza, maybe a play ground and a sports field. We all deserve a beautiful shady place to play!

Caroline Geertz
2549 Nassau Ln
Ft Lauderdale FL
33312

MJ Matthews

From: Kim Brown <kimbrown2655@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 9:43 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Commissioner Rogers.

I am a resident on Nassau Lane in Lauderdale Isles in the Riverland area. I have been in our home since 2000, and in Broward County since 1985; moving North after being born and raised in Miami. I implore you to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road on Sept 7, 2016.

I don't know the last time you drove down Riverland and passed this beautiful property that is home to protected ground owls, butterflies, majestic 200-year-old live oaks, nesting herons, gopher tortoises and other endangered species that exist on this site and on surrounding lands.

The foliage is dense and many of the homes are the original ones built in the 50s, when this was considered a wild part of unincorporated Broward. It's a magical place - the "Coconut Grove of Fort Lauderdale," and many people don't even know the neighborhood exists. Homes were designed around huge live oak trees, rather than cutting them down for easy tract home construction. Tremendous care went into preserving these beautiful specimen trees, highly valued and prized as living artwork and sculpture.

The Riverland Area was annexed by the City of Fort Lauderdale from unincorporated Broward county in February of 2002, and, understanding how special and important this area was, under Resolution 02-28 the City promised to preserve the existing character, integrity and unique lifestyle of the area.

In addition to environmental and lot size impacts, concerns over D.R.Horton's proposed development include life and safety issues. Access to the proposed development is on a busy, dangerous curve of Riverland Road. Preservation of the trees, green space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood is all possible with your vote to purchase this property. Please save this green space.

Thank you,
Kimberly P. Brown
2655 Nassau Lane
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: Rick Cunningham <rickc21@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 10:05 AM
To: Romney Rogers; Jack Seiler
Subject: Support for the active park on Riverland

Commissioner Rogers & Mayor Seiler:

I would like to express my support for the idea of an active park at the east bend of Riverland Road. This unique parcel is one of the few remaining pieces of coastal hammock left in the City and should be preserved.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rick Cunningham
3400 SW 26th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: Stroma Richardson <srichardson@brungerexport.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 10:37 AM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Cc: 'Stroma Richardson'
Subject: Active green space park

Subject: Active green space park

Please support amendment to the City budget to purchase property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active green space park, as we would like save the trees and the environment from extra fumes that the additional traffic incurred if a housing estate goes through.

Thank You

Stroma Anne Richardson
2631 Flamingo Lane
Fort Lauderdale
Florida
33312

Telephone: cell 954-261-1057

September 6, 2016.

MJ Matthews

From: JIM PLIHCIK <jplihcik@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:30 AM
To: Lee Feldman
Cc: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Bruce G. Roberts
Subject: RE: 2681 Riverland Road ...

Dear Manager Feldman:

This e-mail is about my concerns regarding the Black property @ 2681 Riverland Road that my property sides to at the north (I own the property adjacent to the Black property on Riverland Road - my property is located on the north border running approximately 240 feet).

I do not want the City to get involved in purchasing this property (with my tax dollars) for any reason or use other use than what it is zoned for and consistant for the surrounding area - single family residences.

I am totally comitted to use whatever resources it takes to keep the city from owning this property adjacent to my property. i do not want my property rights violated by "public" land located next-door and all the negative issues that are attached to same. These include but are not limited to: the quiet enjoyment of my property, safety, traffic and loss of value just to name a few. Other adjacent property owners have the same concerns. The purchase of this property by the city will create many years of discord and possible legal actions in this beautiful neighborhood. We already have three public use parks in the neighborhood that are seldomly used.

I am requesting to be notified when the city intends or entertains any change to land use and character of the adjacent Black property.

I am encouraging a vote at the September 7th meeting against a budget amendmant to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park to include an athletic field and walking/fitness trail.

