

January 9th Board of County Commission Hearing: 9:30 AM

Location: 301 North Olive Avenue, 6th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Directions: I-95 North to Exit 70 Okeechobee Blvd (East), 1.6 miles turn left (north) on South Olive, drive .7 miles to the County Government Center which is seven story white building on left. (Note: South Olive turns to North Olive).

Re: Application DOA-2013-01057

This Thursday the Board of County Commissioners will decide the issue of the third application to modify the Boca Del Mar master plan so they can build 288 units on the Mizner Trail Golf Course.

Those of you who believe the master plan is a promise by the County of what our community was to look like, and be like, long into the future and as a result have made financial investments in mortgages, taxes, maintenance fees, and home improvements based on that promise, have committed to defending that principle and the integrity of our Boca Del Mar. The Boca Del Mar Improvement Association through open elections has changed their position as well, and now the board has committed itself to using its resources to protect the open space as it was intended in 1971. Mizner Trail Golf Course has no development rights; in order for this development application to be approved the Board of County Commissioners must provide them development rights they did not pay for, and are not entitled to.

In spite of the fact that this is now the seventh development hearing in nine years regarding the golf course, we should all understand that this a problem not caused by any home owner, but instead by developers who refuse to take no for an answer, and as result we must still show up and overflow that hall on Thursday so the commissioners know we haven't given up.

Complete A White Comment Card

You do not have to speak to have your opinion entered into the minutes. Everyone attending needs to complete a white comment card and indicate you oppose the application, and if you do not want to speak, check the box that reads you do NOT want to speak. You may write a brief comment which they will read, they count the cards so it's important you attend and complete the card. Indicate which community you live in and how long you have lived in Boca Del Mar.

If You Do Speak

The chair has the option of permitting the public to speak for either two (2) or three (3) minutes, so prepare to make your most important points first just in case you run out of time. If it's a large group it very may be reduced to two (2) minutes as it was in Zoning.

Please Show Respect For The Proceedings and Opposing Points of View

We understand this is an emotional charged issue, as this does and has affected our homes, and our community for over nine years. We urge you to be respectful of our neighbors speaking at the hearing who you may not agree with. We urge you NOT to heckle or yell out when others speak, including the developers representatives when they are making their presentations, as this is a quasi judicial hearing and it deserves our respect. Additionally, the only votes that count are the seven County Commissioners, and you will not gain their sympathies if you attempt to disrupt their proceedings and show disrespect to their process.

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