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>>MIKE MERRILL: TRULY, I DO THANK YOU ALL VERY, VERY MUCH FOR PARTICIPATING AND FOR YOUR ENORMOUS PATIENCE AS WE PULL THIS GROUP TOGETHER.

I THINK THIS IS REALLY A -- FOR ME IT'S REALLY EXCITING BECAUSE IT'S A CORNERSTONE OF WHAT I BELIEVE IS REALLY IMPORTANT IN COMMUNITY BUILDING ON SERIOUS ISSUES THAT AFFECT EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND I APPLAUD YOUR COURAGE, REALLY, IN COMING HERE TOGETHER, AND I TRULY MEAN THAT, BECAUSE IT DOES TAKE A LOT OF COURAGE TO SIT DOWN WHEN YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE STRONG FEELINGS AND CONVICTIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE TO TALK ABOUT IT AND TO DO IT IN THE OPEN AND TO SHARE IDEAS, AND I THINK IT'S A SIGN THAT WE'RE HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, ESPECIALLY IN THE WORLD TODAY WHERE WE'RE SEEING SO MANY PEOPLE AT EACH OTHER'S -- AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS, KILLING EACH OTHER BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T TAKE THE TIME TO SIT DOWN AND REALLY SHARE THEIR IDEAS AND TALK ABOUT ISSUES OF THEIR CONCERN, SO I THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD SIGN, AND I WILL SAY THAT WE

HAVE THE BEST OF THE BEST HERE TO FACILITATE THIS COMMITTEE.

WHEN I ASKED USF TO GIVE ME THEIR BEST FOLKS, I TALKED TO SENIOR LEADERSHIP, AND I WAS VERY PLEASED THAT THEY RECOMMENDED DR. NAVITA JAMES AND DR. DAVID PAYNE, WHO I KNOW WELL FROM MY OLD DAYS OF -- IN THE GRADUATE PROGRAM AT USF, ALTHOUGH I NEVER DID HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY WITH THEM DIRECTLY.

I KNOW OF THEIR WORK, AND THEY'RE VERY, VERY COMPETENT INDIVIDUALS AND WILL BE VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN LEADING YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

AND SO I GUESS WITH THAT, I'LL INTRODUCE TO YOU MARY HELEN FARRIS TO KIND OF GIVE YOU THE BASIC GROUND RULES BECAUSE AS A -- AS A COMMITTEE -- SUNSHINE COMMITTEE, THOSE OF YOU MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH HOW THAT WORKS, BUT WE ALWAYS LIKE TO START THESE MEETINGS MAKING SURE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THE BASIC GROUND RULES, AND THEN WE CAN MOVE FORWARD, AND THEN WE'LL TURN IT OVER TO DR. JAMES AND DR. PAYNE.

MARY HELEN.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: THANK YOU, MIKE.

GOOD EVENING.

I WANTED TO GO OVER THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE SUNSHINE LAW JUST TO MAKE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE BASIC THREE REQUIREMENTS.

I'LL SAY UP FRONT THAT AS THIS COMMITTEE MOVES THROUGH ITS

WORK PROCESS, IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT COMES UP THAT ANY OF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SUNSHINE LAW OR ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO DO, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO -- EITHER THROUGH ADAM OR YOU CAN CONTACT ME DIRECTLY WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND I'D BE HAPPY TO ADDRESS ANY SPECIFIC ISSUES THAT MAY COME UP.

FLORIDA LEADS THE NATION IN ITS OPEN GOVERNMENT LAWS, BOTH AS THE WAY THE STATUTES ARE WRITTEN AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, AS THE STATUTES HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED BY OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM.

THE ACTUAL WORDING OF THE STATUTE, IF YOU'LL BEAR WITH ME -
- I'LL PARAPHRASE A LITTLE BIT.

IT SAYS, ALL MEETINGS OF ANY BOARD OR COMMISSION OF ANY COUNTY, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION, AT WHICH OFFICIAL ACTS ARE TO BE TAKEN ARE DECLARED TO BE PUBLIC MEETINGS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES AND THAT NO RESOLUTION, RULE, OR ACTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED BINDING UNLESS IT WAS TAKEN AT SUCH MEETING.

A FEW YEARS AGO THE LAST SENTENCE WAS ADDED.

THE BOARD OR COMMISSION MUST PROVIDE REASONABLE NOTICE OF ALL SUCH MEETINGS.

WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO BRIEFLY IS KIND OF BREAK THIS DOWN AND EXPLAIN HOW THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM HAS INTERPRETED SOME OF THESE PHRASES.

FIRST OF ALL, WHAT IS A MEETING?

I ASSUME EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM WOULD NATURALLY KNOW THAT THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IS A PUBLIC MEETING, BUT ANYTIME A PUBLIC COMMISSION, LIKE THE BOARD, DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO A CITIZENS GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BACK TO THE BOARD WOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO THE SUNSHINE LAW.

SO ANY MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE HAS TO FOLLOW THE THREE BASIC RULES OF THE SUNSHINE LAW.

BEFORE I GET INTO THAT, THOUGH, I WANT TO EXPOUND ON WHAT IS A MEETING.

OBVIOUSLY THIS IS A MEETING OF THE GROUP, BUT THE MEETING CAN ALSO BE PHONE CALLS TO ONE ANOTHER, E-MAILS, TEXT MESSAGES -- NOW WITH THIS NEW AGE OF TECHNOLOGY AND TEXT MESSAGING AND IM AND TWITTER AND ALL OF THE OTHER THINGS -- SOME OF THE LAW HASN'T YET CAUGHT UP WITH OUR NEW TECHNOLOGY, BUT THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED A MEETING.

IT'S ANYTIME ANY TWO OR MORE PERSONS OF THE SAME COMMITTEE TALK TO EACH OTHER ABOUT AN ISSUE THAT MAY COME BACK -- REASONABLY WOULD COME BACK TO THIS COMMITTEE FOR ACTION. YOU KNOW, I GET ASKED IF YOU WANT TO -- IF YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS AND YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE BUCCANEERS OR THE LOCKOUT, THAT'S NOT GOING TO COME BACK BEFORE THIS COMMITTEE.

I GENERALLY ADVISE, THOUGH, THAT WHILE YOU GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS THAT COMMUNICATIONS ARE KEPT -- IF YOU HAVE

SOMETHING TO DO TO THE GROUP, YOU DO IT THROUGH THE STAFF PERSON.

THE OTHER ISSUE THAT COMES UP A LOT IS SUBCOMMITTEES. ANY SMALLER COMMITTEE OF THIS COMMITTEE, IF YOU WANTED TO DO SUBCOMMITTEES TO TAKE ON CERTAIN DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF AN ISSUE, THAT WOULD ALSO BE SUBJECT TO THE SUNSHINE LAW. THE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES, THE IMPORTANCE OF THAT PHRASE WOULD MEAN TO PROHIBIT MEETINGS IN A PRIVATE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB WHERE THE PUBLIC IS EXCLUDED OR WHERE THE PUBLIC IS, YOU KNOW, NOT ALLOWED OR WHERE THERE'S DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ALSO DISCOURAGES MEETING EVEN IN A PUBLIC RESTAURANT BECAUSE THE PUBLIC MAY FEEL THAT THEY'D HAVE TO BUY A MEAL, YOU CAN'T HEAR WHAT'S BEING SAID.

THE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES ALSO PROHIBITS SECRET VOTING, THINGS OF THAT NATURE, SO IT IS PRETTY OBVIOUS.

ONE ISSUE THAT I THINK CAME UP BEFORE THE MEETING IS THE USE OF CAN PEOPLE PHONE IN.

THE LOCAL BOARDS ARE DIFFERENT.

SOME STATE AGENCIES BY -- BY RULE ARE ALLOWED TO DO THAT, BUT AS REGARDS TO THIS COMMITTEE, AS LONG AS YOU HAVE A PHYSICAL QUORUM PRESENT, THEN PEOPLE CAN PHONE IN AS LONG AS THE -- THE PEOPLE CAN HEAR EVERYTHING THAT'S BEING SAID, THE PUBLIC CAN HEAR ALL THE CONVERSATIONS.

I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT'S GOING TO COME UP IN THIS CONTEXT,
BUT THERE IS A WAY TO DO THAT.

ANOTHER THING THAT OCCURRED TO ME IS THE POSSIBILITY OF A
SITE VISIT, YOU KNOW, A TOUR TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE TOWERS
OR WHAT -- THAT MIGHT COME YOUR WAY.

THERE'S A WAY TO -- AND LET ME KNOW IF THAT'S -- OR STAFF
WILL BECAUSE THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN NOTICE THAT, MAKE
AVAILABILITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND AND ACCOMMODATE THEM,
SO THERE'S A WAY THAT WE CAN DO THAT IF WE HAVE NOTICE
AND -- AND -- TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT HAPPENS.

THE -- THE REASONABLE NOTICE REQUIRED -- I GET ASKED THIS
ALL THE TIME.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO POST AN ACTUAL AGENDA OF EVERYTHING.

YOU DO NOT -- YOU'RE NOT REQUIRED UNDER THE SUNSHINE LAW TO
ADVERTISE IN THE NEWSPAPER.

THERE MAY BE OTHER LAND USE DECISIONS, FOR INSTANCE, WHERE
OTHER STATUTES MAY REQUIRE MORE NOTICE THAN 280 -- THE
SUNSHINE LAW, BUT UNDER THE SUNSHINE LAW IT'S REASONABLE,
THE DATE, THE TIME, THE PLACE, THE SUBJECT MATTER.

I GET ASKED ALL THE TIME WHAT IS THE MAGIC LINE?

HOW MUCH NOTICE HAS TO BE GIVEN?

A BALLPARK MAY BE 24 HOURS, BUT AGAIN, IT'S -- AND LAWYERS
LOVE THE TERM "REASONABLE" BECAUSE WE CAN LOOK AT THE
CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ONE OF MY EXAMPLES NOW FOR ALMOST A
DECADE IS ON SEPTEMBER 11th, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MET

WITH ABOUT AN HOUR'S NOTICE OR SO, REASONABLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SO -- BUT AS FAR AS THE NOTICE GOES, YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE STAFF PEOPLE THAT WILL WORK WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE NOTICES ARE ADEQUATE, THAT -- THAT THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE GET NOTICE OF THE MEETINGS BECAUSE I CERTAIN -- I WOULD ASSUME THAT YOU WILL WELCOME THE COMMENTS OF THE PUBLIC AS YOU GO THROUGH YOUR DELIBERATIONS FOR THE TASK AT HAND.

I TALKED ABOUT THE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT ALL TIMES.

LET ME JUMP TO THE THIRD REQUIREMENT, WHICH IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR WRITTEN MINUTES.

AGAIN, STAFF WILL TAKE THAT ROLE AND KEEP THE WRITTEN MINUTES, BUT IT'S INTERESTING -- I GET A LOT OF QUESTIONS, IS IT OKAY IF WE JUST TAPE THE MEETING.

WELL, YOU CAN TAPE THE MEETING, BUT THE SUNSHINE SPECIFICALLY REQUIRES WRITTEN MINUTES BE KEPT, SO, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN -- YOU TAPE THE MEETINGS IF THAT ASSISTS IN THE MINUTE TAKER IN MAKING SURE THEY CAN REVIEW THE TAPES TO GET ALL OF THE CONVERSATIONS, ALL THE DISCUSSION, AND IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE VERBATIM, BUT CERTAINLY, IF YOU WANT TO -- IT'S A PUBLIC RECORD.

IF YOU WANT TO KEEP A GOOD -- A GOOD HISTORY AND A GOOD RECORD OF THE DISCUSSION AND WHAT WAS SAID, THE VOTES THAT WERE TAKEN, IT CERTAINLY WOULD HELP ANYBODY THAT, FOR INSTANCE, CAN'T ATTEND A MEETING TO KNOW -- TO GET A GOOD

SENSE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AND DONE AND ALSO FOR HISTORICAL VALUE SO THAT PEOPLE CAN LOOK BACK AND SAY HOW DID THE BOARD COME TO THIS CONCLUSION.

WELL, YOU GO BACK TO THE DELIBERATIONS AND YOU CAN SEE HOW THE DECISION PROCESS, YOU KNOW, WENT AND ANY ARGUMENTS TO AND FROM.

SO THAT SAID IN A NUTSHELL, AGAIN, AS -- IF ISSUES COME UP, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

THE MAIN THING TO TAKE AWAY FROM ALL OF THIS IS THAT YOU -- YOU KNOW, NO MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE CAN TALK ABOUT SOMETHING THAT MIGHT REASONABLY COME BACK TO THIS COMMITTEE FOR ACTION, AND THAT'S REALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT TO TAKE AWAY FROM HERE.

>> MS. FARRIS, MAY I ASK A QUESTION --

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: SURE.

>> -- WITH REGARD TO YOUR COMMENTS HERE?

IN THE -- SAY AN APPLICATION FOR A CELL TOWER IS DELIVERED TO THE COUNTY OR EVEN PERHAPS IN THE CITY LIMITS.

IF THIS GROUP, WHICH HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE OBVIOUSLY IN DISCUSSING CELL TOWER MATTERS -- IT WOULD LITERALLY PRECLUDE ANY MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE FROM ANY KIND OF INVOLVEMENT WITH ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER IN OPPOSITION OR SUPPORT OF THAT PARTICULAR APPLICATION?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: IT'S A VERY -- THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION, AND, AGAIN, YOU GO BACK TO IS THAT CELL TOWER --

IS IT REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THAT CELL TOWER WOULD COME BACK?

NOW, OBVIOUSLY, FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND -- AND I DON'T KNOW ALL THE TASKS OF THE GROUP -- IS NOT TO WEIGH IN ON APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE A CERTAIN CELL TOWER, CORRECT, BUT JUST BE CAREFUL THAT THE CONVERSATIONS -- IF YOU -- YOU KNOW, IF YOU WANT TO GO TO THE -- THE PUBLIC HEARING AND GIVE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE RECORD, THERE'S NOTHING IN THE SUNSHINE LAW THAT WOULD PREVENT THAT.

JUST BE CAREFUL THAT THERE'S NO CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ANYBODY ON THIS COMMITTEE OF SOMETHING THAT MIGHT -- YOU KNOW, GEE, WE OUGHT TO BRING TO THE COMMITTEE THAT WE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT WE PROHIBIT CELL TOWERS, BLAH -- YOU SEE WHERE I'M GOING, AND A LOT OF THIS MAY BE A JUDGMENT CALL, YOU KNOW, THAT YOU HAVE TO MAKE YOUR BEST REASONABLE JUDGMENT, AND AGAIN, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE THAT LINE MAY BE, I'M HAPPY TO TALK TO ANYBODY ABOUT THAT JUST TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU CERTAINLY HAVE ALL YOUR RIGHTS YOU HAVE AS A CITIZEN TO BE IN THE PROCESS BUT YET BE MINDFUL ALSO OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SUNSHINE LAW AS YOU SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE.

>> THANK YOU.

>> COULD YOU GIVE US YOUR PHONE NUMBER, PLEASE.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: YES.

IT'S 272-5673, AND I THINK MY NAME IS ON THE AGENDA.

>> IT IS.

>> IT IS.

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: OKAY.

ANYTHING ELSE?

>> OTHER QUESTIONS?

>>MARY HELEN FARRIS: OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU.

[APPLAUSE]

>> GOOD EVENING EVERYONE.

HOW WONDERFUL TO SEE YOU HERE.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME COMING I GUESS FOR MANY OF YOU AND
FOR DR. PAYNE AND MYSELF, DAVID PAYNE AND MYSELF.

MY NAME IS NAVITA CUMMINGS JAMES.

THIS IS MY COLLEAGUE, DAVID PAYNE.

WE ARE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA.

WE BOTH HAIL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS.

I HAVE A BACKGROUND IN DEALING WITH FACILITATION IN TERMS
OF FOCUSING ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES, A LOT OF THINGS THAT
DEAL WITH DIVERSITY.

DAVID HAS A TREMENDOUS BACKGROUND IN ANALYZING COMPLEX
POLITICAL ISSUES.

I THINK USF THOUGHT WE WOULD JUST BE A REALLY GOOD TEAM TO
WORK WITH YOU ON THIS ISSUE.

THE OTHER THINGS ABOUT US THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST, WE ARE

BOTH RESIDENTS OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, IN FACT, WE'VE BOTH LIVED HERE MANY YEARS, WE HAVE BOTH RAISED OUR CHILDREN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN ISSUES, AND SO NOT ONLY ARE WE HERE BECAUSE OUR UNIVERSITY ASKED US TO BE, BUT WE CAME HERE BECAUSE WE WANT TO ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND WE'RE HOPING THAT EVERYONE HERE SHARES THAT CONCERN.

THE -- WE WANT TO TALK TO YOU A LITTLE BIT THIS EVENING ABOUT WHAT IT IS WE ARE DOING AND WHAT IT IS WE AREN'T DOING AND THE KIND OF BIASES THAT WE MIGHT BRING.

IT'S MAYBE A BLESSING THAT WE REALLY DON'T KNOW A LOT OF YOUR PAST HISTORY.

WHEN I PUT THE NAME TAGS AROUND, I THOUGHT, WELL, LET'S JUST KIND OF MIX THEM UP A LITTLE BIT, AND WHEN PEOPLE CAME IN, SOME PEOPLE JUST STARTED LAUGHING; YOU MEAN, I'M SITTING NEXT TO SO-AND-SO OR THESE TWO PEOPLE ARE TOGETHER? AND I THINK THAT MAY BE A BLESSING THAT WE'RE NOT CARRYING THE BAGGAGE THAT SOME OF YOU HAVE BROUGHT INTO THE ROOM.

I HOPE "BAGGAGE" IS NOT TOO TERRIBLE OF A TERM, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE COMING INTO THIS PROCESS LOOKING FOR BEST POSSIBLE OUTCOMES, AND THAT MEANS EVERYONE MAY BE -- EVERYONE WILL BE GIVING SOMETHING AND EVERYONE MIGHT HAVE TO GIVE UP A LITTLE SOMETHING IN TERMS OF GETTING US WHERE

WE NEED TO GO, BUT I'M JUMPING AHEAD.

THE IDEA IS THAT WE ARE HERE, THAT WE TRUST EVERYONE'S HERE WITH GOODWILL, AND THAT'S GOING TO BE OUR STARTING POINT.

WE ARE COMING IN, AGAIN, AS FACILITATORS.

WE ARE NOT COMING IN WITH AN AGENDA SAYING WE HAVE TO DO "X" OR WE HAVE TO DO "Y."

THE COMMITTEE WILL BE MAKING THE DECISIONS ON WHAT IT IS THAT WE WILL BE RECOMMENDING.

THE OTHER THING THAT I WANT TO REMIND YOU IS THAT WE ARE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE, YOU KNOW, WE'RE NOT MAKING THE FINAL DECISIONS, AND WE'RE ADVISORY TO THE COUNTY -- COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, AND SO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR WILL TAKE THAT INFORMATION AND THEN TAKE IT FORWARD TO THE COMMISSION, SO WE ARE ADVISORY, SO WE NEED TO KEEP THAT IN MIND AS WELL.

SO NOW I WANT TO TURN TO DR. DAVID PAYNE OR DAVID PAYNE, AND HE'S GOING TO TALK A LITTLE BIT MORE ABOUT WHAT WE DO AS FACILITATORS AND CONTRAST THAT WITH MEDIATION, SO IF YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH MEDIATION, WE'RE NOT HERE TO MEDIATE, WE'RE HERE TO FACILITATE.

>> AND MAYBE THAT'S ALL I NEED TO SAY.