In addition, I am very concerned about the recent P&Z meeting "non recomendation" vote a few weeks ago blocking the replatting of this property and now the city is seeking to amend the budget to purchase this property. It appears that the city had the explicient intent to circumvent the natural legal process with the intent moving forward to purchase this property. This action has the classic appearance of a blatant conflict of interest and a violation of the cities fiduciary duty/responsibility to all of its residents, not just a few people that are attempting to force their personal agenda on everyone.

Please respond that you have received and understand this communication.

James D. Plihcik
2101 Riverland Road

MJ Matthews

From: Joni White <joni-white@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 12:04 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: Amendment for active green space purchase in Lauderdale Isles

Hi

I am writing to ask you to support an amendment to the City Budget to purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active green space park. I walk Riverland Road a lot for health reasons and a nice wooded shady place to walk would be used a lot by myself and my neighbors. We moved here for the trees all through the neighborhood and I would love to see this space saved for the beauty of it also. I have lived here since 1992 and I keep seeing the loss of trees over the years and that is very sad.

Thank you
Joni White
2435 Cat Cay Lane
Ft Lauderdale, Fl

MJ Matthews

From: Sandy Doyle <sandymd@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 12:13 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland

Please support a amendment to the City Budget to purchase this property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active green space park.

Thank You

The Doyle Family

MJ Matthews

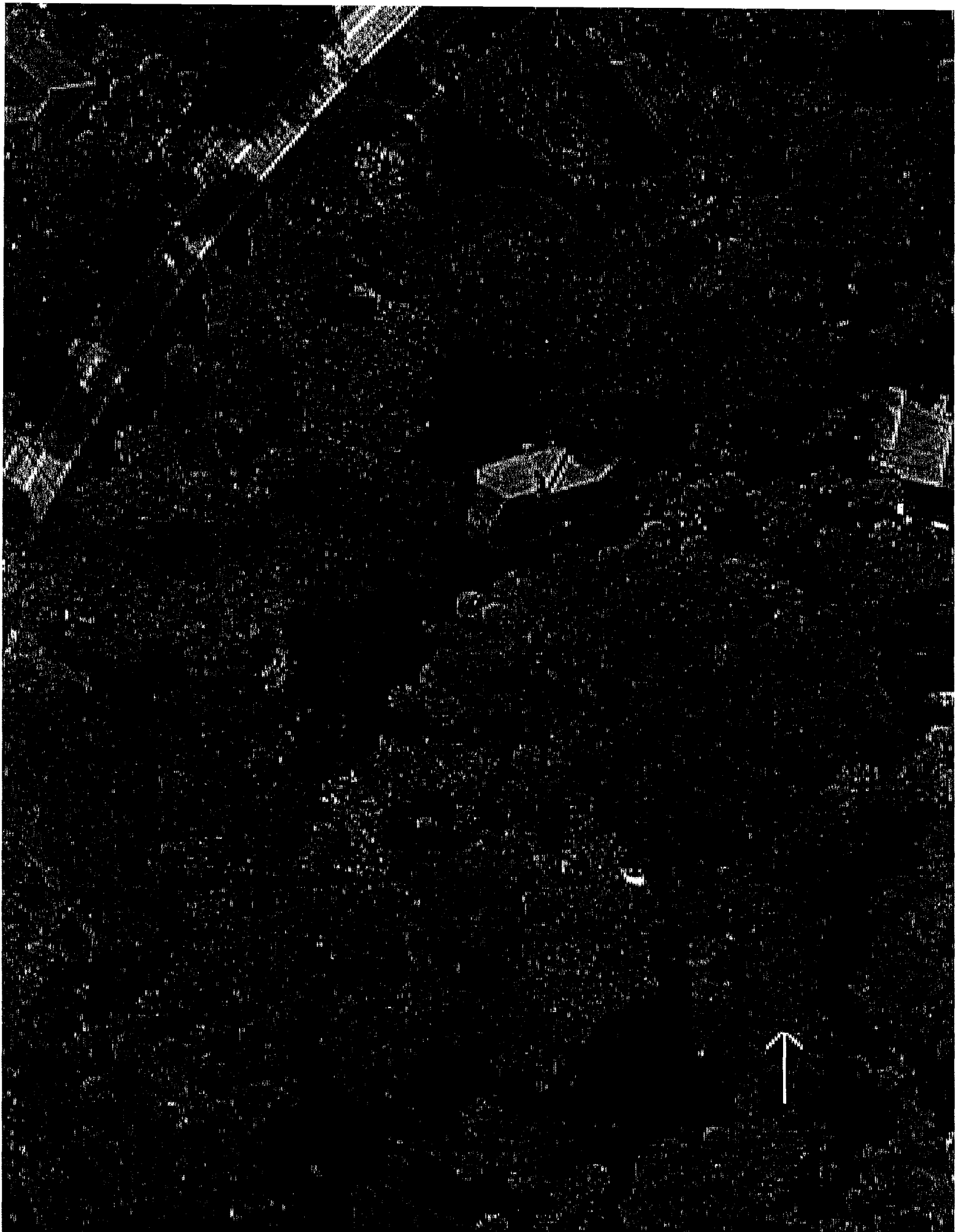
From: Jonathan Bennett <johntbennett@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 1:20 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: Riverland Road - Potential Park @ 2681 Riverland Road
Attachments: aerial green.JPG

