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Sent: Saturday, January 12, 2008 3:08 PM

Subject: Driftwood Key and GHAAC

Mr Ulsund,

Please do not consider the GHAAC as a voice for our DWK interests. Mine at least. I do not believe Hansville is a viable community in the long run, and their interests in restricting our growth, while trying to promote their own, is a waste of everybody's money and energy. Worrying about growth in a flooded area that gets deeper in water each year is just silly. They need to be saved, and they want us to do it thinking we need them! That they are helping us! That road is being held for ransom. We do not need it. In the future the Hansville community will be trying to soak up incredible amounts of our tax dollars for flood control that will make our dredging project look insignificant. Money we need for safe, efficient roads.

The Hansville/Cliffside areas seem to want our tax dollars, but not our opinions on traffic issues. At this point the County seems to see it that way also. It looks like a stacked deck that you are helping them deal. If you were involved in any way helping to push those speed bumps through, you should be ashamed of yourself. The self serving special interests of this GHAAC have caused a lot of hard feelings with the bred winners (commuters) of this area that will not heal quickly. The Counties work in this was poorly thought out and poorly done. I believe it is not a question of will the speed bumps go, but when and how much will the final cost be. Money better spent improving roads than ruining them. The Cliffside bumps are already developing potholes. Falling apart after 6 months. What will they be like in a year? What is that going to do for my car? I would not spend a nickel in Hansville or make a referral to a business there. Hansville and Cliffside have become just a couple of obstacles to any commute I have to make.

Most of my comments are observations that I have made over the last few months driving over those speed bumps. I don't need a Web site to show me how I have been screwed. It just confirms it. Just looking out my car window tells me all I need to know. Big homes with big income owners. People are still speeding in the North end because the limits have been lowered and they are going just as fast as before. They just can not speed as much at the bumps. So there is more frustration not more caution. The Counties not measuring that, are they?

Your committee of manipulative special interests won't do anything but pick our pockets for their own satisfaction. Quit pretending to speak for my interests. Represent yourself please. If you want to throw away your property value and accept more taxes to help some selfish people like the ones that threw up those bumps, just do it in your own name.

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On Jan 12, 2008, at 5:24 PM, Jerry and Sandi Ulsund wrote:

Mr. Wesson,

Thank you for your comments. I appreciate and respect the position of every resident.

Although I have been the volunteer GHAAC representative for 10 months and provided my name and email each month in the Keynotes along with my notes from the GHAAC meetings the very first time that I have had anyone contact me about GHAAC was in the last two weeks. Last week I attended the DK Board workshop at the Board's request and along with Judy Foritano, GHAAC Chairperson, provided the Board with a current complete overview of the GHAAC. Following last Tuesday's meeting of the GHAAC which Bill Buegel, DK Board President also attended and is open to everyone, I reported on the agenda of the GHAAC at the Thursday DK Board meeting. Two residents spoke in opposition to GHAAC and two residents gave supporting comments. Yesterday I had one call in support of GHAAC and one resident who I called speak in opposition. Today I had two telephone calls in support and your email in opposition. This is the current extent of the local DK interest in GHAAC, positive or negative, that has been presented to me.

As to the speed table issue at the last GHAAC meeting the Road Safety Advisory Committee, made up of a cross section of citizens including DK residents, reported on a response letter from Commissioner Bauer to a letter submitted by GHAAC to him last month. In general he is calling on the RSAC to convene two working groups: one a working group made up of any citizens who are interested in reviewing the current design of the speed tables to see if modifications should be made with the goal to minimize the impact while still achieving the original goal of limiting speeds to the limit or slightly above, removal of the tables would not be an objective of this group, and a working group to explore alternatives to the speed tables that might be just as effective in controlling speeding but less of a disruptive impact on drivers. He stated that it is imperative that all citizens with concerns about the current speed tables should participate in order to assure the greatest participation in review of the current design and in the search for acceptable alternatives. I recommend that you contact Kathy Bourassa at 638 0216 or kbourassa@gmail.com to volunteer to join either or both of these working groups and offer your suggestions for the benefit of the DK residents.

Thank you again for your email. I am very pleased that at least a few DK residents are becoming aware of GHAAC and are willing to become participants in the process of assuring a future quality of life for our DK residents and the Greater Hansville Area.

Cordially,

Jerry Ulsund

Subject:



Re: Driftwood Key and GHAAC

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Jerry,

I think your position has been to give DWK legitimacy to the GHAAC, when actually there is complete indifference to that council in Driftwood Key. I do not respect or appreciate your opinion in regards the GHAAC for that reason. Nor do I want your advice or encouragement on their behalf. If you are a supporter of the GHAAC then you are working to make our lives more difficult and expensive. The fact that you have been attending meetings on our behalf for over a year, unquestioned, makes me wonder why you would think you represented anyone?

Most of us have jobs and homes to take care of, we do not have time to monitor committees or write letters. We pay engineers and elected officials to design roads, not our neighbors. You want to call yourself our representative, go ahead, but calling yourself our Ambassador to Mexico is just as ridiculous. My votes in the future will go against all supporters of the GHAAC.

If you ever need help organizing a Greater Driftwood Key Area Advisory Council, dedicated to improving the drivability and increasing the speed limits in the North end, I would be happy to help. Some positive ideas like, punching a 3rd lane through Cliffside and moving all the mailboxes to the tenants side of the thoroughfare, or, creating wider road areas for safer school bus stops. You know. Something that doesn't just benefit wealthy homeowners and might be to the benefit of DWK residents.

DWK Resident
James Wesson