IN TALKING ABOUT OUR ROLE AND WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THESE ISSUES, IT OCCURRED TO US TO POINT OUT FACILITATING MEANS TO MAKE THINGS EASIER, AND WE'RE HERE -- WE'RE NOT EXPERTS IN ANY OF THESE ISSUES.

ALL OF YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT THEM THAN WE DO AND WE LIKE THAT, AND WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE PAY ATTENTION TO THE GROUP PROCESS AND COMMUNICATION AND HOPE THAT THAT KIND OF INPUT WILL FACILITATE YOUR -- YOUR SUCCESS.

IT OCCURRED TO US, AS NAVITA SAID, THAT -- TO CONTRAST THAT WITH THE ROLE OF MEDIATION, WHEREIN -- AND MANY OF YOU MAY KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT THAN WE DO, BUT ONE IN A MEDIATOR SITUATION MAY HAVE AN INVESTMENT IN CONFLICT BECAUSE SOMEBODY'S GOING TO RECONCILE THOSE TWO ADVERSARIAL POLES AT SOME POINT IN TIME, AND WE'RE NOT HERE TO DO THAT.

WE'RE HERE TO BUILD CONSENSUS, AND I THINK -- AS WE UNDERSTAND THE CHARGE OF THE COMMITTEE -- TO AS MUCH CONSENSUS AND AGREEMENT ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE BRING FORWARD ARE GOING TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND FOR THE BOARD EVENTUALLY TO MAKE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGE.

SO THE COMMITTEE'S GOAL HERE SHOULD BE TO FIND THE PATH TO CONSENSUS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND AGREEMENT AND TO AT LEAST IDENTIFY AS CLEARLY AND AS COMPASSIONATELY AS POSSIBLE WHERE THE DIFFERENCES ARE, AND THOSE MAY TOO BE PART OF THE OUTCOME OF THE COMMITTEE.

SO MAKING A TRANSITION HERE TO WHAT WE PUT ON THE AGENDA AS THE OUTLINE OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PLAN IS A BIT OF A EUPHEMISM.

WE DON'T REALLY HAVE ONE.

PART OF THE GOAL OF TONIGHT'S MEETING HAS TO BE TO DECIDE WHAT THE MOST PRODUCTIVE USE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS AND WHAT CAN WE GET ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO, SO THAT'S FOR US THE TARGET OF THIS FIRST MEETING.

BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT GETTING FAMILIAR WITH WHO YOU ARE AND WHY YOU'RE HERE AND WHAT THE KINDS OF OUTCOMES THAT YOU EXPECT OR HOPE FOR WOULD BE PART OF THAT AS WELL AS IDENTIFYING WHAT THE CENTRAL ISSUES ARE AND MAYBE MAKING A RECOMMENDATION HERE THAT WE FIND THINGS ABOUT WHICH WE CAN BUILD SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT TO BEGIN WITH, SO THAT WOULD BE THE OBJECTIVE THAT I WOULD HAVE FOR TONIGHT.

AND IN THAT REGARD, I'LL HAND IT BACK TO NAVITA, WHO PUT TOGETHER A LITTLE LIST OF THINGS THAT COMMUNICATION TEACHERS TALK ABOUT IN TERMS OF FACILITATING GROUP PROCESS.

>> IF YOU WILL GO TO YOUR FOLDERS AND PULL OUT THE HANDOUT THAT SAYS "CELLULAR COMMUNICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION GROUND RULES."

IT HAS THE LOVELY DATE OF JANUARY 25th.

[LAUGHTER]

I LEFT THAT THERE AS A SOUVENIR.

>> THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED.

>> THE GROUND RULES HAVEN'T CHANGED.

AND AGAIN, THESE ARE -- IF ANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PUBLIC DIALOGUES, THESE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS OR -- IN SITUATIONS WHERE PEOPLE TALK ABOUT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES,

THESE ARE PRETTY STANDARD, AND SOME OF THEM ARE PROBABLY VERY COMMON -- HAVE A LOT OF COMMON SENSE.

I'D LIKE TO RUN THROUGH THEM WITH YOU JUST TO REMIND YOU. THE FIRST ONE, TREAT ONE ANOTHER WITH RESPECT.

DAVID WILL SOMETIMES SAY, THE GOLDEN RULE, TREAT PEOPLE AS YOU WANT OTHERS TREATED UNTO YOU.

IN DIVERSITY STUDIES WE SOMETIMES TALK ABOUT THE PLATINUM RULE, TREAT OTHERS AS THEY WANT TO BE TREATED, BUT THE IDEA IS HOWEVER YOU DEFINE THIS, WE WANT TO TREAT ONE ANOTHER WITH RESPECT, AND THE IDEA -- ONE OF THE THINGS WE DO IN FACILITATION IS WE REALLY VALUE EVERY VOICE BEING HEARD. WE'RE NOT HERE TO HEAR ANY ONE OF YOU DOMINATE THE TALK. OUR CONCERNS ARE VERY MUCH THAT WE GET ALL IDEAS OUT, SO TREAT ONE ANOTHER WITH RESPECT AND MAKE A SPACE FOR EVERYONE TO BE HEARD.

A SECOND ONE I THINK YOU'RE ALREADY -- YOU'VE EXPERIENCED THIS QUITE A BIT, BUT CAN WE DO -- MY QUESTION FOR YOU IS TO JUST MAKE THIS AN ASSUMPTION THAT REASONABLE PEOPLE CAN AND DO DISAGREE WITH A FOCUS ON REASONABLE.

I SOMETIMES WILL TELL MY STUDENTS THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A SUPREME COURT, YOU KNOW, THAT'S WHY WE HAVE COURT OF APPEALS, BECAUSE REASONABLE PEOPLE DISAGREE, AND SO THAT KIND OF TIES BACK INTO THE FIRST PART OF RESPECT, LET'S RESPECT ONE ANOTHER AND LET'S KNOW THAT WE CAN DISAGREE WITH EACH OTHER AND STILL RESPECT ONE ANOTHER.

A THIRD ONE IS A TERM THAT WE USE IN THE ACADEMY, YOU MAY HAVE HEARD IT BEFORE, ENGAGE IN ACTIVE LISTENING.

AND WHAT ACTIVE LISTENING IS IS YOU MAKE A COMMITMENT TO LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER.

HOW MANY OF YOU THE MOMENT YOU WALK INTO A ROOM, THE FIRST THING YOU'RE DOING IS YOU'RE SETTING UP YOUR ARGUMENT?

YOU DON'T HEAR WHAT ANOTHER PERSON IS SAYING.

IT IS ALL ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

WELL, THAT DOESN'T HELP US IN THIS KIND OF MEETING.

THIS IS NOT AN ADVERSARIAL KIND OF MEETING, AS DAVID HAS SAID.

WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER, BUILD UPON WHAT ONE ANOTHER SAYS, AND SO ACTIVE LISTENING MEANS MAKING THE COMMITMENT TO LISTEN.

IT'S NOT A YEAH, BUT, IT'S A LISTENING, AND SO ACTIVE LISTENING IS A HUGE THING WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THIS KIND OF DISCUSSION.

FOCUS ON IDEAS, NOT PEOPLE.

THE IDEA -- WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO HERE IS TO GET PEOPLE TO THINK NOT IN TERMS OF ATTACKING ONE ANOTHER.

IN THIS KIND OF A CONSENSUS BUILDING, WE NEED TO HAVE EVERYBODY FOCUSING ON IDEAS, SO STAY AWAY FROM AD HOMINEM ATTACKS.

LET'S KEEP OUR FOCUS ON IDEAS.

A FIFTH ONE IS AGAIN SOMETHING THAT FOCUSES ON

COMMUNICATION STYLE.

WE TEND TO VALUE, IN THIS KIND OF MEETING, DIALOGUE, AND DIALOGUE IS WHERE WE'RE HAVING A CONVERSATION WITH ONE ANOTHER, WE'RE NOT DEBATING ONE ANOTHER, SO DIALOGUE AND DEBATE STAND IN OPPOSITION TO ONE ANOTHER.

WE WANT YOU TO NOT NECESSARILY -- WE WANT YOU TO SET THE DEBATE MODEL ON -- ON THE TABLE AND LET'S SEE TO WHAT EXTENT AT ALL WE HAVE CONVERSATIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER, SO WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THAT.

AS WE SAY HERE, DIALOGUE IS A MUTUAL COLLABORATION TO MAKE COMMUNICATION SUCCESSFUL.

MUCH OF THE RESEARCH ON GROUP COMMUNICATION SAYS GROUPS MAKE BETTER DECISIONS THAN INDIVIDUALS, AND A LOT OF TIMES GROUPS COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD NOT EVEN BEGIN TO FATHOM AS A POSSIBILITY WHEN WE WERE INDIVIDUALS, BUT WHEN WE COME TOGETHER, THE GROUP PROCESS ALLOWS SOMETHING MORE SPECTACULAR AND MORE HELPFUL TO HAPPEN, SO THAT'S WHAT WE HOPE IS GOING TO HAPPEN HERE, THAT IN THE GROUP PROCESS WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO COME UP WITH AT THE END OF THIS PROCESS, BUT IF WE FOLLOW SOME OF THESE COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES, WE BELIEVE WE CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT IS SUPERIOR, AND GROUP -- GROUP RESEARCH ACROSS THE BOARD TENDS TO SUPPORT THAT.

AND A LOT OF TIMES SOME OF THE BETTER DECISIONS COME FROM GROUPS THAT ARE DIVERSE, WHERE PEOPLE ACTUALLY WALK IN THE

ROOM WITH DIFFERENT OPINIONS, AND SO THE FACT THAT WE DO HAVE DIFFERING OPINIONS COMING HERE MAY BE A REAL PLUS. THE SIXTH ONE IS JUST A BASIC KIND OF TRAFFIC COP KIND OF THINKING, TAKE TURNS WHEN SPEAKING, PREFERABLY SHORT TURNS. WHAT WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE IS THAT WE DON'T SIT HERE AND GIVE MANY LECTURES TO ONE ANOTHER LIKE I'M DOING RIGHT NOW.

[LAUGHTER]

WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO HAVE A CONVERSATION, SO TURN-TAKING.

KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TO GIVE UP THE FLOOR AT CERTAIN POINTS. BUT THE OTHER THING IS WE WANT TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO FINISH THEIR POINTS, WE WANT TO TRY -- AND THAT GOES BACK TO BEING RESPECTFUL, SO TAKING TURNS AND ALLOWING PEOPLE TO FINISH THEIR POINTS AT THE SAME TIME.

AND THEN ALL OF US ARE PROFESSIONALS IN HERE.

WE KNOW NORMAL BUSINESS MEETING PROTOCOL, SO TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONES.

YOU KNOW, TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU CAN, YOU KNOW, ARRIVE ON TIME.

WE KNOW PEOPLE HAVE COMPLICATED LIVES.

IF YOU CAN'T COME, WE'D LIKE TO KNOW IN ADVANCE IF THAT'S POSSIBLE, AND SO JUST LIKE NORMAL MEETING PROTOCOL.

AND THEN THE OTHER THING IS THEY ARE RECORDING THE MEETING. THEY STARTED RECORDING AT 5:00.

IF YOU'RE SPEAKING, I'M SURE THEY WOULD PROBABLY PREFER

THAT WE SPEAK INTO THE MIKES.

YOUR MIKES ARE UP, BUT WHEN YOU SPEAK, PUT THEM DOWN.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT.

AND SO THOSE ARE JUST BASIC GUIDELINES, AND WE HOPE THAT THEY HELP ESTABLISH A STAGE WHERE WE CAN HAVE A MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.

AND NOW WE'LL GO TO DAVID, AND DAVID WILL TALK ABOUT SOME OTHER WAYS THAT WE ARE -- OTHER SETS OF RULES THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE FOLLOWING IN THIS PROCESS.

>> WELL, IN THE NEXT PAGE WHAT WE ANTICIPATED WERE A SET OF PROCEDURE GROUND RULES OF A DIFFERENT SORT, AND WE WOULD MAKE THESE AS RECOMMENDATIONS AND THINGS THAT WE SORT OF ANTICIPATED FOR THE COMMITTEE, SO IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR OPINIONS AT THIS POINT, PLEASE INTERJECT, BUT THESE WERE JUST WAYS TO PROCEED.

AND WE -- NAVITA AND I ARE USED TO I GUESS IN OUR PROFESSIONAL LIVES OF WHAT I'M CALLING HERE A SOFT VERSION OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

WE'RE NOT VERY STRICT PARLIAMENTARIANS, AND WE THINK THIS WHOLE TURN TAKING TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY GETS HEARD, WHICH IS OUR COMMITMENT AS FACILITATORS, IS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO PROMOTE SO THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE STRICT PARLIAMENTARIANS ABOUT IT; HOWEVER, AS MANY OF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN DECISIONS HAVE TO BE MADE, THE MOTION HAS TO BE CALLED, THE DIALOGUE HAS TO BE

CUT OFF, AND AT THOSE TIMES WE SOMETIMES FUMBLE, BUT I TRUST NAVITA'S KEEN GRASP OF THE SITUATION TO DIRECT US THROUGH.

SHE'S BEEN IN MANY SUCH SITUATIONS, THAT WE WILL FOLLOW MORE OR LESS WHAT THE COMMON PROCEDURES OF ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER IS WHEN WE HAVE TO MAKE DECISIONS, WHEN WE HAVE TO CALL A VOTE AND WE HAVE TO TERMINATE DISCUSSION.

SO, YOU KNOW, IF THAT'S OUR RECOMMENDATION TO YOU -- YOU AS THE COMMITTEE TO SORT OF AGREE THAT WE WILL PROCEED IN A SOFT WAY AND ROBERT'S RULES WILL BE SITTING THERE WHEN WE NEED THEM, AND -- WITH THAT KIND OF AN AGREEMENT.

AND ONCE AGAIN, WE'RE OPEN TO YOUR -- GO AHEAD.

>> DO WE WANT TO TEST THAT FIRST DECISION OF THIS GROUP?

>> YOU WANT TO CALL THE MOTION ALREADY?

>> NO, NOT CALL THE MOTION, BUT BY CONSENSUS, ARE WE OKAY WITH A SOFT VERSION OF ROBERT'S RULES FOR HOW WE OPERATE? BECAUSE AT SOME POINT WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE FORMAL MOTIONS. WE'VE BEEN REQUESTED TO HAVE THOSE IN WRITING IF WE SEND THOSE FORWARD, SO THAT'S WHEN WE KIND OF CLICK IN TO BE A LITTLE MORE FORMAL.

YES.

>> THE RULES OF ORDER WOULD BE WITH YOU-ALL ACTING AS THE CHAIRPEOPLE?

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>> IT WILL BE KIND OF LIKE CHAIR, FACILITATOR,

PARLIAMENTARIAN.

>> SERGEANT AT ARMS.

>> SERGEANT OF ARMS, YES.

SO WE'RE AGREED ON THAT.

>> GREAT.

SECONDLY, WE KIND OF STRUGGLED WITH THIS ONE A LITTLE BIT, SO WE REALLY ARE MAKING IT AS -- SORT OF TRYING TO ADVANCE, YOU KNOW, THINK THROUGH THE PROBLEM OF A QUORUM WITH THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING THIS MANY PEOPLE TO MEET REGULARLY, AND I THINK OUR RECOMMENDATION HERE WAS THAT THE COMMITTEE SHOULD PROCEED WITH NO QUORUM.

I SUPPOSE IF THERE'S ONLY, YOU KNOW, THREE OR FOUR, WE PROBABLY CAN'T PROCEED A LOT BUT TO NOT HAVE A STRICT QUORUM FOR THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE; HOWEVER, ON ANY SORT OF FINAL VOTES FOR FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO GO FORWARD THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A TWO-THIRDS QUORUM, AND JUST TO, YOU KNOW, ANTICIPATE THAT THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM, AND IF IT IS, I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO REDRESS IT AT SOME OTHER TIME.

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU-ALL?

>> DOES EVERYONE -- DOES ANYBODY HAVE OBJECTION TO THAT?

>> NO, BUT JUST A QUESTION FOR CLARIFICATION.

WHAT WOULD -- WHAT CONSTITUTES A QUORUM?

>> TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS, I GUESS, WHO ARE ON THIS SHEET.

>> INCLUDING THE ADVISORS OR SIMPLY --

>> NO.

>> NO.

[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK] FACILITATORS.

>> THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

>> TWO-THIRDS OF 14?

>> RIGHT.

I HAVEN'T DONE THE MATH TO KNOW WHAT THAT NUMBER WOULD BE.

IT WILL BE A HAPPY NUMBER IN THERE SOMEWHERE.

>> 16, 12 TO 16.

>> 16 BECAUSE --

>> YOU'VE GOT TWO-THIRDS, NOT THREE-FOURTHS?

>> RIGHT.

>> 11.5.

JIM'S THE HALF.

>> YEAH.

CLARIFICATION, I'M OPERATING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT ALL THE

NAMES ON THIS PAGE ARE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMITTEE.

CORRECT?

ALL THE NAMES ON THIS PAGE.

>> I THINK MR. COOK JUST ASKED A QUESTION THAT'S CONTRARY

TO WHAT YOU SAID, WHICH -- THE ADVISORS ARE ON THIS LIST.

>> NO.

DIFFERENT ADVISORS.

>> WE ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE --

>> TOM WELLER AND TOM MASON, WE ASSUME THEY ARE MEMBERS OF

THE COMMITTEE.

IF THAT'S NOT TRUE --

>> HE'S ON MY LIST.

>> THEY'RE ON THE LIST AS MEMBERS.

>> WELLER AND MASON, YES.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> AND NOT FACILITATORS.

>> SO THERE'S 16 PEOPLE ON THE COMMITTEE.

>> MIKE, CAN YOU HELP US WITH THIS, PLEASE.

>> THAT'S TRUE.

[INAUDIBLE]

>> UH-HUH.

>> SOMEBODY SAID 14 [INAUDIBLE]

>>MIKE MERRILL: YEAH.

ORIGINALLY IT WAS INTENDED THAT DR. WELLER AND DR. MASON
WOULD BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT --

>> SO THERE WERE 16 RATHER THAN 14, WHICH MAKES 12 THE
QUORUM.

>>MIKE MERRILL: YES, THAT'S CORRECT.

>> TWO-THIRDS.

>>MIKE MERRILL: BECAUSE -- AND THE REASON BEING THAT --
AND MAYBE THAT -- WE SHOULD HAVE ALSO INTRODUCED THE
CONSULTANT TO THE COMMITTEE, AND MAYBE YOU WERE GOING TO DO
THAT.

>> THAT'S COMING UP NEXT.

>>MIKE MERRILL: OKAY.

ALL RIGHT.

SO THAT'S DISTINCT FROM THE TWO GENTLEMEN FROM USF WHO WERE INTENDED TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

>> THAT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

AND SO FOR PURPOSES OF VOTES THAT GO FORWARD FROM THIS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WE ARE DECLARING THAT TWO-THIRDS WOULD BE 12, IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID?

>> IT'S 11.

>> 11?

>> IF YOU DIVIDE 16 BY 3, IT'S 5.3, MULTIPLIED BY 2 IS 10.6, ROUNDED UP TO 11, SO REALLY SIX VOTES OUT OF THE 11 IS WHAT'S GOING TO DETERMINE ONCE WE HAVE A QUORUM.

>> AND I SUPPOSE WE COULD ATTACH AN AMENDMENT TO THAT TO SAY THAT IF THE COMMITTEE -- YOU KNOW, PEOPLE RESIGN FROM THE COMMITTEE ALONG THE WAY, THEN OUR MEMBERSHIP IS LESSENERED BY THAT FACTOR SO THAT BY THE TIME WE VOTE ON OUR ACTUAL RECOMMENDATIONS, WE MAY ONLY HAVE 14, AND AT THAT POINT IT WOULD STILL BE TWO-THIRDS IF WE'RE HAPPY WITH THAT.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> IF YOU DIVIDE 16 BY THREE, IT'S 5.33.