Hello Gentleman,

As per previous emails I have sent supporting the preservation of the property at 2681 Riverland Road, I 100% endorse any effort the city makes to purchase the property and turn it into a park that fits the character of our neighborhood.

Regards,

Jonathan



MJ Matthews

From: Renee McGehee <pft161@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 1:33 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Property at 2681 Riverland Road

Commissioner Romney Rogers,

Please vote for an amendment to the budget to buy the property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active park. To remove the 485 trees there would be horrible, but also against what the city wants us to do. We are not supposed to be chopping down trees because the city wants us to help preserve the canopy. I am hoping the city will do the same. Having an active park there would benefit the city and the community.

Thanks,

Renee McGehee

MJ Matthews

From: Diana Steeger <distee21@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 1:42 PM
To: Bruce G. Roberts; Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Dean Trantalis;
rmckinzie@fortlauderdale.com; Lee Feldman
Subject: Property - 2681 Riverland Road

Dear all, my name is Diana Steeger, and I live in 2442 Andros Lane, in the Lauderdale Isles neighborhood.

I ask that you please vote in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of property 2681 Riverland Road, for the purpose of an active park.

This would be the perfect fit for this community, as opposed to overdeveloping the little greenery that still remains.

Thank you for your time, and we hope to count with your support.

Kind regards,
Diana Steeger

MJ Matthews

From: Louise Meredith <louisemeredith543@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 1:48 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Preserve Park at East Bend, Riverland Rd

Romney,

Please help to preserve this beautiful piece of Old Florida. It is so important that we do the right thing here! Please support the purchase of this land and turning it over to the people to enjoy as a trail Fit course and making use of existing buildings for educational use, exercise classes, botanic/nature building.

I am fortunate to live in Tarpon River where, daily, I enjoy Lewis Landing Park. I am grateful everyday that this beautiful spot has been preserved for the enjoyment of this view and Fort Lauderdale's early history.

The East Bend property, likewise, is a piece of Fort Lauderdale's natural beauty. Please support the preservation of this space as a place to walk and exercise in nature. A place that reminds all who visit, of the lushness and beauty and uniqueness of this semi/tropical land of Fort Lauderdale.

Please, please!!! I urge you to support this property for an active trail park with activity centers.

Louise Meredith
louisemeredith543@gmail.com

MJ Matthews

From: helensurovek@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:09 PM
To: Jack Seiler
Cc: Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Robert McKinzie; Bruce G. Roberts;
riverlandhoa@gmail.com
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler & Commissioners:

Please know that I stand in unity with the position of the Riverland Community and their desire in this situation.

