PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

13. Property located at 946 Longworth Road

- Michael Vyze, 967 Gabor Court advising that where he has a concern with this is that for the last four years he has resided in that area, he has watched spillage after spillage keep going into the Button Bush Marsh, because the storm water ponds are undersized, noting there are three of them in that area, and the issue now is that the City wants to go ahead and rezone this land, but suggesting that they should go in and fix these storm water management ponds first, monitor it for a year to ensure the fact that they are working properly before they rezone that parcel; indicating that a year ago an Environmentalist from the City came out and did a field review and looked at this particular parcel and recommended to the City that it be kept part of the storm water management pond system; further indicating that another issue is that he counted, the last time he walked through that area, six or seven black walnut trees, so there is a significant amount of trees on that particular lot and there is nothing being addressed right now to replace those particular trees; advising that this lot is part of a bigger problem that has existed for about fifteen years; noting that he has had people come up to him and tell him they have seen turtles on that particular lot, advising that one gentleman walks through there constantly with his dogs and he has seen turtles in there; stating that he know he doesn't know how often someone goes out and checks it, but he guarantees you that the City is not out there every day looking for turtles, they might have gone out there a couple of times and noting he has seen them there, and questions whether this whole problem would get fixed by the City before they go ahead and allow more development to occur; advising that the Button Bush Marsh has seen significant damage done to it over the last ten years because of the fact of sediment and spillage going in there at least six or seven times a summer; indicating that what he is asking Council to do is to defer the vote on this, leave it rezoned as an OS-4 until after the ponds have been reconstructed and they are working properly; also asking that the City address the fact that, that particular area should have been landscaped years ago and it hasn't; and also noting that once that is done, then consideration of rezoning and developing should occur.
- Gary Brown, 35A-59 Ridout Street indicating that he had a quick question, directed to Staff, asking how long the remediation on the storm water ponds expected to take, because he thinks that kind of matters when you are voting on rezoning a plot of lands.
- Craig Linton, Developro Land Services expressing he is happy with the staff recommendation; advising that there is a holding provision which prevents any development on this until the storm water management pond stuff has been sorted out, noting that is what the holding provision is for and noting agreement with that; indicating that he would be happy to answer any more questions that staff, Council or any members of the public would have.