YOU MULTIPLY IT BY 2, GET TWO-THIRDS, AND IT'S 10.66, SO

YOU ROUND IT UP TO 11.

>> CORRECT.

BUT YOU HAD ANOTHER FACTOR IN THERE TOO.

>> I WAS PROBABLY JUST THROWING SOME NUMBERS AROUND.

>> OKAY.

UNLESS ANYONE CHALLENGES IN THE FUTURE, WE WILL SAY THAT 11 IS REQUIRED FOR A QUORUM VOTE, AND IF ANYONE DROPS OFF THE COMMITTEE OFFICIALLY, WE WILL REDUCE THAT NUMBER ACCORDINGLY.

ALL RIGHT.

>> MR. -- OR DR. WELLER AND DR. --

>> THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

THEY'RE FULL MEMBERS OF THE --

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> THEY'RE JUST NOT HERE, THAT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING, RIGHT NOW.

>> AND WE WILL SEEK CLARIFICATION AS TO THEIR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP.

HOW'S THAT?

>> AND IF THEY DROP OFF, THEN THE NUMBER GOES DOWN.

SO THE OTHER IMPORTANT PART, THEN, IS NO QUORUM IS NEEDED TO CONDUCT COMMITTEE WORK, SO IF FOUR OF US SHOW UP OR 16 OF US SHOW UP, WE MEET.

NOW, TECHNICALLY I GUESS IF IT WAS ONLY FOUR, LIKE THE NIGHT IT WAS RAINING, YOU KNOW, I GUESS THAT COULD BE A

JUDGMENT CALL, BUT RIGHT NOW WE WILL NOT SAY BECAUSE WE DO NOT HAVE 11 PEOPLE THAT WE WILL CANCEL THE MEETING, SO A QUORUM IS WHOEVER SHOWS UP FOR REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING. AGREED?

>> ARE WE GOING TO HAVE A MINIMUM, LIKE SIX, OR NOT?

>> WE DID NOT PROPOSE A MINIMUM.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PROPOSE A MINIMUM?

>> WELL, IT PROBABLY SEEMS LIKE WE OUGHT TO HAVE A MINIMUM NUMBER OF FOLKS HERE, SO I WOULD THINK SOMETHING LIKE FIVE OR SIX OUGHT TO BE A MINIMUM, AND IF WE KEEP NOTES, THOSE OF US WHO AREN'T HERE CAN READ THAT AND BE CAUGHT UP IN THE NEXT TIME.

>> I THINK FUNCTIONALLY THAT'S AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION. I DON'T THINK FOUR PEOPLE -- THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION AND CLARIFY SOME THINGS, BUT THEY CAN'T REALLY REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON ANY FORWARD MOTION, SO I WOULD BE FRIENDLY TO THAT.

>> SO WHAT WAS YOUR LAST COMMENT?

>> I HAVE A MINIMUM [INAUDIBLE]

>> WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET SIX I WOULD THINK PRETTY EASILY.

>> I WAS EVEN GOING TO SUGGEST SOMETHING MORE THAN SIX, HALF, YOU KNOW.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> I WOULD AGREE.

IF WE GET IN A SITUATION WHERE REGULARLY HALF THE COMMITTEE'S NOT HERE, THEN WE'RE LOSING THE FUNCTION OF THE COMMITTEE.

>> I CAN AGREE WITH THAT.

>> YOU MENTIONED EARLIER WE'LL BE ABLE TO CALL IN IF NECESSARY?

>> ANY OTHER INPUT OR OPINIONS?

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> AN AGREEMENT.

>> WE'RE HAVING GOOD DIALOGUE, YES.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT THAT IN THE FORM OF A MOTION, THAT WE HAVE A MINIMUM OF EIGHT MEMBERS TO -- TO HOLD AN OFFICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING AND A VOTING QUORUM WOULD BE THEN TWO-THIRDS OR 11 PERSONS?

>> I WOULD RATHER WE SAY HALF IN CASE IT BECOMES 14, THEN THE MOTION STILL COVERS IT.

>> OKAY.

EXCELLENT.

>> ARE YOU MAKING THAT MOTION?

>> OKAY.

SO MOVED.

>> IS THERE A SECOND?

>> SECOND.

>> OKAY.

ANY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION?

>> THAT WOULD BE MEMBERS THAT COMMIT TO THE E-MAIL TO A MEETING, RIGHT, BECAUSE --

>> NO.

>> JUST THE ABSOLUTE NUMBERS.

IF WE HAVE 16 --

>> [INAUDIBLE] AN E-MAIL THAT SAYS WE'D LIKE TO SET A MEETING FOR WHATEVER DATE, AND IF TEN -- HALF OR MORE RESPOND BACK THAT THEY CAN MAKE THAT DATE, THEN YOU'D HAVE AN OFFICIAL MEETING EVEN IF ONLY EIGHT OF THEM SHOWED UP.

>> NO.

I THINK WE'RE -- I THINK THE INTENT IS YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE AT LEAST HALF OF THE TOTAL MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE IN ORDER TO HOLD THE MEETING.

NOW, YOU RAISE ANOTHER ISSUE.

WHAT IF EIGHT OF US SAY WE WILL COME, ASSUMING WE'RE 16, AND ONE OF THE EIGHT DOESN'T SHOW UP.

NOW SEVEN PEOPLE HAVE TRAVELED AND THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

>> WELL, THE EIGHTH PERSON WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR THE GASOLINE.

[LAUGHTER]

>> ALL RIGHT.

IS THAT A FORMAL PART OF THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT?

>> [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>> BUT I AGREE.

I THINK THE POINT IS THINGS HAPPEN AT THE LAST MINUTE WHERE

YOU THINK YOU CAN'T ATTEND AND THEN YOUR SCHEDULE CHANGES
AND YOU CAN OR YOU'VE SAID YOU COULD ATTEND AND AT THE LAST
MINUTE THERE'S AN EMERGENCY AND YOU CANNOT FOR HEALTH
[INAUDIBLE] OR WORK.

I THINK IT HAS TO BE -- FEET IN THE ROOM WOULD BE THE
MEASUREMENT OF --

>> OR TELEPHONICALLY.

>> OR TELEPHONICALLY.

>> TELEPHONICALLY.

I MEAN, IT FREQUENTLY HAPPENS THAT BOARDS CONVENE WITH A
QUORUM AND DON'T NECESSARILY FINISH WITH A QUORUM, SO I
THINK AS LONG AS WE CAN OPEN AND CONVENE WITH EIGHT MEMBERS
IN PERSON, HALF, EIGHT OR SO --

>> HALF, RIGHT.

>> -- IN PERSON OR TELEPHONICALLY, I THINK WE CAN CONDUCT
BUSINESS.

>> MAY I SUGGEST THAT IF WE DO HAVE A MEETING THAT'S
NOTICED AND IT MEETS ALL THE SUNSHINE REQUIREMENTS AND
THERE ARE NOT HALF -- HALF ARE NOT HERE, IT WOULDN'T BE AN
OFFICIAL MEETING, BUT IF PEOPLE WANTED TO SHARE IDEAS, THEY
WOULD BE ABLE TO SHARE THE IDEAS BECAUSE IT WOULD MEET THE
SUNSHINE REQUIREMENTS AND PERHAPS ASSIGN SOME TASKS FOR A
FUTURE E-MAIL OR SOMETHING TO WORK OUT WITH STAFF,
SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

>> OR TO REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING ON WHAT THEY

ACCOMPLISHED.

>> RIGHT.

>> THAT MAKES SENSE BECAUSE WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING OFFICIAL
UNTIL WE HAVE A QUORUM, SO WE'LL GET SOMETHING DONE IF
WE [INAUDIBLE]

>> OKAY.

WELL, THAT WAS THE GENERAL SPIRIT OF THE SUGGESTION.

>> ALL RIGHT.

ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION TO SAY THAT A QUORUM
WOULD COUNT -- WOULD BE HALF OF THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP OF
THE COMMITTEE?

THAT'S THE MOTION ON THE FLOOR.

AND THAT FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, IF YOU SAY YOU'RE COMING AND
YOU DON'T SHOW UP AND WE FALL BELOW A QUORUM, YOU HAVE TO
PAY FOR GAS.

[LAUGHTER]

THAT'S NOT REALLY ON THERE.

OKAY.

HEARING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF OUR
FIRST MOTION, PLEASE SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE.

[CHORUS OF AYES]

OPPOSED NAY.

THE MOTION CARRIES.

>> OKAY.

NEXT -- AND MS. FARRIS SUGGESTED -- ALLUDED TO THIS, THAT

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OUTSIDE
RESOURCES, IF YOU WISH TO ACCESS EITHER THE COUNTY ATTORNEY
OR WADE TRIM OR THE -- I SUGGESTED THROUGH THE
FACILITATORS, SHE SUGGESTED THAT THROUGH JOE, I GUESS,
MOREDA.

EITHER WAY WE WOULD COPY -- WE WOULD BE SURE THAT EACH ARE
COPIED ON IT, SO --

>>JOE MOREDA: ANYTHING SENT TO ME -- CORRECT ME IF I'M
WRONG -- I WOULD HAVE TO SEND -- IF I SEND IT OUT, IT WOULD
HAVE TO GO TO EVERYBODY.

IF NOT, IT WOULD BE A SUNSHINE ISSUE.

IN FACT, CAN SOMETHING BE SENT TO ME INDIVIDUALLY OR DOES
IT HAVE TO BE --

>>ADAM GORMLY: OKAY.

YOU'RE NOT ON THE COMMITTEE.

AS A NONCOMMITTEE MEMBER, WHATEVER -- YOU'RE NOT SUBJECT TO
THE SUNSHINE LAW, SO PEOPLE CAN SEND THINGS TO YOU.

YOU CAN DISTRIBUTE THINGS TO THE GROUP.

WHAT YOU COULDN'T DO IS ACT AS AN INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN
COMMITTEE MEMBERS, COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEM, SO AS LONG
AS IT'S A ONE-WAY DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION AND NOT A
RESPONSE TO GO BACK TO THAT COMMITTEE MEMBER, HAVING IT GO
THROUGH JOE SHOULD BE FINE.

>> AND THAT'S TRUE OF US AS WELL.

WE ARE ALSO NOT MEMBERS --

>>ADAM GORMLY: CORRECT.

>> AND DON'T USE YOUR REPLY ALL BUTTON TO RESPOND BECAUSE -

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>> [INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>> -- [INAUDIBLE] SUNSHINE ACT EVEN POSSIBLE.

>> AT ANY RATE, I DON'T ANTICIPATE ANY E-MAILS TO NAVITA AND I THAT JOE IS NOT COPIED ON, BUT AT ANY RATE, TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCESS THESE SOURCES OF EXPERTISE, DO THAT THROUGH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OR THROUGH THE FACILITATORS SO WE JUST ALL HAVE THE SAME INFORMATION.

SO ARE WE FRIENDLY TO THAT?

I THINK THE SUNSHINE THING PREVENTS ALMOST ANY OTHER KIND OF CONFIGURATION FROM WORKING, IF I UNDERSTOOD YOUR COMMENTS.

OKAY.

ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT?

ALL RIGHT.

>> JUST REAL QUICK, I SHOULD HAVE MENTIONED THIS JUST AFTER THE PRIOR MOTION.

WE MIGHT WANT TO MAKE SURE PRAGMATICALLY THAT THEY DO BRING THE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT FOR TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATION BECAUSE I KNOW PROBABLY MANY OF US HAVE HAD MEETINGS WHERE WE THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO COMMUNICATE WITH ONE INDIVIDUAL TELEPHONICALLY AND SHOW UP AND NOT HAVE EQUIPMENT, SO THAT

MIGHT BE SOMETHING BETWEEN NOW AND THE NEXT MEETING SOMEONE MIGHT WANT TO CHECK TO MAKE SURE IT'S BROUGHT TO EVERY MEETING BECAUSE WE REALLY WON'T KNOW UNTIL WE'RE HERE.

>> UNTIL THE OCCASION ARISES.

>> SO JUST A VERY PRAGMATIC OBSERVATION, SOMETHING YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK ON.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> WE'LL CHECK AND MAKE SURE THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

>> A SPEAKERPHONE.

>> A SPEAKERPHONE AT EACH MEETING.

>> AND A CALL-IN NUMBER.

>> AND A CALL-IN NUMBER.

>> THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON TO CALL IN AT A TIME, SO IT WOULD BE A CONFERENCE --

>> A CONFERENCE DIALLING SYSTEM.

>> YEAH.

>> AND THAT'S OKAY WITH THE SUNSHINE PROVISIONS AS --

>> YES.

THAT'S MY INTERPRETATION.

>>ADAM GORMLY: YEAH.

THAT DIALOGUE COULD TAKE PLACE HERE IN THE MEETING THAT'S OPEN AND NOTICED.

>> VERY GOOD.

>> THEN WE FLOATED THESE OTHERS.

ONE THING THAT WE MEANT TO SAY IS THAT PART OF OUR AGREEMENT, NAVITA AND MY OWN, WITH THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WAS THAT WE WOULD NOT CONDUCT PERSONALLY ANY INTERVIEWS WITH MEDIA ABOUT ANYTHING THAT THIS COMMITTEE DOES OR SAYS UNTIL AFTER THIS IS WELL OVER AND HOPEFULLY NOT EVEN THEN.

NEITHER ONE OF US REALLY SEEK THAT, BUT WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT AS WELL BE AN AGREEMENT THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER, THAT YOU-ALL AS WELL DO NOT DISCUSS THE PROCEEDINGS WITH THE MEDIA AND MAKE COMMENTS THAT MIGHT FEED BACK INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GROUP, SO THAT'S A SUGGESTION.

I DON'T KNOW IF THERE ARE ISSUES OR RESERVATIONS THAT MAY EXIST.

>> IF BY THAT YOU MEAN WE'RE COMMENTING WITH RESPECT TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE.

I MEAN, SOME PEOPLE ARE, FROM WHAT I CAN READ, ACTIVISTS INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE, BUT I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT, AS I MAY HAVE TO DO IN MY AREA OF EXPERTISE.

AS LONG AS WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE COMMITTEE AND PURPORT TO SPEAK FOR THE COMMITTEE, I THINK THAT'S FINE.

>> I WOULD TEND TO AGREE WITH THAT BECAUSE THERE MAY BE PARTICULAR ISSUES THAT ARE IN FRONT OF A COUNCIL OR COMMISSION THAT RELATE TO A SPECIFIC POLICY, FOR EXAMPLE,

THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND THAT WILL PROBABLY COME UP IN THIS DISCUSSION HERE BUT IT WOULDN'T NECESSARILY -- ANY COMMENT ABOUT A SPECIFIC SITE MIGHT NOT APPLY TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN GENERAL.

>> ONE THING THAT HELPS IN THAT REGARD IF YOU DO SPEAK PUBLICLY IS JUST DON'T IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE --

>> EXACTLY.

>> -- EVEN THOUGH IT MAY HELP YOUR CREDIBILITY OR NOT, I DON'T KNOW.

IF WE DON'T DO THAT --

>> OR IF THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE MEDIA'S CONTACT WITH YOU, SAY, I'M NOT GOING TO COMMENT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT EXPRESSING YOUR OWN INTERESTS AND POINTS OF VIEW ABOUT THESE ISSUES IS YOUR OWN BUSINESS.

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

OKAY.

>> AND SO, YOU KNOW, BOTTOM LINE, NO ONE IN HERE'S AUTHORIZED TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE, OKAY, TO THE MEDIA.

>> IF THE MEDIA WERE TO FIND OUT MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE, COULD WE POINT THEM TO THE COUNTY AND TELL THEM THEY CAN REQUEST WHATEVER INFORMATION THEY WANT UNDER THE SUNSHINE LAW?

>> YES.

>> AND THEY CAN ATTEND THESE MEETINGS AS WELL.

>> IT'S OPEN.

WE'RE IN THE SUNSHINE.

THAT'S WHAT THE SUNSHINE IS.

>> I THINK WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO WARD OFF HERE IS EXPRESSING OPINIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS OR THE PROGRESS OF THE COMMITTEE ITSELF THAT MIGHT DAMAGE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMITTEE.

SOMETHING ELSE TO WORRY ABOUT; RIGHT?

>>JOE MOREDA: I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN SPEAK HERE OR NOT, BUT IF SOMEBODY WAS TO CALL ME FROM THE PRESS, I CAN PROVIDE THEM DOCUMENTS, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO COMMENT TO THEM ABOUT ANYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN HERE BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE VIOLATING THE SAME RULE THAT YOU GUYS ARE OPERATING ON.

IF THEY ASK FOR MINUTES OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, THEN, YOU KNOW, WE --

>> AND AS WE SAID, THESE MEETINGS ARE BEING RECORDED RIGHT NOW.

>> ON A VERY TANGENTIALLY RELATED ISSUE, SOME OF US HERE ARE REPRESENTING CLIENTS AND ALSO REPRESENTING GROUPS.

IS THERE ANY ISSUE WITH REPORTING TO OUR -- THE GROUPS THAT WE REPRESENT IN TERMS OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE COMMITTEE?

I'VE HAD SOME PEOPLE ASSOCIATED WITH FLORIDA WIRELESS

ASSOCIATION ASK IF THEY SHOULD COME TO THE MEETINGS OR CAN COME TO THE MEETINGS, AND WE HAVE A MONTHLY CONFERENCE CALL TO TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT ISSUES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

IN TERMS OF REPORTING ANY OF THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON, IS THERE ANY SORT OF LIMITATION OR ISSUE?

I DON'T BELIEVE ANYBODY ON THIS COMMITTEE IS -- I'M NOT SURE.

JIM, ARE YOU ASSOCIATED WITH FLORIDA WIRELESS?

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> OKAY.

SO I DON'T THINK ANYBODY ON THE COMMITTEE IS IN ANY OF THOSE GROUPS, SO IT WOULDN'T BE A COMMUNICATION WITH A COMMITTEE MEMBER, BUT -- AND I KNOW MANY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS ARE REPRESENTING OTHER PEOPLE AND GROUPS.

WE CAN REPORT BACK TO PEOPLE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING; CORRECT?

>> I DON'T THINK WE CAN PROHIBIT YOU FROM DOING THAT.

>> OKAY.

>> BUT YOU RAISE A KEY POINT.

IF LISA AND MICHAEL, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE IN THE SAME CIVIC ASSOCIATION, THEY COULDN'T BOTH BE THERE MAKING THAT REPORT BECAUSE THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'S LIKELY TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

YOU CAN GET CAUGHT UP IN THAT SUNSHINE ACT SO EASILY.

IT'S NASTY.

>> THAT'S ONE REASON WHY IT'S PROBABLY MORE EFFECTIVE.

IT'S EASIER IN SOME RESPECTS NOT TO HAVE THAT CONVERSATION,
BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU HAVE CONSTITUENCIES THAT PEOPLE
ARE INTERESTED, SO THIS IS A JUDGMENT CALL.

>> I GUESS -- GO AHEAD.

I'M SORRY.

>> NO, I WAS GOING TO SAY IT'S JUST NOT CRYSTAL CLEAR TO
ME, I MEAN, BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, I DO TALK WITH GROUPS OF
PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, SEVERAL DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE ALL
OVER HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AND SO DOES SEVERAL PEOPLE HERE IN
THIS -- IN THIS ROOM, AND WE ARE ON THE SAME BOARDS, SO
WHEN WE -- IF THEY'RE GOING TO GO BACK OR IF THEY'RE
ALLOWED TO GO BACK AND CAN PRESENT INFORMATION FROM THIS
BOARD TO A CLIENT OR WHATEVER, THEN IT'S KIND OF THE SAME
THING.

I SHOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO DO THE SAME THING WITH MY
COMMITTEES.

I'M NOT GETTING PAID BY THAT COMMITTEE BUT I AM
REPRESENTING THEM, SO THAT'S WHY I DON'T UNDERSTAND THE
LINE.

>> IF THERE'S TWO OF YOU, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A PROBLEM
WITH THE SUNSHINE ACT.

THAT'S THE ONLY PROBLEM.

>> THAT'S ONE WRINKLE.

>> RIGHT.

>> THE OTHER WRINKLE IS TO INCUR THE SAME PROBLEM THAT WE'RE TRYING TO WARD OFF BY GIVING OTHER PEOPLE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE COMMITTEE OTHER THAN THAT BEING COMMON KNOWLEDGE, SO JUST SORT OF FEELING MY WAY THROUGH THAT ISSUE, WHAT THE COMMITTEE IS DEALING WITH, THE KINDS OF ISSUES WE'RE DEALING WITH PROBABLY IS NOT THAT SENSITIVE A BIT OF INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS. ISSUING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE COMMITTEE'S PROGRESS OR LACK THEREOF MAY BE HARMFUL.

>> I DON'T SEE WHY WE JUST DON'T POINT EVERYBODY TO THE MEETING NOTES.

>> I'M SORRY.

>> I SAID I DON'T SEE WHY WE JUST DON'T POINT EVERYBODY TO THE MEETING MINUTES.

I CAN'T REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION, BUT --

>> I WAS GOING TO ASK THAT.

>> -- YOU COULD BE ON A CONFERENCE CALL WITH ABC ASSOCIATION, AND IF THEY HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT IT, THE MEETING MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY --

>> WILL THE MINUTES BE AVAILABLE QUICKLY I GUESS IS THE QUESTION?

>>JOE MOREDA: WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING YOU'LL HAVE TO DECIDE, HOW YOU WANT TO WORK WITH THE MINUTES.

[INAUDIBLE] HOWEVER, BUT WHENEVER YOU GET THROUGH THAT CONVERSATION, WE CAN POST THEM ON THE WEB SITE.

THE COUNTY HAS A WEB SITE.

WE HAVE A WEB SITE ALREADY FOR THE COMMITTEE, AND I WOULD IMAGINE WE COULD POST THEM ON THAT SITE AND THEN ANYONE WHO HAS THAT ADDRESS COULD JUST PULL UP THAT PDF.

>> WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THE TAPE THAT WE MAKE OF THESE MEETINGS?

HOW LONG DO WE KEEP IT?

I'M ASKING THE QUESTION ONLY BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, IT'S A PUBLIC RECORD --

>>MIKE MERRILL: RIGHT.

>> -- AND, THEREFORE, IT'S AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT ANY TIME WHILE IT STILL EXISTS.

>>MIKE MERRILL: THAT'S CORRECT.

>> THERE ARE ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO WHEN YOU CAN DESTROY AND REMOVE PUBLIC RECORDS, SO I'M JUST CURIOUS WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH THE TAPE.

>>MIKE MERRILL: WE CAN FIND OUT.

I'M SURE IT'S BEING KEPT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, BUT WE CAN FIND OUT FOR SURE.

[LAUGHTER]

>> SO PEOPLE CAN COME AND LISTEN --

>>MIKE MERRILL: YEAH.

I MEAN, WE'VE HAD TASK FORCES THAT WERE IMPANELED FIVE

YEARS AGO THAT YOU CAN STILL GO TO THE ARCHIVE AND LISTEN
IF YOU HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO DO, BUT WE'LL GET A DEFINITE --

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>MIKE MERRILL: -- BUT WE'LL GET A DEFINITE ANSWER FOR
YOU.

JOE CAN TALK TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE.

>> IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT THIS IS GOING TO BE THROUGH THE
CLOSED CAPTIONING, THE HTV CLOSED CAPTIONING THAT SOME OF
THE OTHER HEARINGS ARE DONE?

I KNOW THAT THAT'S A COMPUTER --

>>MIKE MERRILL: THIS ISN'T BEING FILMED; IS IT?

>> NO.

[INAUDIBLE] AUDIO.

>>MIKE MERRILL: IT'S JUST BEING RECORDED.

OKAY.

IT'S JUST AUDIO, SO --

>> SO THERE'S NOT THE CAPABILITY OF RUNNING THE AUDIO
THROUGH THE TRANSLATOR OR WHATEVER THEY CALL THE CAPTIONING
SYSTEM?

>>MIKE MERRILL: I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT.

WE COULD FIND OUT.

>> OKAY.

I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY YOU CAN'T -- WE'RE NOT IDENTIFYING
OURSELVES, WHICH I GUESS WE PROBABLY SHOULD BE DOING ON THE
RECORD.

LAURA BELFLOWER FOR THE RECORD.

[LAUGHTER]

BUT I WOULD AGREE WITH THE COMMENT THAT IF WE HAD THE MINUTES, I WOULD FEEL MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE WITH SAYING, OKAY, TO MY CLIENTS OR TO THE COMMITTEES THAT I SERVE ON THAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN THIS, HERE ARE THE MINUTES OF WHAT WE DID, AND SO THAT'S THE OFFICIAL VERSION AND IT'S NOT A SPIN ON MY PART OR -- OR I'M NOT GOING TO BE DRAWN INTO BASHING SOMEBODY OR ANYTHING ELSE, SO --

>>MIKE MERRILL: YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT --

>> SO I WILL ASK THE COMMITTEE DO YOU WANT MINUTES PREPARED AFTER EACH MEETING WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AND FOR THOSE TO BE CIRCULATED VIA YOUR E-MAIL AND POSTED POTENTIALLY THROUGH THE WEB SITE?

>> THAT'S GOING TO KILL US --

>> WE'LL ASK THE LADY WHO'S GOING TO DO THE MINUTES IF SHE CAN DO THAT.

>> YES, WE CAN DO THAT.

>> IT'S A REASONABLE REQUEST.

I THINK WHAT WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE IF WE WANTED TO DISTRIBUTE THEM FAIRLY QUICKLY, THEY WOULD BE UNAPPROVED MINUTES UNTIL WE HAVE OUR NEXT MEETING, SO THAT WOULD NEED TO BE A CAVEAT.

>>MIKE MERRILL: WHAT IS THE NORMAL TURNAROUND TIME FOR MINUTES?

>> A DAY OR TWO.

>>MIKE MERRILL: A DAY OR TWO?

OKAY.

>> I STILL DON'T THINK -- I DON'T FEEL LISA'S GOTTEN AN ANSWER TO HER QUESTION BECAUSE I'M A LITTLE UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT SHE COULD OR COULD NOT DO.

I KNOW SHE CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE COMMITTEE.

SHE CAN'T SAY --

>> THAT'S CLEAR.

>> THAT'S CLEAR.

I KNOW SHE'S GOT TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT'S LIKELY TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE IF ANOTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER IS THERE.

>> IT'S VERY SIMILAR.

>> RIGHT.

SO THAT LINE YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DRAW IS A VERY SUBTLE ONE.

IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT CELLULAR COMMUNICATION POLICIES, YOU NEED TO NOT SPEAK IN TERMS OF WHAT THE COMMITTEE'S DOING, THIS COMMITTEE'S DOING, BUT CAN YOU EVEN TALK ABOUT SOMETHING WE'RE SUBSTANTIVELY DISCUSSING IF MIKE'S THERE, FOR EXAMPLE?

I DON'T THINK YOU CAN.

>> I DON'T KNOW.

>> IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE MINUTES WOULD

TRY TO -- KIND OF PRECLUDE PERHAPS A CONFLICT.

IF SHE WAS PRESENTING TO A GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS THE INFORMATION THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN THIS MEETING AND I INTERACTED WITH HER AND ASKED HER OPINION OF AN ISSUE OR I GAVE MY OPINION ON A PARTICULAR ISSUE, I THINK THAT WOULD BE VERY PROBLEMATIC, BUT I THOUGHT MS. FARRIS'S COMMENT KIND LEFT ME WITH A COMFORT FEELING THAT NOBODY HERE WAS BEING LOCKED IN A CLOSET FOR A SUNSHINE LAW ISSUE, SO TO SPEAK.

>> I UNDERSTOOD HER COMMENT TO BE YOU COULD STILL GO TO THE SAME EVENTS, YOU CAN STILL SPEAK ON BEHALF OF YOUR INTERESTS ON CERTAIN ISSUES, BUT YOU CANNOT RAISE ISSUES BETWEEN YOU ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS COMMITTEE OR THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A MEETING.

THAT'S THE WAY I UNDERSTOOD IT.

>> THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING AS WELL.

>> AND SHE SAID SOME OF THAT'S A JUDGMENT CALL.

>> AND TO AVOID HAVING A CONVERSATION ON TOPICS THAT WE MIGHT ACTUALLY ACT ON AND MAKE FORMAL MOTIONS ON.

>>JOE MOREDA: [INAUDIBLE]

I GUESS I OUGHT TO SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE.

I THINK IN TERMS OF THE TURNAROUND OF THE MINUTES THAT THAT'S NOT REALLY A PROBLEM, BUT MY CONCERN WOULD BE THAT THE MINUTES REFLECT WHAT THE COMMITTEE AGREES ON, SO IF WE'RE -- IF WE'RE PROCESSING THOSE MINUTES, YOU KNOW, THE

DAY AFTER THE HEARING AND THEN THEY'RE POSTED, THEN THERE MAY BE A QUESTION ABOUT THE SUBJECT OR THE WAY THEY'VE BEEN, YOU KNOW, PREPARED, IF THAT ACCURATELY REFLECTS WHAT HAPPENED IN THE MEETING, SO THAT WOULD BE MY CONCERN.

AND THAT'S WHY -- I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT'S MY ROLE, I JUST ARTICULATE THAT WE HAVE A CONCERN ABOUT THAT.

>> THAT'S FAIR.

>> COULDN'T WE IDENTIFY THEM AS UNAPPROVED MINUTES AND THEN APPROVED MINUTES, SO IF SOMEONE ASKS FOR A PUBLIC RECORD AND YOU'VE GOT MINUTES PREPARED, YOU DON'T HAVE AN OPTION, YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE IT TO THEM, BUT YOU IDENTIFY THEM AS UNAPPROVED, MEANING THEY'VE NOT COME BACK BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, WHO HAS THEN APPROVED THEM AS ACCURATE OR MADE CHANGES IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM ACCURATE.

I THINK THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO.

>> AND THAT'S NOT DISSIMILAR WITH MANY LOCAL -- SMALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS --

>> RIGHT.

>> -- THAT WILL CREATE THEIR AGENDA TWO WEEKS BEFORE THEIR NEXT MEETING AND THEY'LL HAVE THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING AS PART OF THE AGENDA, AND THEN THE FIRST THING OUT OF THE BOX THEY VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT --

>> THAT'S RIGHT.

>> -- THOSE MINUTES ACCURATELY REFLECT THAT PRIOR MEETING.

>> AND THAT'S WHAT WE WILL DO.

>> AND I ASSUME THAT THESE MEETINGS -- THE RECORDINGS ARE DIGITAL, AND IT REALLY WOULD NOT BE THAT DIFFICULT, I WOULDN'T THINK, TO PUT A COPY OF THE RECORDING, THE DIGITAL RECORDING ON THE COUNTY'S WEB SITE AS WELL SO THAT IF SOMEBODY REALLY WANTED TO LISTEN TO THE TAPE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, THEN THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE AS WELL, LIKE AN MP3.

>>JOE MOREDA: ACTUALLY, I ASKED ABOUT THAT, AND I WAS TOLD THAT -- AND I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS CORRECT OR NOT, BUT I WAS ADVISED THAT MOST PEOPLE'S COMPUTER PROBABLY COULDN'T HANDLE DOWNLOADING THE AUDIO FILE.

I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S THE CASE OR NOT, BUT I THINK WE COULD POST IT.

I DON'T KNOW IF IT CAN BE, YOU KNOW, DOWNLOADED AND LISTENED TO, SO --

>> TAMPA HAS FIOS?

>>JOE MOREDA: PARDON?

>> TAMPA HAS FIOS.

>> GO AHEAD.

>> IS IT OUT OF THE QUESTION THAT WE COULD HAVE THIS PUBLIC -- I MEAN, LIKE CTTV?

IS IT COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION SO THAT PEOPLE ALL OVER CAN WATCH IT, OR IS IT JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY --

>> HTV.

>>MIKE MERRILL: NO, IT'S NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION.

WE WOULD JUST HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, AND THERE WOULD BE STAFF FUNDING WE'D HAVE TO -- I MEAN, WE CAN WORK IT OUT.

>> IT WOULD BE LIKE A LOT OF WORK.

>>MIKE MERRILL: I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER WHY WE DECIDED NOT -
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>> [INAUDIBLE]

>>MIKE MERRILL: -- TO FILM IT.

>> I'M NOT SURE.

>>MIKE MERRILL: ALL RIGHT.

WELL, LET US LOOK INTO THAT.

WE'LL GET THAT RESOLVED FOR YOU.

>> AND I JUST WANT TO ADD THAT THERE WAS A TECHNICAL PERSON WHO CAME IN WHO TOLD ME THAT THE CAMERAS WERE RUNNING AND WE JUST WOULD HAVE LONG SHOTS, SO -- I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS.

>>JOE MOREDA: THAT COULD BE THE CASE.

I'M SORRY.

>>MIKE MERRILL: NO.

>>JOE MOREDA: I CAN -- I CAN CLARIFY THAT.

>> GO UP TO 28 AND SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING.

[LAUGHTER]

>> WE'LL FIND OUT FOR CERTAIN.

[LAUGHTER]

>> MY ORIGINAL CONCERN IN PUTTING THAT IN THERE WAS NOT

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMMITTEE OR WHAT THE COMMITTEE'S DOING WAS -- SHOULD BE CENSORED OR HELD BACK IN ANY WAY BUT THAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT POLITICIZE THEIR ROLE ON THE COMMITTEE.

THAT WAS THE INTENT OF THE CLAUSE THERE.

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU-ALL AS A DISTINCTION?

>> I MEAN, I THINK -- NOTHING ABOUT THIS IS SECRET, SO TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU WANT TO TALK TO PEOPLE ABOUT IT, I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TO BE MUZZLED AND GIVE THEM THE OFFICIAL MINUTES.

I THINK -- THERE ARE THREE ISSUES, I THOUGHT, THE ISSUE OF POLITICIZING IT WITH THE MEDIA, A SUNSHINE LAW VIOLATION WITH TWO OF US OR TWO PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND THREE, JUST TALKING TO PEOPLE ABOUT IT, AND THE THIRD ONE, TO ME, IS NOT A PROBLEM AT ALL.

IT'S JUST YOU DON'T WANT TO GET YOURSELF IN JAIL BECAUSE YOU VIOLATE THE SUNSHINE LAW, WHICH COULD HAPPEN.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> NO, IT'S A BIG DEAL.

I MEAN, THE SUNSHINE LAW IS -- I DON'T KNOW IF ADAM WANTS TO TALK ABOUT THIS, BUT IT'S A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, AND SO THAT'S -- THAT'S THE BIGGEST ISSUE, BUT THE OTHER STUFF IS TALK ABOUT IT WITH WHOEVER YOU WANT, JUST MAKE SURE NO ONE ELSE IS -- NO ONE ELSE ON THE COMMITTEE IS IN THE ROOM WHEN YOU DO IT.

>> AND JUST SORT OF A BIT OF WISDOM -- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THERE HAS TO BE A RULE OR NOT -- TAKING A POLITICAL STAND IN A PUBLIC FORMAT MAY LIMIT YOUR ABILITY TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY ON THE COMMITTEE, AND -- ALL RIGHT.

THAT MIGHT -- THAT MIGHT HAVE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE EFFECTS, BUT THAT'S NOT SOMETHING WE CAN CONTROL.

>> I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING COMPLETELY.

THE ONLY PROBLEM FOR THE SEVEN [INAUDIBLE] IN THE ROOM HERE, THAT IS EXACTLY WE DO, WE TAKE A POLITICAL STAND IN THE NEWSPAPER, ON TV, IN MEETINGS IN COMMUNITIES, EVERY --

>> ON THE ISSUES BUT NOT NECESSARILY ABOUT THE UPCOMING VOTE.

>> CORRECT, NO, BUT I WAS INTERPRETING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AS DON'T TAKE A POLITICAL STAND ON THE ISSUE.

>> NO, NO, NO.

>> OKAY.

>> ABOUT THE BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE.

>> UNDERSTOOD.

>> BECAUSE THAT MEANS YOU NEGOTIATE BEFORE YOU COME BACK HERE.

>> I AGREE.

>> THAT WAS MY ISSUE.

DO WE UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER?

OKAY.

>> AND MARY HELEN FARRIS HAS BEEN VERY GENEROUS.

SHE GAVE US THE PHONE NUMBER, SO WHEN IN DOUBT, CALL.

>> ABOUT THE SUNSHINE, ABSOLUTELY.

>>JOE MOREDA: THE MEETING IS TELEVISED.

IF THERE'S A CLOSED CAPTION TO THAT, SOMEBODY COULD ESSENTIALLY, YOU KNOW, READ THE WHOLE CAPTION FROM THE MEETING.

THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE THE EASIEST WAY TO GO, AND NOBODY WOULD HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT APPROVED, UNAPPROVED, AND THEY'RE PRETTY ACCURATE.

[INAUDIBLE]

>> OKAY.

ARE WE FAIRLY CLEAR ABOUT THAT?

THE FINAL ITEM HERE, WE WERE TOLD TO BE PREPARED FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT THERE WOULD BE A GALLERY OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD EXPECT TO PARTICIPATE, EXPECT TO ADDRESS THE GROUP, AND THAT WAS SOMETHING UNUSUAL FOR US, AND SO WE WERE AT LEAST ADVISED MAYBE THE GROUP WANTS TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT PROCESS THAT WOULD BE EMPLOYED SHOULD THAT BE THE CASE, SO ONE POSSIBILITY IS WHAT I'VE ARTICULATED HERE, THAT WE SIMPLY LET THE COMMITTEE DO ITS BUSINESS WITHOUT TAKING INPUT FROM OBSERVERS, BUT IF, RIGHT, THERE ARE -- IF THERE IS TIME AND THE WILL TO DO THAT, THAT PEOPLE MAY AGREE TO LET PEOPLE ADDRESS THE GROUP AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

>> I COULD SEE THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO ASK

SOMEBODY TO COME IN WITH SOME EXPERTISE.

>> THAT'S A DIFFERENT --

>> THAT WOULD BE DIFFERENT.

>> SO IF WE -- I GUESS FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, WITNESSES AS OPPOSED TO OBSERVERS, BUT I KNOW WE DON'T WANT TO DRAW THIS OUT TREMENDOUSLY AND THE WHOLE THING CAN'T BE A PUBLIC HEARING, BUT IF WE MAKE EVERYBODY WAIT -- IF THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE THAT HAVE LEGITIMATE POINTS THAT MAYBE ARE NOT REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEE OR SOMEONE ON COMMITTEE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THEIR ISSUE IS OR WHATEVER, TO MAKE THEM SIT UNTIL THE END OF THE MEETING AND -- MAYBE IF AS WE FINISH EACH POINT OR ARE WE TO A VOTE POINT OR MAYBE EVEN JUST STARTING THE DISCUSSION AND SAY, IS THERE SOMEONE WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON THIS SPECIFIC POINT AND TRY THAT AND SEE -- WE MAY NOT HAVE ANYBODY.

>> LET ME SAY SOMETHING.