Thank you, Kindly,
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MJ Matthews

From: Brandon L. Hensler <brandonhensler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:17 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman; Scott Wyman
Subject: Please support a park on Riverland Road

Esteemed City leaders:

As a resident of Fort Lauderdale who drives and walks by the property at 2681 Riverland Road every day, I urge you to support the creation of a park and not let this beautiful piece of land with old growth native trees be decimated to make room for 23 homes. Allowing this will alter the culture of the neighborhood, and set the City backwards in its goal of retaining and expanding its canopy.

Please vote for an amendment to the budget to create this much needed active greenspace park.

Best regards,

Brandon Hensler, M.S., APR
Lauderdale Isles resident

MJ Matthews

From: John Anderson Sr. <ghohn@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:21 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland bend

Hi Romney,

Just a note to voice our support of an active park on the plat of land known as Riverland bend. I feel that this could lend itself to forward this family friendly neighborhood and put the interests of the citizens ahead of developers!

Tx.

John Anderson
2442 Okeechobee Lane

MJ Matthews

From: Michael Hensler <mhensler24@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:25 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman; Scott Wyman
Subject: Support Park on Riverland Road

Esteemed City leaders:

As a resident of Fort Lauderdale who drives and walks by the property at 2681 Riverland Road every day, I urge you to support the creation of a park and not let this beautiful piece of land with old growth native trees be decimated to make room for 23 homes. Allowing this will alter the culture of the neighborhood, and set the City backwards in its goal of retaining and expanding its canopy.

Please vote for an amendment to the budget to create this much needed active greenspace park.

Michael Hensler

Lauderdale Isles Resident

MJ Matthews

From: mwmcgee@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 2:26 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road Park

Commissioner Rogers,

Coming up before the City Council will be an amendment to budget funds to purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road and create a park. I urge you to vote to approve this measure as part of the conservation of our green canopy which is a stated objective of Fort Lauderdale.

Fort Lauderdale states "Growing our green canopy is the without a doubt the longest running sustainability effort by the City of Fort Lauderdale. Our "canopy" is the layer of leaves, branches and stems that cover the ground when viewed from above. It's a beautiful sight! **Fort Lauderdale is a lush, green city representative of its semi-tropical location and a proud Tree City USA for over 35 years.** This section of our website provides all the information you need to Green Your Routine by getting involved with tree planting and care in Fort Lauderdale." (<http://gyr.fortlauderdale.gov/greener-government/natural-resources-preservation/growing-our-green-canopy>)

If this property is sold to a developer we would loose approximately 485 trees to housing while also adding congestion to a residential area, increasing traffic in the area (including several school areas) and putting further strain on an already overburdened area.

Again, I urge you to approve the funds to make this area a park, not additional housing.

Sincerely,
Michael McGehee

MJ Matthews

From: ronhelm <ronhelm@att.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 3:00 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Riverland srea is the real gem of Broward County with its lush tree vegetation. Driving through there is peaceful, quiet, and like a mini vacation. Overr 400 trees lives are in danger due to a proposed multihouse build on this property(think of those old oaks over 100 years old & multiply that by 400---- that is the # of years of growth that could be lost if a housing developer commences building. Please support the allocation of funds to make this area into an active park we can all use, and enjoy the beauty of too.

Linda Helm

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

MJ Matthews

From: Nancy Chambers <nancycham@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 3:13 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; dtramtalis@fortLauderdale.gov; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: Amendment to the City Budget

Dear Sirs and Madams;

I am a citizen of the Riverland community and am requesting that you approve an amendment to the 2017 City Budget to allow the beautifully treed property at 2681 Riverland Rd. to be used as an active trail fit Par Course and repurposing the existing buildings for community purposes.

This space will be an asset to the community and many people here will be able to enjoy its beauty daily.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Nancy Chambers
3170 SW 23rd St.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: D Cahoon <realtorcahoon@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 3:17 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Park funding

Dear Commissioner Rogers,

Please support an amendment to budget funds to purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road and create an active park to prevent the sale to a developer. Otherwise, we would loose approximately 485 trees to housing. More housing would add congestion on a dangerous curve in a residential area, including several school areas.