I THINK THAT GETS VERY UNWIELDY, AND I THINK THERE -- I THINK -- LET ME SAY, I THINK EVERYONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK.

IF THEY COME TO THIS, THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND I THINK EITHER DOING IT AT THE BEGINNING OR AT THE END AND IT'S A PROCESS, BECAUSE OTHERWISE YOU JUST NEVER GET DONE, AND THEN THEY BECOME EX FACTO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, AND IT'S JUST -- AT THE END OR AT THE BEGINNING, EITHER ONE, YOU KNOW, BUT -- PEOPLE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK, BUT I

THINK DOING IT THAT WAY MAKES IT VERY UNWIELDY AS A GROUP.
THAT'S JUST MY OPINION, BUT --

>> YOU'RE SAYING PEOPLE OTHER THAN WITNESSES?

>> I THINK THEY'RE TWO SEPARATE -- I THINK THEY IDENTIFIED
THEY'RE TWO SEPARATE THINGS.

AS WE GO THROUGH THIS PROCESS, WE MIGHT WANT TO HEAR FROM
AN EXPERT ON SOMETHING AND THAT WOULD BE -- THEY'D BE
INVITED TO COME AND SPEAK AND THEY WOULD HAVE A SPOT ON THE
AGENDA, BUT I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE, JUST LIKE THE COUNTY
COMMISSION OR CITY COUNCIL DOES, TO HAVE A PUBLIC COMMENT
SPOT EITHER AT THE BEGINNING OR THE END.

I DON'T HAVE A STRONG PREFERENCE.

IT SEEMS THAT MAKES MORE SENSE AND IS MORE ORGANIZED.

>> I WOULD SUGGEST AT THE BEGINNING SO THAT WE CAN GET
THEIR INPUTS UP FRONT, AND THEN WE CAN TAKE IT INTO
CONSIDERATION RATHER THAN HAVING THEM SIT THROUGH THE WHOLE
DISCUSSIONS WHILE THEY'RE SITTING ON THEIR HANDS TRYING TO
CONSTRAIN THEMSELVES.

>> LIMITATIONS ON TIME.

>> YES.

>> WE WOULDN'T WANT TO FILIBUSTER A LENGTHY TECHNICAL
ARGUMENT THAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE IMPORTANT TO ANYONE.

>> WELL, YOU'D HAVE TO PUT REASONABLE TIME LIMITATIONS,
OTHERWISE YOU'D NEVER GET ANYTHING DONE.

>> WHICH MEANS YOU NEED A TIMER.

>> WE CAN DO THAT.

>> AND THAT'S --

>> GO AHEAD.

>> AND THAT'S ANOTHER THING I WAS, YOU KNOW, THINKING, YOU KNOW, IF ONE SIDE GETS SEVEN PEOPLE TO COME IN AND GIVE THEIR OPINION AND THEN THE OTHER SIDE GETS SEVEN PEOPLE TO COME IN AND GIVE THEIR OPINION AND THEN WE JUST DRAG THIS INTO TIT FOR TAT, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT'S GOING TO BE DRAWN OUT TOO.

>> TYPICALLY WHAT OTHER BODIES DO IS THEY SAY IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING NEW TO ADD -- IF IT'S JUST CUMULATIVE, YOU WANT TO COME AND RANT, YOU TRY TO LIMIT THAT.

IT'S -- BASICALLY THE CHAIR HAS AN AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY TO REGULATE THAT.

IT'S NOT EASY, BUT THAT'S USUALLY WHAT THEY DO.

>> WE WILL DO YOUR BIDDING, SO HOWEVER YOU WISH TO HANDLE THIS.

>> CAN I ASK A QUESTION OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY?

ADAM, NOT TO PUT YOU ON THE SPOT.

WE DON'T HAVE ANY DIRECTION THAT WE HAVE TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT FROM ANYTHING THAT THE BOARD HAS DIRECTED US;
RIGHT?

>>ADAM GORMLY: I DON'T BELIEVE THEY'VE GIVEN ANY DIRECTION ON TAKING PUBLIC COMMENT OR NOT, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

>> ARE THERE EXAMPLES OF COMMITTEE THAT HAVE AND HAVEN'T

THAT YOU CAN THINK OF RECENTLY?

I MEAN, SAY THE TRANSPORTATION TASK FORCE, GROUPS -- I DON'T WANT THIS TO GET SO UNWIELDY BECAUSE I'M LEANING IN THE DIRECTION THAT WE SHOULD NOT TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE PUT THIS GROUP TOGETHER WITH EXPERTISE, AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT -- WELL, I'LL LET YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION, MIKE. THANKS.

>>MIKE MERRILL: RIGHT, RIGHT.

NO, THE BOARD GAVE NO DIRECTION ON HOW THIS GROUP IS TO OPERATE.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS.

THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE WAS THE WORKING GROUP THAT I CONVENED TO DEAL WITH THE SOLICITATION ORDINANCE, THE SO-CALLED PANHANDLING ORDINANCE.

THAT WAS AN UNOFFICIAL WORKING GROUP.

IT WASN'T EVEN A SUNSHINE GROUP FOR THAT MATTER, BUT WE DID -- BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE TOPIC, BECAUSE IT WAS SO CONTROVERSIAL, WE DID TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON WAS BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCE, NOT BECAUSE OF ANY ORDINANCE OR DIRECTION OR ANY SUCH THING, SO --

>> COULDN'T WE DECIDE, THOUGH, TO AT LEAST START SOME OF OUR BUSINESS AND GET TO A POINT WHERE WE EVEN KNOW WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND THEN DECIDE THAT THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO OPEN IT UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT SO THAT IT'S NOT PRESUMED THAT EVERY MEETING REQUIRES PUBLIC

COMMENT BECAUSE RIGHT NOW WE'RE NOT DOING ANYTHING, BUT AT SOME POINT WE ARE AND PROBABLY DO OR SHOULD GET SOME PUBLIC COMMENT.

>>MIKE MERRILL: YES, SIR.

>> I AGREE.

I'VE -- EITHER EXTREME CAN BE A PROBLEM.

I THINK AT SOME POINT YOU NEED TO HEAR FROM THE PUBLIC OR YOU'RE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT -- ABOUT IT FROM THE PUBLIC, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU NEED TO HEAR IT EVERY TIME UNTIL WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE SOME CONSENSUS ABOUT OR SOME IDEA THAT WE KNOW WHAT THE TOPIC IS WE WANT INPUT ON.

>>MIKE MERRILL: IT CAN WAIT TILL THE VERY END IF YOU WANT.

>> I THINK THAT'S A GOOD COMMENT THAT, YOU KNOW, WE CAN AT ANY POINT DECIDE IF THE ISSUE THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH THAT NIGHT SHOULD INVITE SUCH COMMENT AND CREATE NEW GROUND RULES FOR IT, AND IN RESPONSE TO LAURA'S ISSUE, IT SEEMS TO ME I COULD IMAGINE A SITUATION, AT LEAST, WHERE IF THERE WERE EXPERTISE THERE THAT THAT IS -- ONE OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS COULD SPONSOR THAT AND ASK FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE TO HEAR THAT PERSON, YOU KNOW, AND -- RATHER THAN JUST REFERRING IT OVER TO ANYBODY WHO WANTS TO TALK GETS TO TALK, THAT THAT BE A GROUP DECISION THAT THAT'S INDEED A VALUE.

>> PERHAPS WHEN ITEMS COME UP, WHEN WE GET TO A POINT IN THE DISCUSSION WHERE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT "X" AND SOMEONE IN

THE COMMITTEE SAYS, I KNOW SOMEBODY WHO KNOWS A WHOLE LOT ABOUT "X" AND -- AND CAN -- ON THE NEXT MEETING WHEN WE DISCUSS THAT, WOULD IT BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE ANYBODY WHO KNOWS SOMEBODY THAT KNOWS ABOUT "X" TO COME IN AND TALK ABOUT IT THAT DAY, ESPECIALLY IF IT'S A MORE TECHNICAL ASPECT THAT THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE AS OUR EXPERTS DON'T NECESSARILY KNOW ABOUT OR --

>> IT'S NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION WHETHER, ONCE AGAIN, THAT BECOMES UNWIELDY AND TAKES OVER THE COMMITTEE'S ABILITY TO DO ITS BUSINESS.

IT HAS TO BE MONITORED.

>> I AGREE WITH DAVID SMITH.

I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE SUPPOSED TO USE FIRST NAMES, LAST NAMES, OR WHOLE NAMES.

>> DAVID'S FINE.

>> I THINK THE NOTION THAT IF WE TAKE COMMENTS ALL THE TIME -- IT'S BEEN SO HARD JUST TO GET TOGETHER AND IT'S TAKEN MONTHS, FEELS LIKE A HALF A YEAR, PROBABLY SO.

JIM AND I WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT THAT ON THE ELEVATOR, SO EVENTUALLY WE NEED TO MAXIMIZE THE TIME WE HAVE TOGETHER TO GET AS MUCH ACCOMPLISHED AS WE POSSIBLY CAN.

I THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE AT SOME GIVEN POINT IN TIME WE WANT TO HEAR FROM PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES AND WE OPEN THE DOORS FOR THAT, SO I THINK THAT'S VALUABLE.

I AGREE COMPLETELY.

I HAVE -- JUST TO PUT IT ON THE TABLE SO IT'S KIND OF OPEN BECAUSE IT'S SORT OF AN 800-POUND ELEPHANT SITTING IN THE CORNER FOR SOME OF US.

WHEN WE TALK ABOUT WITNESSES AND EXPERTS, THE FEELING I THINK FROM PROBABLY THE PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IS WE'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE BECAUSE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING FOR LAW FIRMS OR LARGE-POCKETED CLIENTS HAVE UNLIMITED RESOURCES TO BRING SOMEONE FROM NEAR AND FAR TO FULFILL THEIR SPECIFIC NEED FOR A SPECIFIC DISCUSSION.

NOT THAT THAT INFORMATION ISN'T VALUABLE OR USEFUL, BUT I JUST WANT TO -- I JUST WANT YOU TO BE SENSITIVE AND KEEP IN MIND THAT PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY FEEL -- ARE GOING TO FEEL A LITTLE -- WE'RE GOING TO FEEL A LITTLE BIT AT A DISADVANTAGE ON THOSE ISSUES.

I'M NOT SAYING WE SHOULDN'T LISTEN TO THEM AND SHOULDN'T HEAR THEM, BUT WE NEED TO KEEP THAT OPEN SO AS WE MOVE FORWARD WE LOOK FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES.

>> SO ARE WE MORE OR LESS AGREEING WITH WHAT'S STATED HERE? FOR RIGHT NOW WE WILL NOT TAKE COMMENTS UNLESS THERE'S TIME LEFT AT THE END OF THE MEETING AND WE CAN INVITE PEOPLE TO DO SO?

>> ONE SUGGESTION ON THIS.

I'M GOING TO HIT ON WHAT LAURA MENTIONED EARLIER.

IF WE HAVE A SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT OR WHATEVER WE WANT TO CALL THE PERSON ABOUT A TOPIC THAT'S ON OUR AGENDA, THAT

THAT PERSON BE ABLE TO SPEAK AT THAT POINT IN THE AGENDA
VERSUS MAKING THEM WAIT UNTIL THE END?

>> SURE.

>> AND IF ANYTHING, WE CAN JUST SAY -- WE CAN OPEN IT TO
COMMENT.

LET'S SAY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT "X," AND THEN WE GET JANE,
JOHN, AND MARY TO COME IN AS SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS AND AT
THAT POINT WE LET THE REST OF THE -- ANYBODY IN THE
AUDIENCE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK SPEAK, AND THEN WE KEEP MOVING
FORWARD OUR AGENDA AND THEN OPEN IT UP AT THE END TO
COMMENTS AS WELL.

>> [INAUDIBLE] THOSE PEOPLE OBSERVERS.

>> I THINK WE ALSO HAVE TO BE COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT WE
HAVE TWO-HOUR MEETINGS, AND TO OPEN IT UP FOR EVERYONE WHO
WANTS TO SPEAK JUST MAY NOT BE A POSSIBILITY SOMETIMES.

>> UH-HUH.

>> I WOULD -- LET ME JUST ALSO JUST MENTION ANOTHER
PRAGMATIC ISSUE THAT ARISES IN FRONT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,
AND THIS REALLY AFFECTS YOU-ALL'S ROLE.

WHEN YOU LOOK AT YOUR ROLE STRATEGICALLY, YOU ARE
FACILITATORS, NOT NECESSARILY MEDIATORS BUT FACILITATORS --

>> RIGHT.

>> -- WHICH DRAWS UPON YOUR BACKGROUND TO SENSE AND SEE
DIRECTIONS AND POINTS BEING MADE AND SHAPE TO THE EXTENT
YOU CAN CONVERSATIONS THAT WILL ADDRESS THOSE POINTS, BUT

THE PRAGMATIC SIDE OF HAVING THE PUBLIC SPEAK -- AND MANY OF US HAVE MADE OUR CAREERS OUT OF APPEARING IN FRONT OF GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AT VARIOUS LEVELS -- IS THERE HAS TO BE SOMEONE WHO MAKES SOMETIMES VERY HARD DECISIONS ABOUT WE'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF THAT TONIGHT, NO MORE, SO AS WE REFLECT ON WHAT WE'VE SAID TONIGHT ABOUT PEOPLE CONTRIBUTING AT THESE MEETINGS, I THINK ONE THING THAT YOU-ALL NEED TO THINK ABOUT IS THE STRATEGIC CALL YOU WILL MAKE ON HOW YOU'RE GOING TO FULFILL THAT TASK, WHICH -- AND I COULD BE CERTAINLY WAY OFF BASE HERE, BUT IT WOULD SEEM THAT THAT TASK MIGHT BE DIFFERENT THAN THE, QUOTE, PURE FACILITATOR, AND IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT POTENTIALLY HAVING A ROOM FULL ONE NIGHT OF CONFLICTING EXPERT OPINIONS, CONFLICTING CITIZEN OPINIONS, AND THE LIKE, IT'S JUST -- WE WILL HAVE TO HAVE SOME BASIC RULE, AND I KNOW THAT DAVID ALLUDED TO THAT EARLIER, BUT THAT'S JUST SOMETHING I THINK WE ALL NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE WANT THAT TO -- TO PLAY OUT, SO MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING WE COULD TALK ABOUT AGAIN AT THE NEXT MEETING.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANKS.

WHICH PART OF THAT AT LEAST IS A GOOD TRANSITION TO THE NEXT STEP, WHICH IS TO INTRODUCE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE ASSISTING US.

JOE MOREDA IS READY THERE WITH THE RULE BOOK, IT LOOKS LIKE, AND HE PROBABLY IS KNOWN TO ALL OF YOU BUT DESERVES TO BE INTRODUCED.

DO YOU HAVE COMMENTS AT THIS POINT THAT YOU'D LIKE TO --

>>JOE MOREDA: I'M JUST HERE TO HELP, YOU KNOW, ANYBODY WITH ANY INFORMATION [INAUDIBLE]

>> DAVID GILDERSLEEVE, DAVID I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE AS THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR WADE TRIM, INCORPORATED, AND THEY HAVE BEEN RETAINED AS THE EXPERT RESOURCES FOR THIS COMMITTEE, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU HAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS -- AND HE'S GOING TO TALK TO US ABOUT WHAT HE HAS AVAILABLE ON HIS TEAM, BUT THEY ARE -- SERVE AT THE PLEASURE, IF YOU'LL PARDON THAT LANGUAGE, OF THIS COMMITTEE, AND SHOULD WE SAY WE NEED EXPERT INFORMATION, EXPERT TESTIMONY AT "X" MEETING ABOUT THIS KIND OF TOPIC, THEN I UNDERSTAND YOU ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE THAT.

>> THAT'S CORRECT, AND IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE.

MY NAME IS DAVE GILDERSLEEVE, AND I'M WITH WADE TRIM.

A LITTLE BIT ABOUT ME PERSONALLY AND THE COMPANY BECAUSE YOU'LL WANT TO KNOW WHO'S HELPING YOU THROUGH THIS PROCESS. I'M AN URBAN PLANNER.

I'VE BEEN IN THE TAMPA BAY AREA FOR ABOUT 40 YEARS, PRACTICING A GOOD PORTION OF THAT TIME.

MY BACKGROUND IS REALLY IN COMPREHENSIVE PLANS, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SPECIAL PURPOSE ORDINANCES, THAT

TYPE OF THING.

THE FIRM WADE TRIM AND THE LOCAL OFFICE HERE IN TAMPA THAT'S BEEN HERE ALMOST 30 YEARS ARE PLANNERS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS, SO WE HAVE MANY OF THE SKILL SETS THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO HELP IN THIS PROCESS.

WE'VE ALSO BROUGHT ON THE TEAM ANOTHER FIRM PAUL J. FORD & COMPANY.

PAUL J. FORD ARE NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED IN TERMS OF CELLULAR TOWER DESIGN.

THEY'RE STRUCTURAL FOLKS, EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE, SO WE HAVE THAT RESOURCE AVAILABLE.

OUR ROLE AGAIN IS TO -- IS TO ASSIST AGAIN THE FACILITATORS.

I THINK IF THERE IS A REQUEST FOR -- A NEED OR YOU WANT US TO COME PREPARED TO TALK ABOUT A PARTICULAR ITEM, IF YOU CAN LET US KNOW, LET THE FACILITATORS KNOW MAYBE AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING, THAT WILL BE HELPFUL TO US SO WE CAN COME PREPARED AND HELPFUL THROUGH THAT PROCESS.

WE ARE ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF DOING A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DIFFERENT CODES.

WE'RE LOOKING AT ABOUT 20 TO 25 DIFFERENT CODES.

WE'RE WELL UNDERWAY WITH THAT, AND ONE OF THE THINGS I WANTED TO DO TONIGHT WAS TO THROW OUT TO YOU IF THERE'S A PARTICULAR COUNTY CODE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE US TO INCLUDE IN

THAT COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS, PLEASE LET JOE KNOW AND WE'LL MAKE SURE WE GET THAT -- GET THAT DONE FOR YOU, BUT LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER.

IT'S A GREAT COMMITTEE, A LOT OF KNOWLEDGE IN HERE, SOME FACES I HAVEN'T SEEN FOR A WHILE, SO I'M JUST HAPPY TO BE HERE TO HELP.

>> DAVID, OFF THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD, COULD YOU LET THEM KNOW SOME OF THE CODES THAT YOU'VE ALREADY PULLED.

>> YES.

OF COURSE HILLSBOROUGH, MANATEE, SARASOTA, ORANGE COUNTY, DUVAL, DADE.

WE'RE ALSO GOING TO LOOK AT SOME LARGE CITIES AND PROBABLY GO OUTSIDE THE STATE AND LOOK AT A COUPLE ORDINANCES THAT MIGHT EXIST OUTSIDE THE STATE, AND THERE'S SOME INHERENT LIMITATIONS IN DOING THAT BECAUSE WE OPERATE UNDER DIFFERENT RULES AND REGULATIONS HERE IN FLORIDA, BUT WE WILL BE LOOKING AT A COUPLE OTHERS AROUND THE COUNTRY AS WELL.

>> COULD I MAKE TWO SUGGESTIONS, ALACHUA COUNTY'S NEW ORDINANCE AND ST. JOHNS COUNTY.

SOMEWHAT SIMILAR SITUATIONS, NOT AS LARGE A TOWN IN IT, BUT A MIX OF RURAL AND URBAN.

>> AND WE WILL GET EVERYTHING THAT WE PREPARE TO JOE SO HE CAN GET IT TO THE PROPER FOLKS.

>> JUST A QUESTION FOR CLARIFICATION.

SO OUR REQUEST FOR COUNTIES, YOU SAID, SHOULD GO TO JOE FOR THE COUNTIES WE'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT AS WELL?

>> YES.

IF YOU'LL LET JOE KNOW, THEN HE'LL -- I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY THE CLEANEST WAY TO DO IT, AGREED?

>>JOE MOREDA: YES.

I CAN SEND IT OUT TO DAVID, I DON'T HAVE TO CIRCULATE IT TO THE ENTIRE GROUP, RIGHT, THE REQUEST?

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO JAIL OR ANYTHING.

[LAUGHTER]

>> YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER OF THE -- I UNDERSTOOD THE ANSWER TO BE NO, THAT --

>> YOU'RE NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE.

>> -- THE COMMITTEE CHANNELS REQUESTS FOR THE EXPERTS.

>>JOE MOREDA: [INAUDIBLE]

>> THERE YOU GO.

BY THE WAY, I WILL NOT KNOW THE ANSWER TO EVERY QUESTION THAT COMES UP IN HERE, BUT HOPEFULLY I CAN GET THE RESOURCES FOR YOU TO DO THAT.

>> AND I THINK AS THE GROUND RULES THAT WE JUST APPROVED, WHEN YOU SEE US HEADED SO ERRONEOUSLY IN A DIRECTION THAT A POINT OF INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL, YOU'RE INVITED TO INTERJECT.

>> VERY WELL.

THANK YOU.

>> I'M SORRY, I JUST HAD ONE OTHER QUESTION TO HELP US KIND OF FORMULATE OUR RESPONSE TOO.

THE COUNTIES THAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT, IS THERE A PARTICULAR CRITERIA BY WHICH YOU SELECTED THEM, A REASON WHY YOU WENT AND LOOKED AT THOSE COUNTIES?

WAS IT SIZE, IS IT DEMOGRAPHICS?

>> WE WANTED TO TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE PARTICULARLY IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO HERE BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, MANATEE, SARASOTA -- WE DIDN'T INCLUDE PINELLAS IN THAT, BUT WE CAN.

IT JUST WOULD BE SIMILAR -- YOU KNOW, THIS IS AN URBAN COUNTY AND IT'S A RURAL COUNTY TOO, SO SOME WITH A SIMILAR CONTEXT.

>> DADE AND SOME OTHERS?

>> DADE, DUVAL.

>> ORANGE.

>> ORANGE.

RIGHT.

SO I'M JUST WONDERING WHY THOSE COUNTIES?

>> I THINK WHEN WE FIRST HAD OUR MEETING WITH STAFF AND WE TALKED ABOUT KIND OF WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO HERE, THOSE COUNTIES KIND OF AROSE IN THE DISCUSSION AS VERY LOGICAL ONES TO LOOK AT, BUT CERTAINLY WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT COUNTIES THAT ARE -- ARE URBAN IN CHARACTER, IN A GROWTH MODE.

MANY AREN'T IN THAT -- THAT CATEGORY RIGHT NOW, BUT --

>> BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE A CLOSED LIST, AND THAT WAS ONE --

>> RIGHT.

>> -- OF THE FIRST THINGS WE SAID WE WERE GOING TO DO TONIGHT, WE WERE GOING TO HEAR OTHERS THAT YOU RECOMMEND, BOTH WITHIN FLORIDA AND OUTSIDE OF FLORIDA, BUT ESPECIALLY WITHIN FLORIDA.

>> WHEN YOU SAY SARASOTA, DO YOU INCLUDE ANNA MARIA ISLAND IN THAT AREA?

>> ANNA MARIA AS AN INCORPORATED COMMUNITY WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ITS OWN, BUT ANNA MARIA WOULD BE IN MANATEE COUNTY.

>> YEAH, RIGHT.

>> I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT THE CITY OF TAMPA AS WELL BE ADDED BECAUSE OF THEIR PROXIMITY AND RELATIONSHIP TO BOTH CITY AND COUNTY.

>> I SHOULD HAVE SAID WE ARE LOOKING AT TAMPA.

>> AND MAY I SUGGEST THAT YOU ALSO LOOK AT THE DATE OF WHEN THEY WERE ADOPTED BECAUSE A LOT OF THE CODES WERE ADOPTED RIGHT AFTER THE TELECOM ACT WAS AMENDED, AND SO SOME OF THEM ARE 13, 14 YEARS OLD NOW.

>> OTHER THINGS, OTHER QUESTIONS FOR DAVID?

>> THE CODES THAT WE WANT THEM TO LOOK AT, IS IT SOMETHING WE HAVE TO DISCUSS NOW OR SOMETHING WE CAN E-MAIL?

>> I THINK YOU CAN E-MAIL THEM TO JOE NEXT WEEK AND GET THEM ON THE LIST.

DO YOU ANTICIPATE HAVING THAT BEFORE MAYBE THE NEXT MEETING

OR WILL IT TAKE LONGER?

>> NO.

I THINK WE CAN PROBABLY HAVE IT READY FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

IF YOU CAN GET THOSE TO ME QUICKLY, THAT WOULD HELP --

EXCUSE ME, TO JOE.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

[LAUGHTER]

>> WE'VE GOT A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

THANK YOU, DAVID.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> AND AS I UNDERSTAND, ONCE AGAIN, IF WE ANTICIPATE IN THE NEXT MEETING THAT CERTAIN KINDS OF EXPERTISE WILL BE REQUIRED, THAT HE'S WILLING TO INVITE PEOPLE IN TO DO THAT FROM HIS TEAM.

WE JUST NEED TO GIVE AN ADVANCE LEAD TIME IF THAT'S THE SORT OF THING THAT WE NEED.

ADAM GORMLY IS THE COUNTY -- MANAGING COUNTY ATTORNEY AND IS OUR REPRESENTATIVE FOR LEGAL INFORMATION.

YOU WANT TO EXPLAIN THAT SITUATION TO US.

>>ADAM GORMLY: YES.

ADAM GORMLY WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

I'M THE MANAGING ATTORNEY FOR THE LAND USE DIVISION IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

I SEE MY ROLE IN THIS PROCESS AS ASSISTING THE COMMITTEE

WITH ITS WORK TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCES, AND ULTIMATELY I SEE MY ROLE AS MAKING SURE THAT WHATEVER IS ACTED ON BY THE BOARD TO THE EXTENT THERE'S CHANGES IN OUR REGULATIONS IS SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE LEGALLY DEFENSIBLE WITHIN THE POLICY DECISIONS THAT ARE MADE BY THIS COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD ULTIMATELY.

I'M HERE TO TRY TO PROVIDE ANY LEGAL GUIDANCE TO QUESTIONS THAT COME UP IN THE COURSE OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AND ULTIMATELY WOULD SEE MYSELF ADVISING THE BOARD AS TO ANY ACTION THEY MIGHT TAKE ON REGULATORY CHANGES.

>> ADAM HAS PROVIDED IN YOUR PACKET THE STATUTES PERTAINING TO HILLSBOROUGH, TO FLORIDA, AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS THAT ARE RELEVANT.

THERE'S ALSO KIND OF A SHORTHAND SUMMARY OF THOSE.

>>ADAM GORMLY: YES.

THERE'S BOTH A SUMMARY AND THE REGS IN THERE, YEAH.

THE SUMMARY'S -- YOU'LL PROBABLY SEE IT.

I TRIED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE TO PICK THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THOSE REGULATIONS OUT BUT ALSO TO KEEP THEM TO THE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE USING THE LANGUAGE THAT COMES FROM THE REGULATIONS, SO IT MAY SEEM A LITTLE BIT STIFF AT TIMES, BUT I WANTED TO TRY TO NOT PUT ANY OF MY OWN FLAVORING ON THE SUMMARY OF THAT TO THE EXTENT I COULD.

>> AND WE ASKED ADAM IF THERE WERE TIME AT THE END OF

TONIGHT'S MEETING, HE MIGHT WANT TO SORT OF BRIEFLY
OVERVIEW THAT.

I DON'T THINK THERE WILL BE, BUT IF THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
WE NEED, ONCE AGAIN, THAT KIND OF REQUEST COULD COME FROM
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS THROUGH JOE TO ADAM TO MAYBE SPEND SOME
TIME NEXT TIME GOING OVER THEM OR PARTICULAR ISSUES, SO YOU
CAN PUT THOSE ON THE AGENDA IF YOU FEEL THEY NEED
CLARIFYING AS YOU LOOK OVER THESE MATERIALS.

>> I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT ADAM'S ROLE WITH THE COMMITTEE
AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A LOT OF ATTORNEYS ON THIS
COMMITTEE AND WE'RE GOING TO NOT ALL AGREE ON POINT OF LAW.
WOULD IT -- THE FINAL DECISION, SINCE HE'S -- YOU'RE GOING
TO BE MAKING THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS.

IF THERE IS A DISAGREEMENT ON A POINT OF LAW AS TO WHETHER
THE COMMITTEE CAN OR CAN'T DO SOMETHING UNDER THE LAW OR
HOW IT WOULD BE VIEWED OR WHATEVER, ARE YOU THE REFEREE ON
THAT OR --

>>ADAM GORMLY: WELL, I THINK THERE'S TWO ISSUES THERE.
WHAT THE COMMITTEE CAN OR CAN'T DO, I THINK THAT -- THE
COMMITTEE'S A RECOMMENDING BODY.

YOU KNOW, I DON'T SEE MYSELF TAKING A POSITION THAT THERE'S
MUCH THE COMMITTEE CAN'T DO, YOU KNOW.

WE'VE DISCUSSED SOME OF THE SUNSHINE LIMITATIONS AND SOME
OF THOSE PROCEDURAL ISSUES THAT HAVE TO BE ADHERED TO.

I THINK THE REAL ISSUE IS WHAT IF THERE'S AN INHERENT DISAGREEMENT ON INTERPRETATION OF HOW A LAW SHOULD BE APPLIED RELATIVE TO A -- TO A POTENTIAL REGULATION OR BOARD ACTION.

>> LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.

IT MIGHT EASE THE SITUATION.

THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION BEFORE THE BOARD ABOUT THE QUESTION ABOUT EMISSIONS, AND I KNOW CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD -- CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY WANT TO HAVE THE REGULATIONS ADDRESS THE ISSUE ABOUT CONCERNS ABOUT RADIO WAVE EMISSIONS.

MY FEELING IS THAT UNDER THE FEDERAL LAW THAT ABSOLUTELY CANNOT BE DONE UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

THE DISCUSSION AT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WAS LET'S TALK ABOUT WHETHER IT CAN OR CANNOT BE DONE, SO AT SOME POINT SOMEBODY'S GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION, AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT WOULD BE A CONSENSUS OF THE PEOPLE ON THE COMMITTEE THAT WOULD MAKE THAT OR WHETHER THAT WOULD BE YOUR OFFICE THAT WOULD MAKE THAT DECISION.

>>ADAM GORMLY: AND I SEE THAT AS -- AS SOMETHING THAT OUR OFFICE WOULD DO, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WOULD DO, AND I'LL TELL YOU I'VE TAKEN THE POSITION WITH THE BOARD ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT PREEMPTS REGULATING THE CELL TOWERS ON THE RADIO FREQUENCY EMISSIONS FOR HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECT.

I'VE HAD SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH SOME IN THIS -- IN THIS ROOM ON THAT ISSUE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT -- YOU KNOW, THAT THAT MAY OR MAY NOT STILL BE AN OUTSTANDING POINT OF DISAGREEMENT AS TO WHERE -
- WHERE THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY LIES WITH THAT ISSUE.

I'M PRETTY COMFORTABLE THAT IS SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE AN AUTHORITY TO USE AS A BASIS OF REGULATION, AND ON THAT PARTICULAR POINT, IF THAT IS A POINT OF DISAGREEMENT, I THINK THAT THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD BE HAD UP FRONT.

I DO HAVE SOME FEDERAL MATERIALS THAT ARE SUPPORTIVE -- SOME FEDERAL CASES THAT ARE SUPPORTIVE OF THAT POSITION, BOTH FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL -- WHICH IS THE TERM USED IN THE -- IN THE FEDERAL REG -- AND THE TERM "HEALTH EFFECTS" WHICH IS SOMETIMES USED IN PLACE OF "ENVIRONMENTAL."

>> SO YOUR POSITION IS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS GOING TO MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ON CERTAIN POINTS SUCH AS THAT SO THAT WE DON'T GO DOWN THE ROAD, YOU KNOW, IN AN AREA THAT THEN YOU'RE GOING TO TURN AROUND TO THE BOARD AND SAY YOU HAVE TO IGNORE THAT WHOLE PORTION OF THE RECOMMENDATION?

>>ADAM GORMLY: IF I -- I THINK I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ADVISE THE BOARD AS DOES THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AS TO WHATEVER WE THINK IS THE BEST LEGAL

POSITION FOR THE BOARD TO TAKE.

I SEE MY ROLE WITH THIS BOARD IS IF THERE IS A POINT BEING TAKEN OR A DIRECTION BEING TAKEN THAT I HAVE A LEGAL DISAGREEMENT WITH, I'M NOT GOING TO HOLD THAT BACK AND BRING IT OUT AT THE BOARD HEARING BECAUSE THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE VERY PRODUCTIVE.

YOU KNOW, I'LL SHARE THAT TO THIS -- WITH THIS MEETING, AND I THINK, YOU KNOW, WHO'S THE REFEREE, YOU KNOW -- IN THIS MEETING I THINK YOU'RE THE REFEREE, BUT I THINK ULTIMATELY WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO DIFFERING LEGAL OPINIONS, WHEN IT COMES TO GIVING ADVICE TO THE BOARD ABOUT ACTION THEY'RE TAKING, I SEE THAT AS THE ROLE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO GIVE THAT ADVICE.

THAT BEING SAID, IF THERE ARE ANY POINTS OF PARTICULAR LEGAL DISAGREEMENT OR PRACTICAL DISAGREEMENT, I'M OPEN TO HAVING WHATEVER KIND OF DISCUSSION HERE AS NECESSARY TO GET PAST WHATEVER LEGAL STICKING POINTS THERE MAY BE.

>> WOULD YOU LIKE AT THE NEXT MEETING TO HAVE A DISCUSSION ON THOSE CODES AND LOOK AT THEM AND HAVE A DETERMINATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE AS A COMMITTEE UNDERSTAND TO BE THE CASE?

>> SO MOVE.

>> OKAY.

ADAM, YOU'RE ON.

>>ADAM GORMLY: ALL RIGHT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> THAT'S ONE AGENDA ITEM.

>> I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE FEDERAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT, WHICH IS VERY COMPLEX AND VERY FAR-RANGING, NO DOUBT HAS AN IMPACT ON WHAT THE COUNTY CAN LEGALLY DO AND CANNOT LEGALLY DO.

I DON'T THINK THAT WE WANT TO HAVE THESE DISCUSSIONS CONSTRAINED BY ANY PARTICULAR SEGMENTS OF THAT RULE. NOW, ULTIMATELY WE DON'T WANT TO COME BEFORE THE COUNTY COMMISSION WITH A RECOMMENDATION THAT'S COMPLETELY -- IMPLEMENTATION'S COMPLETELY ILLEGAL --

>> RIGHT.

>> -- AND NOT FUNCTIONAL, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF DISCUSSIONS HELD OVER THE LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF THE RULE.

THERE'S PROBABLY SOME LEGAL OPINIONS ON BOTH SIDES THAT IF WE START -- AND IF WE START CONSTRAINING THAT DISCUSSION WITH THIS LAW ON THE FRONT END, WE'RE WALKING DOWN A VERY SLIPPERY SLOPE.

>> WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND WE DO, VIS-A-VIS THAT LAW?

>> I THINK AT THE END OF THE DAY WHEN WE MAKE THE RECOMMENDATION TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION, MR. GORMLY, AS I THINK MR. BROOKS HAS POINTED OUT, IS GOING TO BE THE MEDIATOR IN THAT REGARD AND IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADVISE US.

BUT WHERE HIS ADVICE MAY BE THAT THIS IS NOT A RECOMMENDATION THAT CAN BE LEGALLY SUPPORTED, IF THIS COMMITTEE WERE TO RECOMMEND THAT, THEN THAT WOULD BE THE RECOMMENDATION AND MR. GORMLY WOULD HAVE TO INFORM THE COUNTY COMMISSION OTHERWISE.

>>ADAM GORMLY: AND THAT IS -- IF I DIDN'T STATE THAT WELL, I APOLOGIZE.

THAT IS THE ROLE I -- THAT'S HOW I SAW MYSELF HERE, NOT NECESSARILY TRYING TO GET YOU TO TALK TO ONE THING OR ANOTHER, BUT, YOU KNOW, I DO WANT TO BE UP FRONT, IF YOU'RE GOING IN THIS DIRECTION, THAT'S -- YOU KNOW, THERE'S SOME LEGAL -- IF THERE'S LEGAL ISSUES, I NEED TO IDENTIFY THEM AS I WOULD TO THE BOARD.

>> AS I UNDERSTAND THIS, THAT'S A PRACTICAL AND LEGAL REALITY THAT -- IN TERMS OF THIS PROCESS AND THE OUTCOMES; HOWEVER, OUR COMMITMENT TO HEARING VOICES AND CONCERNS LEADS ME TO ENCOURAGE US NOT TO USE THAT AS A REASON TO CAP OFF THE EXPRESSION OF THOSE CONCERNS IF THAT'S A LEGITIMATE THING FOR THIS COMMITTEE TO HEAR, AND SO THAT -- JUST TO BE HIT OVER THE HEAD WITH THAT IMMEDIATELY DOESN'T MEAN THAT YOU CAN'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE ISSUES --

>> CORRECT.

>> -- AND EXPRESS THAT CONCERN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMMITTEE; HOWEVER, WE COULD HEAR THAT AND VOTE AS A GROUP, I GUESS, TO SAY WE'RE NOT GOING TO TALK ANYMORE ABOUT IT,

BUT THAT'S ANOTHER MATTER ALTOGETHER.

>> WELL, I THINK THAT MAY BE STARTING TO GET INTO THE FRAMEWORK THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE OPERATING IN, AND THIS ISN'T JUST BECAUSE I'M AN ATTORNEY, BUT I'VE WORKED ON WRITING A LOT OF REGULATIONS, AND IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR BOUNDARIES ARE, IF YOU DON'T KNOW -- AND I DON'T WANT TO SAY INSIDE THE BOX BECAUSE PEOPLE ALWAYS ARE ENCOURAGED TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX, BUT THERE IS A BOX THAT YOU HAVE TO WORK IN BECAUSE IT'S NOT PRODUCTIVE TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME ON SOMETHING WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT.

SO EXPRESSING CONCERNS AND EXPRESSING I WISH WE COULD GO IN THIS DIRECTION OR THESE ARE ISSUES THAT ARE STILL OUT THERE IS ONE THING, BUT FOR US TO NOT KNOW WHAT THE FRAMEWORK IS THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WORKING INSIDE OF, I THINK IT MAKES OUR JOB A LOT HARDER.

>> WELL, WOULDN'T --

>> WERE YOU GOING TO JUMP IN?

>> WELL, JUST FROM REMEMBERING SOME OF THE MEETINGS THAT WE WENT TO, THE REASON THAT WE ASKED FOR THIS TASK FORCE WAS SOME OF US WERE FRUSTRATED WITH ADAM'S INTERPRETATION OF WHAT THEY COULD AND COULDN'T DO.

WE -- WE DON'T AGREE WITH WHAT HE THINKS THEY CAN DO, AND I THINK THAT THAT -- AND SOME OF THE COMMISSIONERS, I THINK, AGREED WITH US OR AT LEAST FELT LIKE THEY WANTED US TO EXPLORE IT, OTHERWISE THEY WOULDN'T HAVE -- THEY WOULD HAVE

LISTENED TO WHAT STAFF SAID AND NOT DONE THIS.