Thank you,

C. Richard "Dick" Cahoon
2460 Cat Cay Lane
FT. Lauderdale, FL 33312
realtorcahoon@gmail.com
251-752-3752 cell

MJ Matthews

From: Kathy Arcangeli <kkarca1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 3:23 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Hello,

I am writing to ask that you support an amendment to the City Budget to purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road, in Fort Lauderdale for an active green space park.

This property has a wonderful tree canopy and has been the home of native plants and animals for many years. It existed when the city incorporated this area and pledged to maintain its nature.

There are also any people who would benefit from an active park, as we try to improve the health and well being of our citizens.

It seems that any other use would exacerbate our neighborhoods' problems with flooding. I am sure you have seen the pictures of Riverland Road over the last few years.

Please support this amendment.

Thank you,
Kathy Arcangeli
33312

MJ Matthews

From: Audrey <ttbnatb@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 3:30 PM
To: Romney Rogers; Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Robert McKinzie; Dean Trantalis
Subject: Riverland Road Property

Dear Commissioner Romney, Mayor Seiler, and City Commissioners,

I write to you in support of the City purchasing the Black property on Riverland Road, turning it into a usable piece of our natural history for future generations to enjoy. It sure would be great for a nature preserve, or a walking park, maintaining the character of the neighborhood, keeping all of those magnificent trees! We are so lucky to have a piece of original Mary Brickell property, untouched by development. It would definitely be a bee in the City's bonnet to have this obtain this lush piece of unspoiled property.

Sincerely,
Audrey Edwards
(Lauderdale Isles Resident)

Sent from my iPhone

MJ Matthews

From: bdh1966@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 3:37 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Preservation

Dear Commissioner Rogers:

I am a resident on Duck Key (SW 34th Ave) in Lauderdale Isles in the Riverland area. I have been in my home in the Isles since 2003. I implore you to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road on Sept 7, 2016.

I don't know the last time you drove down Riverland and passed this beautiful property that is home to protected owls, butterflies, majestic 200-year-old live oaks, nesting herons, gopher tortoises and other endangered species that exist on this site and on surrounding lands. This is one of the major things that enticed me to relocate from Pembroke Pines.

The foliage is dense and many of the homes are the original ones built in the 50s, when this was considered a wild part of unincorporated Broward. It's a magical place - the "Coconut Grove of Fort Lauderdale," and many people don't even know the neighborhood exists. Homes were designed around huge live oak trees, rather than cutting them down for easy tract home construction.

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Preservation of the trees, green space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood is all possible with your vote to purchase this property. Please save this green space.

Thank you,

Brenda Horner
2701 SW 34th Ave
Ft. Lauderdale

MJ Matthews

From: Michelle Sheahen <msheahen@resolveacademy.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 3:44 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Request for Active Park on Riverland Road

Good Afternoon,

I am a resident of the River Run area in Fort Lauderdale and am writing you today to respectfully request consideration for an active green space park on the property of 2681 Riverland Road. An active park would be welcome in our neighborhood and we hope the existing tree canopy on this property would possibly be incorporated within the active park.

Please consider an amendment to the 2017 City Budget to purchase 2681 Riverland Road for an active park.

Best Regards,

Michelle Sheahen

Michelle Sheahen | Quality Manager/Documentation Coordinator

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1600 SE 17th Street, Suite 300
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

MJ Matthews

From: Ken Lynch <kentec@gate.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 4:52 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie, and Rogers:

I am in favor of the Commission to vote at the September 7th meeting in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park with a jogging, walking/fitness trail. Also a small playground area with a couple swings and a slide would be nice, but there is no room for a field.

Best Regards,

Kenneth Lynch
2505 SW19th ST
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

MJ Matthews

From: Sara Nichols <saranichols321@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 5:06 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: Active Park Riverland

Please say yes to an Active Park on Riverland Road. Please buy this parcel so the trees will remain and the present owner can't build houses. We need green space!!

Due to time and budget constraints there is no more time. Support the purchase by the City for an active green space park which retains the existing tree canopy and negotiate the type of park it will be or do nothing and watch the property get platted for 13 homes and the 485 trees get removed, relocated, or subsequently destroyed to accommodate the 23 home site plan. You decide.

Urgent email by end of day 09/06/16 in order for Mayor and Commissioners to hear your voice and ask them to vote for an amendment to purchase this parcel for an active park.

This week is the City Budget review for the 2017 Budget. This is truly our last opportunity to save this piece of property at the east bend of Riverland Road. The City has some interest in purchasing the property for an active park. From our initial and very preliminary information the City does not want passive preserve parks. They will not appropriate funds for a passive or preserve type park. They want active parks. We believe that this parcel would be perfect for an active trail fit Par Course park while retaining the existing tree canopy and potentially repurposing the existing buildings for a Community Center, pavilion, botanical center, or other various other uses. Please send an email to the Four Commissioners and the Mayor asking them to support a amendment to the City Budget to purchase this property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active green space park.

The best compliment you can give me is a Referral!

Sara Nichols PA

954-854-5424

Charles Rutenberg Realty

saranichols321@yahoo.com

Fax 954-533-1131

MJ Matthews

From: Carmen Declercq <carmen@captainjosh.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 5:57 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie, and Rogers:

I am in favor of the Commission to vote at the September 7th meeting in favor of a budget amendment to include the purchase of the property at 2681 Riverland Road for the purpose of an active park limited to a jogging, walking/fitness trail and playground for children.

This would fit perfectly in the community because there are not many parks around our part of Riverland. The other one in the area is quite far away, closer to 441 at the end of riverland road. We would love to keep the beautiful trees on the property as they have been around for a very long time and keep the area beautiful and wooded.

As you may know, the residents of Riverland use Riverland Road as a running, jogging, walking and biking track but it is dangerous due to the heavy traffic, the curve, and the sidewalk which is not evenly paved and cars a lot of the time are not paying attention to the road and often veer on to the sidewalk. I really hope that a park will be considered because as a person with a family it is really difficult to find safe places to enjoy in this area. The traffic is a major problem.

Thank you for your time,

Carmen Declercq
2330 SW 27th Ave

Ft Lauderdale, FL

Sent from my iPad

MJ Matthews

From: Josh Abrams <josh@CaptainJosh.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 6:47 PM
To: Jack Seiler
Cc: Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: In SUPPORT of 2681 Riverland Road Park Proposal

Dear Mayor Seiler, and Commissioners,

I am writing this email in **support of the purchase by the City the property at 2681 Riverland Road for use as an active green space park** which retains the existing tree canopy. I would hate to see the property get platted for 13 homes and the native wildlife as well as 485 trees get removed, relocated, or subsequently destroyed to accommodate the redevelopment plan. This week is the City Budget review for the 2017 Budget. This is truly our last opportunity to save this piece of property at the east bend of Riverland Road, and do something that will greatly benefit the entire Riverland community. I believe that this parcel would be perfect for an active park that could include a dog-park area (using the field which already exists on the property) walking trails, a playground for children, and possibly exercise stations. Ideally the park would not need lights and would be closed each night. Furthermore it would be wonderful to potentially re-purpose the existing buildings for a Community Center, pavilion, botanical center, or other various uses. Since I am the father of a young boy, there is always great concern about walking along Riverland Road. On several occasions cars have departed the roadway veering onto the sidewalk risking the lives of myself and my family. I am asking you all to PLEASE support an amendment to the City Budget to purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active green space park.

Sincerely,

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MJ Matthews

From: Kaycie S <kaycie61@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:29 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: Active park

2681 Riverland Road

I am in favor of the city purchasing this land for an active/fit park. It ia the perfect location. Not only will it preserve a gorgeous natural area and one of the few "old Ft. Lauderdale" areas left but it will provide a much needed fit and active area in this community.

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,
Kaycie Smith

MJ Matthews

From: William E. Steinbeck <william.steinbeck@browardschools.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 6:09 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: The old Kidwell property
Attachments: letter.pdf

Please consider this idea/appeal.