SO I THINK THAT WE SHOULD AS A GROUP COME UP WITH OUR RECOMMENDATION AND THEN ADAM SHOULD TELL THEM WHETHER HE AGREES WITH IT OR NOT, AND THEN THE COUNTY COMMISSION IS GOING TO HAVE TO VOTE IT UP OR DOWN.

I MEAN, I THINK THAT -- THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE, I MEAN, BECAUSE PART OF THE REASON WE'RE HERE IS BECAUSE THERE WAS SOME DISAGREEMENT AMONG OUR GROUP WITH WHAT ADAM WAS TELLING THE COUNTY.

>> WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT DAVID WAS SAYING -- AND I GUESS I WANT TO ECHO IT -- IS THAT WE ARE CONCERNED WITH HEARING A BROAD RANGE OF OPINION AND UNDERSTANDING AND THAT WE'RE NOT SAYING WHEN WE MOVE TO THE STATUTES THAT IF IT DOESN'T FALL WITHIN OUR IMMEDIATE INTERPRETATION OF THE STATUTE, WE CAN'T HAVE THAT CONVERSATION.

IN FACT, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WERE HOPING TO DO TONIGHT WAS ACTUALLY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO -- LOOKING AT THE CLOCK -- HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH OF US TO GO AROUND THE ROOM, SAY WHO WE ARE, TALK ABOUT WHAT OUR INTERESTS ARE, OUR EXPERTISE, WHAT KIND OF EXPERTISE WE BRING TO THIS, AND THEN WHAT DO YOU SEE AS AN OPTIMAL OUTCOME AND, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT THE STATUTES SAY, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE HAPPEN HERE?

>> SO WE KNOW THAT.

>> AND SO --

>> CAN I JUST SUGGEST THAT RATHER THAN GET INTO ALL THIS
MINUTIA THAT WE JUST MAYBE MOVE FORWARD, IF WE CAN, AND --

>> CAN WE DO THAT?

>> -- JUST -- AS THE ISSUES COME UP, CAN'T WE DECIDE THEM
THEN?

AND SAY WE'VE TALKED ABOUT SOMETHING AND AGREED ON
SOMETHING BUT WE -- WE GET TO A POINT WHERE THAT'S NOT
WORKING, AND THEN MAYBE WE RELOOK AT THE RULE?

I MEAN, JUST BECAUSE WE'RE MAKING THESE RULES NOW AND THEN
WE GO FORWARD AND IT'S NOT WORKING OUT, CAN WE NOT -- WE
CAN'T CHANGE THE RULES?

>> WE CAN CHANGE.

>> OKAY.

>> WE CAN CHANGE OUR RULES.

WE CAN'T CHANGE STATUTES, BUT WE CERTAINLY CAN CHANGE SOME
OF OUR OWN PROCEDURES, YES.

>> AND I'M CONFIDENT THAT THERE'S ENOUGH VOICES FROM THE
INDUSTRY HERE THAT SHOULD WE BEGIN TO MOVE INTO AREAS WHERE
THEY FEEL IS UNCOMFORTABLE, THERE WILL BE PUSHBACK, WHICH
IS PART OF THE DIALOGUE PROCESS, AND THAT'S FINE.

I JUST DON'T THINK WE SHOULD CIRCUMSCRIBE THE COMMITTEE
COMPLETELY.

I'VE READ THE STATUTE, I'M TOTALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE CASE
LAW, AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PARAMETERS ARE AND THAT
YOU'RE GOING DOWN A DANGEROUS PATH ON SOME OF THE EMISSIONS

ISSUES.

I THINK THAT'S A VALID POINT.

NO LESS, WE MIGHT WANT TO PUSH THAT BALL AROUND THE TABLE A LITTLE BIT AND DEAL WITH IT ONCE AND FOR ALL AND MOVE ON, YOU KNOW, AT SOME POINT.

>> I DO AGREE WITH THE IDEA, THOUGH -- I DON'T LIKE MAKING A DECISION IN THE ABSTRACT.

I HAVEN'T READ THE STATUTE, HAVEN'T READ THE CASE LAW, DON'T KNOW WHAT THE ISSUES ARE.

I MEAN, OBVIOUSLY I'M GOING TO DEFER TO SOME EXTENT TO ADAM, ALTHOUGH DEFERRING IS NOT IN MY NATURE NORMALLY.

[LAUGHTER]

BUT I THINK WE CAN DEAL WITH THAT WHEN THE ISSUE COMES UP. IT WILL BE CLEAR HOW CONSTRAINED OR UNCONSTRAINED WE SHOULD BE, AND I THINK ONE THING WE SHOULD DO AS A BODY IS BE FLEXIBLE.

I THINK WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE VARIOUS WAYS WE PROCEED AS WE GO BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO MAKE MORE SENSE.

>>MIKE MERRILL: I THINK THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT POINT, AND LET ME JUST -- NOT TO -- NOT TO DISAGREE WITH ANYTHING ADAM SAID, THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, BUT FOR THE SAME REASONS THAT DAVID AND NAVITA HAVE KIND OF SET THE GROUND RULES FOR THE COMMITTEE IN RESPECT OF LISTENING TO EACH OTHER AND BEING OPEN-MINDED AND BEING WILLING TO EXPLORE, THAT APPLIES TO STAFF AS

WELL, AND I BELIEVE THAT INCLUDES THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND I THINK RENEE LEE WOULD AGREE WITH THAT.

AND IT'S BEEN MY EXPERIENCE IN WORKING IN GROUPS IN -- IN OTHER ISSUES THAT WHEN YOU HEAR OTHER OPINIONS AND YOU MAY START FROM A PLACE -- I MAY START FROM A PLACE WHERE I BELIEVE THAT, YOU KNOW, I KNOW EXACTLY, YOU KNOW, WHAT -- FOR EXAMPLE, IN MY OLD LIFE OF DOING MUNICIPAL FINANCE, I MAY HAVE BEEN VERY CONVINCED THAT I KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THE TAX LAW SAID ABOUT MUNICIPAL BONDS, ONLY TO BE CONVINCED LATER AFTER HEARING OTHER OPINIONS THAT MAYBE I DIDN'T REALLY KNOW, BUT I THINK THE COMMITMENT ON MY SIDE IS THAT -- THAT WE WILL BE OPEN-MINDED.

IN THE END, ADAM IS RIGHT.

THE COUNTY ATTORNEY HAS RESPONSIBILITY TO GIVE AN OPINION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

THAT'S THEIR JOB, AND THEY WILL DO IT DILIGENTLY, AND ADAM, YOU KNOW, IS A VERY GOOD ATTORNEY AND HE WILL DO HIS JOB, BUT WE ALSO AS STAFF NEED TO BE OPEN-MINDED AND LISTEN AS WELL ACTIVELY BECAUSE WE MAY LEARN SOMETHING THAT WE DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE, NOTWITHSTANDING WHATEVER WE THINK THAT BOX LOOKS LIKE TODAY, SO I JUST WANTED TO LET -- LET YOU KNOW THAT.

>> OKAY.

LET'S DO INTRODUCTIONS, AND WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO -- OKAY WITH THAT?

WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO, IF YOU GO TO YOUR AGENDA -- I THINK WE HAVE IT LISTED ON THE AGENDA -- WE'RE ASKING YOU TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES, IDENTIFY AND TELL US A LITTLE SOMETHING ABOUT YOU, WITH 20 MINUTES LEFT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

>> SHORT.

>> SHORT INTRODUCTIONS, BUT, YOU KNOW, WHAT IS YOUR NAME, IF YOU -- WHAT IS YOUR PROFESSION, HOW LONG YOU'VE LIVED IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, AND MAYBE ONE SOMETHING ELSE THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTING ABOUT YOU.

THEN WE REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOUR BACKGROUND IS ON THESE ISSUES.

YOU KNOW, IF YOU HAVE AN AREA OF EXPERTISE, IF YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF REPRESENTING A GROUP, LET US KNOW THOSE THINGS.

AND THEN FINALLY, WHAT DO YOU SEE IS THE OPTIMAL OUTCOME OF THIS -- OF THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE.

AND SO DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO THAT IN ABOUT TWO MINUTES EACH?

AND BILL, YOU'VE BEEN SO VOCAL WITH US THIS EVENING, WHY DON'T WE BEGIN WITH YOU.

>> PRACTICE THE ACTIVE LISTENING TO THE PERSON BEHIND THE WORDS.

>> HAS THE CLOCK STARTED?

>> IT HAS STARTED.

>> MY NAME IS BILL COOK.

I'VE LIVED IN TAMPA SINCE 1995.

I'VE WORKED IN MARKETING DATABASE, AND I'M RETIRED FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS, AND MY CLIENTS INCLUDED AT&T AND OTHER NUMBER OF WIRELESS CARRIERS, AERIAL COMMUNICATIONS AND SBC, SO I'M FAMILIAR WITH THE BUSINESS MODELS, I'M FAMILIAR WITH WHAT DRIVES THEM; HOWEVER, I HAVE BECOME AN ACTIVIST ON THE ISSUE OF CELL TOWERS, GIVEN SOME OF THE KNOWLEDGE I HAVE BUT ALSO I THINK BECAUSE OF SOME OF THE CONCERNS I HAVE RELATED TO PLACEMENT, COST, AESTHETICS, IMPINGING ON PROPERTY AND HOMEOWNERS' RIGHTS.

SO MY BACKGROUND IS LARGE.

I'M AN EXPERT IN DATABASE ANALYSIS AND MARKETING.

MY GOAL HERE IN THE COMMITTEE IS -- AS I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS A LOT, AND INITIALLY I CAME TO IT FROM A POINT OF TREMENDOUS NOT JUST ADVOCACY BUT ALMOST ANGER, BUT I'VE MOVED TO A PLACE OF I WANT TO SHAKE THE ETCH-A-SKETCH AND JUST KIND OF START OVER.

I THINK THERE'S TREMENDOUS ROOM TO WRITE A BETTER PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND A BETTER ZONING REQUIREMENT THAT THE COUNTY AND THE CITY -- WHICH MIGHT FOLLOW IT -- CAN LIVE BY THAT WILL MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY.

I HAVE A CELL PHONE.

I'M NOT AGAINST CELL PHONES, NOT AGAINST TOWERS, I'M FOR RESPONSIBLE PLACEMENT OF THEM, AND I'VE LIVED IN A NUMBER OF COMMUNITIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WHERE IT ISN'T AN ISSUE,

AND I THINK WE CAN FIND MODELS, AS WAS TALKED ABOUT, IN OTHER PLACES IN THE COUNTRY THAT MIGHT ACTUALLY MAKE THIS A PRETTY, YOU KNOW, EASY PROCESS IF WE CAN COME TO SOME COMMON CAUSE.

OBVIOUSLY THERE'S TWO SIDES TO THE -- TO THE OPINION, AS THERE ALWAYS IS, AND I'M HOPING TO JUST FIND SOME COMMON GROUND SO WE CAN FIND SOMETHING THAT ACTUALLY WORKS FOR THE COUNTY BECAUSE I THINK WHAT WE HAVE NOW ONLY SATISFIES HALF OF THE COMMUNITY, NOT THE OTHER HALF.

>> OKAY.

"COMMON GROUND," THAT'S AN IMPORTANT TERM.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BILL.

LAURA.

>> LAURA BELFLOWER.

I AM A LAND PLANNER AND AN ATTORNEY.

I HAVE A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PLANNING AND MY JD.

I'VE BEEN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SINCE '82, WHERE I CAME TO WORK FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AS A PLANNER, WHICH I DID FOR SIX YEARS.

THE LAST TWO YEARS I WAS A ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, ADMINISTERING THE CODE THAT I WAS THE PRINCIPAL STAFF AUTHOR WITH.

RICK DAVIS WAS THE -- IN THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND WORKED WITH ME ON THE ZONING CODE.

I HAVE -- I WENT TO LAW SCHOOL AFTER I LEFT HILLSBOROUGH

COUNTY AND WORKED FOR HOLLAND & KNIGHT FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND THEN HAVE HAD MY OWN PRACTICE SINCE 2001, AND SINCE '97 OR SO I HAVE REPRESENTED CELL CARRIERS, ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY THE CARRIER, SOME AMOUNT OF WORK FOR TOWER BUILDERS.

I HAVE AN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN WRITING LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, SPECIFICALLY WIRELESS LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.

I'VE WORKED ON PROBABLY MORE THAN 40 JURISDICTIONS IN FLORIDA, AND I WAS BASICALLY THE PRIMARY AUTHOR OF THE STATE STATUTE.

I WAS THE TECHNICAL WRITER OF THAT, MUCH OF THAT.

I CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR ALL OF IT OR BLAME.

AND I AM HERE REPRESENTING TONIGHT SPRINT AND VERIZON WIRELESS.

>> AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE --

>> WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS THAT REALLY WORK AND WORK FOR EVERYONE BUT THAT FUNCTION WELL, AND IT'S WITH A REALIZATION -- AND I THINK THIS IS THE REASON THAT THE FLORIDA WIRELESS ASSOCIATION IS INTERESTED IN THIS -- THAT WHATEVER HAPPENS HERE, WE'RE GOING TO SEE IT ACROSS THE STATE TO A LARGE DEGREE BECAUSE NOBODY ELSE HAS PUT THE TIME AND THE EFFORT INTO THIS THAT -- THAT HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY IS DOING, AND I COMMEND HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FOR DOING THAT.

SO I HOPE IT'S GOOD BECAUSE I'M GOING TO BE DEALING WITH IT

A LOT.

[LAUGHTER]

>> WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO HELP MAKE IT GOOD.

THINK OF IT THAT WAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OKAY.

CARRIE.

>> MY NAME IS CARRIE GRIMAIL, AND I HAVE LIVED IN THE CITY OF TAMPA SINCE 1988.

I WENT TO USF AND GRADUATED IN MASS COMMUNICATIONS, WENT TO WORK FOR CHANNEL 8 AS A PRODUCER FOR THEM AND THEN THE CITY OF TAMPA AND WAS THE MARKETING DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF CLEARWATER FOR SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE I DECIDED TO STAY HOME AND HAVE CHILDREN.

I HAVE THREE CHILDREN, EIGHT, TEN, AND 12.

MY HUSBAND AND I OWN A CIVIL ENGINEERING FIRM WHERE I WORK PART-TIME DOING PUBLIC INFORMATION, AND IT'S A TRANSPORTATION FIRM PRIMARILY.

I GOT INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE BECAUSE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A PIECE OF PROPERTY ABOUT 600 FEET FROM MY HOUSE, AND THEY WANTED TO PUT A CELL TOWER ON IT, SO -- AND I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA INITIALLY JUST BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WAS GOING TO BE REALLY UGLY, AND I JUST -- I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS AN APPROPRIATE LAND USE, AND, YOU KNOW, FROM THERE GOT ON -- ON-LINE AND STARTED TALKING TO SOME, YOU

KNOW, NEIGHBORS WHO FELT THE SAME WAY AND STARTED NETWORKING AND STARTED TO FIND OUT THIS WAS AN ISSUE NOT ONLY, YOU KNOW, IN -- IN OUR COUNTY BUT STATEWIDE AND NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

EVERYONE'S GOING THROUGH THIS, YOU KNOW, THESE GROWING PAINS OF WHERE TO PUT THEM AND THEY'RE UGLY AND WE NEED THEM, AND SO, YOU KNOW, I REALLY THINK THAT MY GOAL IS TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ALL LIVE WITH.

YOU KNOW, I DON'T WANT TO DO AWAY WITH TOWERS OR DO AWAY WITH CELL PHONES, I JUST WANT TO PLACE THEM RESPONSIBLY, AND I THINK THAT WE CAN DO THAT.

>> OKAY.

PLACED RESPONSIBLY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CARRIE.

MANNY.

>> GOOD EVENING.

MANNY PEROTIN.

I'VE BEEN LIVING IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SINCE 2004.

I CAME HERE AFTER SIX YEARS OF ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U.S.

ARMY, AND MY BACKGROUND'S IN ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION.

I'M CURRENTLY A PROGRAM MANAGER WITH AN ARCHITECT

ENGINEERING FIRM HERE IN TAMPA PRIMARILY DOING EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT AND LOOKING AT THINGS LIKE BUILDING CODES AND

STANDARDS TO HELP MITIGATE BUILDINGS SO THEY WITHSTAND SOME

OF THESE NATURAL DISASTERS THAT WE'VE BEEN HAVING RECENTLY.

SO OTHER THAN THAT, I'M HERE FOR THE -- HOPING TO IMPROVE THE CODE, PRIMARILY LOOKING AT THE SITUATION WE HAD IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

CLOSE BY TO OUR HOUSE IS CLAYWELL ELEMENTARY.

NAVITA ACTUALLY LIVES A FEW HOUSES DOWN FROM ME.

>> THIS WAS NOT PLANNED.

[LAUGHTER]

>> NOT PLANNED, BUT WITH THE TWO OF US AND THE REST OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, I NOW HAVE A NICE 140-FOOT CELL TOWER RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR COMMUNITY THANKS TO THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I'M REALLY LOOKING AT IMPROVING THE CODE AND MORE THAN ANYTHING THE PROCESS AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND INPUT WHEN IT GOES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY I'D SAY IS THE PRIMARY -- A LOT OF OTHER THINGS, BUT THAT'S PROBABLY THE -- I THINK THE THING THAT NEEDS THE MOST --

>> IMPROVING THE PUBLIC PROCESS.

ALL RIGHT.

THANK YOU.

WILL.

>> I'M WILL BISSETT, AND I WAS BORN HERE IN TAMPA, MY FATHER WAS BORN HERE IN TAMPA, AND HIS FATHER MOVED HERE BEFORE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, SO I GUESS YOU'D CALL ME A CRACKER FROM THAT SIDE OF IT.

I'VE -- I'M IN THE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AND INVESTMENT BUSINESS, HAVE BEEN IN THAT FOR SOME 40 YEARS.

SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY WHEN WE HAD TO PICK AN EXPRESSWAY ROUTE THROUGH NORTHWEST HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, SO I'VE BEEN THROUGH THESE KINDS OF MEETINGS BEFORE.

PRESENTLY I'M ON -- AM ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE ELAPP ADVISORY TEAM FOR ACQUISITION FOR THE ELAP PROGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN A REAL EXCITING THING FOR THIS COUNTY WHERE WE'VE BOUGHT 40,000 ACRES OF LAND AND SET IT ASIDE FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD.

SO I HAVE A LOT OF EMPATHY AND EXPERIENCE WITH WORKING ON KINDS -- THESE KINDS OF THINGS WHERE YOU TRY TO HAVE A MEETING OF THE MINDS OF PRETTY DIVERGENT INTERESTS.

3,000 PEOPLE SHOWED UP AT ONE OF MY PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE NORTHWEST EXPRESSWAY.

I THINK THAT -- AND I'M PROBABLY UNIQUE IN THIS ROOM.

I DON'T KNOW YET BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HEARD EVERYBODY, BUT I ACTUALLY HAVE A CELL TOWER ON PROPERTY I OWN AND HAVE WENT -- WENT THROUGH THE WHOLE PROCESS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE TOWER, WHERE IT WAS GOING TO BE, WHAT IT WAS GOING TO LOOK LIKE, HOW IT IMPACTED THE NEIGHBORHOOD, EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T NECESSARILY HAVE TO DO THAT.

I'M CONCERNED ENOUGH ABOUT THE NEIGHBORS THAT I WANTED IT TO NOT LOOK LIKE A CELL TOWER AND SO FORTH.