Mr. W. Steinbeck
Language Arts Chairperson
18 Years of Service to the McNicol Community
754 323 3400

Mr. and Mrs. Will Steinbeck
1990 Riverland Rd.
Fort Lauderdale 33312

Dear Mayor, Vice Mayor and Commissioners,

As a thirty year resident of the Riverland community, I would like you to purchase the property at 2681 Riverland Road, and use that property as an active park. Allowing the property to be developed serves no benefit to the community-none. How could it be beneficial to develop it? More traffic, noise, loss of greenspace, how is that beneficial. Letting loose that property for development is like letting loose of a thumb. There is no need. A park would raise property values and the city would gain it's dear tax income on sales of existing properties.

The residents surrounding the property don't have a park close by. There are parks somewhat nearby but not convenient enough to desire a visit. It's like winning a free meal but you must go to West Palm Beach to get it. The park is a great idea.

While we're at it, the best proposal would be to buy the land for a park and closing Riverland Road at 31st Ave or somewhere closer towards Davie Blvd. This would alleviate the speeders and any real danger of entering or existing the property (it is on a dangerous curve as you all well know). If nothing else, a round about would, maybe a few of them, do a marvelous job forcing drivers to be considerate and safe.

Anxiously waiting the right decision,

The Steinbecks'

MJ Matthews

From: TRISH STELLA <stellat@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 11:57 PM
To: Jack Seiler
Cc: Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Romney Rogers
Subject: Bob Black Property at 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Mayor Seiler, Vice Mayor Trantalis, and Commissioners Roberts, McKinzie and Rogers:

I have been a resident of the Riverland Road area for forty years and a resident of Ft. Lauderdale for sixty years. My wife and I have just completed a new home approximately four hundred feet (as the crow flies) from Bob Black's property on Riverland Road. We feel the City should NOT get involved in the purchase of the Black's property. The development should focus on single family residences with the minimum lot size of 15,000 sq. ft., as currently, 95% of the residential properties touch the Black property or are across the street from this property, and are in excess of 20,000 sq. ft. This type of development, and only this type of development, would be in keeping with our unique neighborhood. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Respectfully,

Stephen and Patricia Stella

phone: 954-599-4247

MJ Matthews

From: Jeremy T. Chancey <jeremytchancey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 9:49 AM
To: Jack Seiler
Cc: Romney Rogers; Dean Trantalis; broberts@mfortlauderdale.gov; Robert McKinzie
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road Park

Dear Mayor Seiler and Commissioners,

Certainly you have received many emails and calls in regards to the budget amendment to create a park at the Big Bend on Riverland Road.

I would like to provide some points that you may consider that can help with this important decision for our City.

- The property provides deep water access to the south fork of the New River adjacent to a Manatee breeding area which can provide activities for our residents to access the area with Kayaks, Paddleboards and observe them as well as a plethora of other wildlife.
- The property has a native tree canopy that is unequal within Broward County and a collection of unique tree species typically found at botanical gardens. This provides learning opportunities for our youth and others to discover both the native tree canopy with its diversity and the wildlife that it attracts and provides shelter to.
- The property would make a beautiful unique venue for wedding ceremonies.
- The property has infrastructure in place that is in excellent condition that can be immediately repurposed without significant cost. From multiple buildings that can be used for community meetings, learning expeditions and weddings.
- The property is located within the heart of the Riverland area and provides as a focal point for this community and opportunities for exercise and wellness for our local residents that will be connected in the very near future via the Complete Streets project that has been funded by the recent Tiger grant.
- Statistics show that living near a park will increase your property value by 20%.

I want to thank you all personally for your time and consideration. I am a proud native born son of Fort Lauderdale and implore you all to see the value today and the future value of this property as one of our superb City parks.

If I can provide any help, whether it is to donate my time, money or raising money to preserve this property I pledge to do that.

Please vote YES to the amendment to purchase this property for the City and its citizens.

Sincerely,

Jeremy T. Chancey
ASCA AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
CONSULTING ARBORISTS
ISA Certified Arborist FL 0762-A
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2500 Southwest 21st Street
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MJ Matthews

From: kathy smith <kathysmith2k7@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 9:57 AM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: 2681 Riverland Road!

Dear Commissioner

I am a resident in the Riverland area. I have been in our home since 1962. I implore you to vote in favor of a budget amendment for the purpose of purchasing the property at 2681 Riverland Road on Sept 7, 2016.

I don't know the last time you drove down Riverland and passed this beautiful property that is home to protected owls, butterflies, majestic 200-year-old live oaks, nesting herons, gopher tortoises and other endangered species that exist on this site and on surrounding lands.

The foliage is dense and many of the homes are the original ones built in the 50s, when this was considered a wild part of unincorporated Broward. It's a magical place - the "Coconut Grove of Fort Lauderdale," and many people don't even know the neighborhood exists. Homes were designed around huge live oak trees, rather than cutting them down for easy tract home construction. Tremendous care went into preserving these beautiful specimen trees, highly valued and prized as living artwork and sculpture.

The Riverland Area was annexed by the City of Fort Lauderdale from unincorporated Broward county in February of 2002, and, understanding how special and important this area was, under Resolution 02-28 the City promised to preserve the existing character, integrity and unique lifestyle of the area.

In addition to environmental and lot size impacts, concerns over D.R.Horton's proposed development include life and safety issues. Access to the proposed development is on a busy, dangerous curve of Riverland Road.

Preservation of the trees, green space and maintaining the character of the neighborhood is all possible with your vote to purchase this property. Please save this green space.

Thank you,
Kathryn Smith

Sent from my iPhone

MJ Matthews

From: Pattie Mahaney <pmahaney@ammi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 12:36 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Romney Rogers; Robert McKinzie
Subject: Budget Amendment for the Purchase the Property at 2681 Riverland Road

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Patricia Mahaney and I own the property at 2220 SW 27 Terrace – adjacent to the 2681 Riverland Road property. Based on communication I have received from our neighborhood organization, the Riverland Preservation Society, I understand that a budget amendment is being presented by Commissioner Rogers at today's commission meeting which would provide for the purchase of Mr. Black's property for the purpose of a park. I wanted to take this opportunity to voice my support for the amendment and for the use of the property as a park.

I grew up in Fort Lauderdale, just off Riverland Road and 31st Avenue, and my mother still lives in the same home where I grew up (3370 SW 23 Street)...where she has lived since 1966. I moved back to the Riverland area to be closer to "home", Mom and nature. My daughter, a recent graduate of FAU, just moved back to the Riverland area (3210 SW 16 Street) so in effect I am speaking for all three of us. The idea of a park is supported by the entire community, especially if it is a single purpose fit trail park. A park of this nature will preserve the natural beauty and maintain the characteristics of the neighborhood that we all enjoy. A park of this type could be enjoyed by everyone without significantly destroying the beautiful tree canopy that exists now.

In closing, I strongly support the budget amendment and the purchase of the aforementioned property for use as a public park. I ask that the Commission approve the amendment and move forward with the purchase and development of the park. Please help us keep our unique and beautiful neighborhood and provide a place that we can all use and enjoy. Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for all the work you do for our beautiful city.

Sincerely,

Patricia Mahaney

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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312
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MJ Matthews

From: Maria Channell <mcchannell19@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 12:44 PM
To: Romney Rogers
Subject: Riverland Road

Thank you for introducing a proposal for a park on Riverland Road, the Black property. I am strongly in favor of this.

Sent from my iPad

MJ Matthews

From: denise.morales@hotmail.com on behalf of Denise Morales <dmoralesuf@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 3:39 PM
To: Jack Seiler; Romney Rogers; Bruce G. Roberts; Dean Trantalis; Robert McKinzie; Lee Feldman
Subject: support the amendment to the City Budget to purchase this property at 2681 Riverland Road

Please support the amendment to the City Budget to purchase this property at 2681 Riverland Road for an active green space park!

Thank you
Denise Morales
Bimini Lane