SO FROM THAT SIDE OF IT, I HAVE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE MAYBE THAN -- THAN A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE, BUT AT ANY RATE,

MY GOAL WOULD BE I THINK TO HAVE A CONSENSUS MUCH LIKE WE HAVE TO DO WHEN WE HAVE TO PICK RIGHTS-OF-WAY FOR EXPRESSWAYS, WHERE EVENTUALLY YOU COME TOGETHER AND SAYS, OKAY, I DIDN'T GET EVERYTHING BUT I GOT SOME OF WHAT I WANTED OR NEEDED, AND EVERYBODY -- IF EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM SAYS THAT, THEN YOU'VE GOT A GREAT RESULT BECAUSE THEN IT'S NOT A LOPSIDED DECISION, IT'S SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN BUILT BY A CONSENSUS, SO THAT WOULD BE MY GOAL.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

OKAY.

MICHAEL.

>> MIKE ROTHENBURG.

I'M A GRADUATE ENGINEER, REGISTERED ENGINEER, LIVING IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SINCE 1983.

I CAME OUT OF THE PHOSPHATE MINES.

I'VE WORKED EXTENSIVELY IN A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL FIELDS FROM WETLANDS RECLAMATION TO UNDERGROUND STORAGE CLEANUP, ANY NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS, TO THE EXTENT AS A CIVIL ENGINEER OFF AND ON, SO VERY MUCH WORK WITH LAND DEVELOPERS AND AM VERY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, EITHER FROM AN ENGINEERING-DESIGN STANDPOINT AND SOMETIMES FROM A LAND USE STANDPOINT.

I GOT INVOLVED IN THIS -- I GUESS THIS KIND OF GOES TO THE GOALS THAT I THINK THAT I'M LOOKING TO SEE -- AS A RESULT

OF THE CELL TOWER PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT THAT CARRIE WAS TALKING ABOUT AND WAS INSTANTLY PUT OFF BY THE IDEA OF ANY KIND OF INVOLVEMENT WHATSOEVER BECAUSE I BASICALLY DIDN'T HAVE A TINFOIL HAT AND WAS CONCERNED THAT, YOU KNOW, THIS WAS KIND OF A RADICAL THING THAT I DIDN'T NEED TO WORRY WITH, IT WASN'T MATERIAL, AND HAVING WORKED WITH THE ZONING CODES WITH THE CITY AND COUNTY AND DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES OVER THE YEARS FELT THERE WAS SIGNIFICANT PROTECTION, NO BIG DEAL, BUT AS I KIND OF PEELED BACK THE LAYERS OF THE ONION, BECAME VERY MUCH INVOLVED AND BECAME VERY MUCH INVOLVED OVER NOW A PERIOD OF ABOUT TWO AND A HALF YEARS SEEKING TO FIND SOME TYPE OF COMMON GROUND WHERE THE -- THERE'S A RATIONAL SENSE OF PROTECTION THAT'S REALLY PROVIDED IN THE ZONING CODE FOR NUMEROUS OTHER LAND USES AS WELL.

I'M LOOKING TO SEE -- FIND THAT BALANCE, HELP FIND THAT BALANCE IN THOSE REGULATIONS.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

LISA.

>> LISA WILLIAMS.

I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR ME.

I USUALLY DON'T NEED A MIKE.

I HAVE -- MY FAMILY AND I MOVED HERE IN 2000.

I HAVE THREE BOYS, AND I'M A FLIGHT ATTENDANT FOR UNITED

AIRLINES/CONTINENTAL.

THEY JUST MERGED.

SO 20 YEARS WITH UNITED.

UNITED GAVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND ALL OVER THE WORLD ACTUALLY INTERVIEWING PEOPLE BECAUSE MY WORLD AND MY FAMILY'S WORLD WAS BASICALLY TURNED UPSIDE DOWN TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY DECIDED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO TRY TO PUT A CELL TOWER JUST, YOU KNOW, A COUPLE HUNDRED YARDS FROM MY HOME AND BECAME VERY INTERESTED IN THIS BECAUSE I'M A CHILDREN'S ADVOCATE AND A SENIOR CITIZEN ADVOCATE, SO STARTED WORKING WITH DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, AND WITHOUT GETTING INTO OTHER DETAILS, WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE IS CHILDREN AND SENIOR CITIZENS PROTECTED FROM CELL TOWERS, AND I HAVE A CELL PHONE, BUT I THINK THEY NEED TO BE PROPERLY PLACED, AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

>> THANK YOU, LISA.

MOVING ACROSS THE TABLE.

DENISE.

>> HI.

DENISE VERRILL, AND I MOVED HERE IN '02 AND I'M A MOTHER.

I HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

I'M A MASSAGE THERAPIST FOR ABOUT 15 YEARS, AND I TOO AM A CITIZEN ADVOCATE AND I AM HOPING TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL SETBACKS FOR CELL TOWERS.

I TOO HAD RALLIED AGAINST A TOWER AND FOUND THAT THE CODE VERY MUCH SUPPORTED INDUSTRY AND DID NOT SUPPORT THE -- AND COUNTY AS WELL SUPPORTED INDUSTRY AND THAT RESIDENTIAL VOICES WERE NOT BEING HEARD.

>> OKAY.

SO RESIDENTIAL VOICES BEING HEARD.

OKAY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

JIM.

>> I'M JIM PORTER.

I'M A LAND USE ATTORNEY.

I'VE BEEN IN TAMPA FOR OVER 20 YEARS.

PRIOR TO GOING INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE I WAS WITH THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND HAVE HAD INVOLVEMENT WITH DEVELOPING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODES AND DRAFTING THEM AND REVIEWING THEM.

IN ADDITION TO -- MY ENTIRE PRACTICE IS LAND USE AND ZONING, SO I REPRESENT A VARIETY OF CLIENTS, INCLUDING COMPANIES THAT SITE CELL TOWERS, SO THAT IS MY GENERAL INTEREST.

I DON'T HAVE AS MUCH EXPERIENCE IN THIS AS SOMEONE LIKE LAURA WHO HAS BEEN DOING IT A LOT LONGER, BUT I DO HAVE A LOT OF EXPERIENCE IN LAND USE LAW IN GENERAL, AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO GET OUT OF THE PROCESS IS JUST FINDING A WAY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH COVERAGE FOR PEOPLE THAT

NEED COVERAGE AND THAT THE INDUSTRY IS ABLE TO GET -- SERVE THEIR CUSTOMERS BY GETTING THE ANTENNAS AND TOWERS UP WHERE THEY NEED TO BE.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU, JIM.

DAVID.

>> MY NAME IS DAVID SMITH.

I AM THE MANAGING SHAREHOLDER FOR GRAYROBINSON HERE IN TAMPA.

MY EXPERTISE IS PROBABLY IN THE SAME AREAS AS JIM AND RICK. I'VE DONE A LOT OF LAND USE AND GOVERNMENT REGULATORY WORK. I SERVED AS THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR FOUR AND A HALF YEARS RECENTLY.

DID NOT DRAFT THEIR ORDINANCE, HOWEVER, BUT I HAVE DRAFTED OTHER ORDINANCES.

I WAS HANDS-ON WHEN I WAS THERE, AND I RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF GETTING THE ORDINANCES CORRECT, CORRECT IN TERMS OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED BUT ALSO CORRECT IN THE SENSE THAT THEY'RE CLEAR, PEOPLE KNOW HOW THEY CAN COMPLY WITH THEM, WHAT THEY NEED TO DO TO COMPLY WITH THEM, AND THAT THEY'RE LAWFUL, SO MY PRIMARY -- AND I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY AX TO GRIND IN THIS.

I HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY OF THESE THINGS.

I, OF COURSE, HAVE READ THE NEWSPAPER, BUT MY ONLY INVOLVEMENT WITH CELL TOWERS TO THE EXTENT I HAVE ANY IS

WITH RESPECT TO MY ROLE AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE AVIATION AUTHORITY, AND WE LOOK AT THEM ALMOST SOLELY -- AS A MATTER OF FACT, SOLELY AS THE ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO AIR NAVIGATION AND SAFETY, SO I AM NOT FAMILIAR WITH A LOT OF THE ISSUES I HEAR THAT ARE IN THE BACKGROUND, SOME OF WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO BECOMING INFORMED ON IT, AND I HOPE WE COME UP WITH A CLEAR, LAWFUL, WISE ORDINANCE OR RECOMMENDATIONS TO MIKE MERRILL FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ORDINANCE.

>> CLEAR, LAWFUL, AND WISE.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

RICHARD.

>> I HAVE LIVED IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SINCE 1956.

I HAVE BEEN PRACTICING LAW SINCE 1978.

I STARTED --

>> WERE YOU BORN IN 1956?

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> I'M OLDER THAN I WOULD LIKE TO REVEAL, BUT I STARTED MY LAW PRACTICE WITH THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN 1978.

I WAS THERE UNTIL I LEFT AND JOINED A LARGE NATIONAL FIRM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BEFORE I OPENED MY OWN PRACTICE.

MY LAW PRACTICE CENTERS ON EXCLUSIVELY LAND USE MATTERS, LAND USE PERMITTING, DEVELOPMENTS OF REGIONAL IMPACT, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ISSUES.

I HAVE REPRESENTED IN MY CAREER BOTH PRIVATE-SECTOR DEVELOPERS AS WELL AS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

I ALSO HAVE BEEN A SPECIAL HEARING MASTER/MEDIATOR IN VARIOUS JURISDICTIONS AROUND FLORIDA IN THE AREA OF LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

I HAVE NOT REPRESENTED INDUSTRIES INVOLVED IN THIS PARTICULAR TYPE OF LAND USE.

WHAT I HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH HERE IS TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES AT HAND AND, GIVEN EXPERIENCE THAT I'VE HAD OVER THE YEARS WORKING ON LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ULTIMATELY MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING A REASONABLE SET OF REGULATIONS THAT ADDRESS THOSE PUBLIC POLICY ISSUES THAT WE FOCUS ON.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST.

>> I THOUGHT THIS WAS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEETING.

[LAUGHTER]

MY NAME'S MICHAEL BROOKS.

I HAVE BEEN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SINCE 1990.

I CONSIDER MANY OF THE PEOPLE AROUND THE TABLE MY FRIENDS FOR A LONG TIME.

I HAVE 13- AND 11-YEAR-OLD WHO ARE BOTH FRIENDS WITH LISA AND CARRIE'S CHILDREN.

I OWN A CROCK-POT.

MY FAVORITE RACE CAR DRIVER IS DALE, JR. --

[LAUGHTER]

-- AND I AM A GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ATTORNEY.

I SPECIALIZE IN LAND USE AND SUBSPECIALTY IN UTILITIES,
LIKE -- LIKE WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE TODAY, WIRELESS
COMMUNICATIONS.

I WAS INVOLVED IN THE LAUNCH OF THE FIRST DIGITAL SYSTEM IN
1996.

I ALSO DON'T HAVE AS MUCH EXPERIENCE AS LAURA, SO -- I'VE
PROBABLY WORKED ON 150 OR SO TOWER SITES AROUND THE STATE.
I HAVE HAD MY OWN BUSINESS.

I HAVE ACTUALLY BUILT TOWERS, I HAVE DEVELOPED THEM, OWNED
THEM, OPERATED THEM, FINANCED THEM, AND SO I THINK I'VE GOT
A PRETTY GOOD PERSPECTIVE OF THE INDUSTRY BUT AM NOT
ACTIVELY HERE REPRESENTING ANYONE, AND, FRANKLY, I HAVEN'T
BEEN INVOLVED MUCH IN THE INDUSTRY, BUT I THINK I BRING A
LOT OF BACKGROUND AND EXPERTISE, AND I THINK I SHARE RICK
AND DAVID'S COMMENTS IN TERMS OF WHAT THE END PRODUCT IS, I
MEAN, WHAT IS THE PHILOSOPHY OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO GET
TO, AND I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO GET SOMETHING THAT'S FAIR
AND BALANCED.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODES IN OUR STATE HAVE
TENDED TO EVOLVE IN LURCHES.

I THINK WE'RE PROBABLY AT A LURCH WHERE WE'RE BEGINNING TO
LOOK AT SOMETHING WE DID SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

THE INDUSTRY CHANGES OVER TIME, AND I THINK, LAURA, YOU

WOULD AGREE, AND WE ALL KNEW THAT THE TIERS OF DEVELOPMENT CAME DOWN THAT WE WERE GOING TO BE DOING THIS EVERY TEN YEARS OR SO OR THERE WAS AT LEAST A LIKELIHOOD AT SOMEPLACE, SO I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OTHER THAN TO TRY TO PROVIDE ALL OF MY WISDOM AND EXPERTISE TO THE SOLUTION IF WE DISCOVER THAT -- AND IDENTIFY ONE THAT NEEDS -- NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

>> WELL, IF WE STICK TO THE SCHEDULE, WE HAVE ONE MINUTE TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO ONE MONTH FROM NOW, ALTHOUGH WE CAN HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF PROCESS.

I GUESS I JUST WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT THAT I FEEL BETTER ABOUT THIS THAN I HAVE SO FAR SINCE WE HAD OUR FIRST CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS AND THAT IN TERMS OF WHAT NAVITA AND I REPRESENT, THE APPROVED PROCESS, THAT IT IS -- REQUIRES PATIENCE AND TRUSTING THE PROCESS, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE DID IN TERMS OF SAYING WHAT -- YOU KNOW, WHAT SOME OF OUR ISSUES ARE BUT TRUSTING THAT THE GROUP WILL GO FORWARD.

I FEEL GOOD ABOUT WHAT MOST OF YOU HAD TO SAY.

I HEAR THAT WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT OR AT LEAST HEAR ABOUT THESE REGULATIONS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT MAYBE ONE THING THAT WE COULD DO NEXT TIME IS DAVID'S REPORT ABOUT THE DIFFERENT CODES, AND THOSE

TWO THINGS SEEM TO MAKE SENSE AS A GENERAL INFORMATIONAL AGENDA.

OTHER THINGS QUICKLY THAT --

>> I JUST WANT TO MENTION THIS QUICKLY FOR THE -- ON THE FIRST MEETING.

IT WAS GREAT TO HEAR, YOU KNOW, EACH PERSON GOING AROUND THE TABLE TO KIND OF GIVE AN IDEA OF WHAT THEY DO OR WHAT THEY REPRESENT.

THIS IS MY PERSONAL OPINION.

I AM HERE FOR A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE AS A VOICE FOR THEM, AND I -- I AM VERY -- I AM CONCERNED AND I WANT IT ON THE RECORD AT THIS FIRST MEETING THAT I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THIS COMMITTEE, NOT THAT WE -- I DON'T WANT TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT I THINK MY IMPRESSION WAS IT WAS GOING TO BE HALF AND HALF, AND I -- I JUST PERSONALLY FEEL THAT IT'S 9-7 IS MY PERSONAL OPINION.

IT'S NINE INDUSTRY AND SEVEN CITIZENS, AND THAT'S -- I JUST WANT TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD SO THAT IF ANYBODY COMES UP AND SAYS, YOU KNOW, WHY DIDN'T YOU -- WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY THIS IN THE BEGINNING INSTEAD OF THE END -- IF -- IF SOMETHING HAPPENS, I REALLY THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT I VOICE THAT AND THAT IT IS 9-7 BECAUSE OF THE TWO -- AND THIS IS NOT -- IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MR. MERRILL.

I THINK YOU'RE PHENOMENAL.

YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB PUTTING THIS TOGETHER.

I JUST -- I WASN'T -- I DID NOT KNOW THAT THE TWO ADDITIONAL PEOPLE AT THE BOTTOM WERE GOING TO BE ON THE COMMITTEE, AND MAYBE THAT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT ASKING THAT QUESTION, BUT I REALLY FEEL LIKE IT'S 9-7 VOTES RIGHT NOW. REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE CITIZENS WOULD SAY, WE COULD POSSIBLY BE TRUMPED IN THE END, SO THAT'S JUST WHAT I WANT TO PUT ON THE RECORD.

>> AND I WANT TO CLARIFY, LISA, YOU'VE ASSUMED THAT DR. WELLER AND DR. MASON -- AND WE'RE REALLY GOING OFF FIRST NAMES HERE, I THINK WE'VE ESTABLISHED THAT --

>> RIGHT.

>> -- THAT TOM AND TOM ARE ON THE INDUSTRY SIDE? IS THAT YOUR INTERPRETATION?

>> THEY'RE NOT HERE TO TELL ME WHAT THEIR DESCRIPTION IS OR WHY THEY'RE HERE, BUT I DO FEEL -- I'M NOT AT ALL INTIMIDATED.

I DON'T WANT THAT TO COME OUT AS I'M WORRIED.

>> I DON'T THINK YOU'RE WORRIED.

>> I'M NOT AT ALL WORRIED.

I JUST FEEL LIKE WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE ON SOMETHING, IT'S GOING TO BE -- THIS ONE SIDE IS GOING TO BE NINE PEOPLE AND THE OTHER SIDE'S GOING TO BE SEVEN, AND I'M ON THE SEVEN GROUP, SO I JUST WANTED TO --

>> IF THAT WERE NOT TRUE BY YOUR -- IN ANY OF YOUR OTHER COUNTING, THAT'S CORRECT, IT WOULD BE 7-7, IF THE TWO

REPRESENTATIVES WERE NOT --

>> IS THAT RIGHT?

YES.

SO THAT'S WHY I HAVE TO PUT -- I HAVE TO SAY THAT BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I FEEL.

>> MAYBE WE SHOULD HEAR FROM MR. MERRILL BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE.

MAYBE WE SHOULD HEAR FROM HIM ABOUT WHAT HIS INTENT WAS IN ADDING THEM.

>> WELL, YOU'VE GOT A MICROWAVE SYSTEM.

>> CAN WE ALSO ASK FOR A CLARIFICATION?

I DON'T THINK DAVID AND RICK REPRESENT ANYBODY, AND I THINK THEY BOTH SAID THEY HAVEN'T REPRESENTED THE INDUSTRY.

I MEAN, I'M NOT SURE -- IF YOU'RE COUNTING THEM ON THE INDUSTRY SIDE, THEY ARE ATTORNEYS, THEY'RE LAND USE ATTORNEYS THAT ARE GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS.

>> DON'T BE OFFENDED BY WHAT I SAID.

>> YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY OFFEND ME.

[LAUGHTER]

>> OKAY.

I'M NOT TRYING TO SAY YOU'RE THE BAD GUYS.

YOU'RE NOT ON THE BAD SIDE, I JUST FELT AND I THOUGHT IT WAS NECESSARY THAT, YOU KNOW, WE'RE BEING OPEN AND HONEST HERE, AND I WANT IT ON THE RECORD TO SHOW THAT --

>> I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM MR. MERRILL ABOUT WHAT THE --

>> IT IS ON THE RECORD.

>> I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM MR. MERRILL ABOUT WHAT THE INTENT
[INDISCERNIBLE CROSS TALK]

>> ARE YOU WILLING TO STAY A FEW MINUTES LATER?

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE, ARE YOU WILLING TO STAY --

>> MAYBE WE CAN HEAR THAT NEXT TIME.

>> WELL, CAN I ASK A DIFFERENT QUESTION?

I JUST WANT TO KNOW IF DAVID -- NOT DAVID -- YEAH, DAVID,
IF YOU HAVE YOUR REPORT EARLY, CAN WE GET IT E-MAILED TO US
SO I CAN READ IT?

I'VE GOT A LEARNING CURVE.

I'D LIKE TO START WORKING ON IT.

>> MIKE, THE COMMITTEE IS WILLING TO ENTERTAIN THIS LAST
QUESTION.

>>MIKE MERRILL: I GUESS THE -- MY INTENT WAS TO HAVE TWO
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY WHO HAVE
KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE SUBJECT -- SUBJECT MATTER, AND, OF
COURSE, NOBODY IS EVER TRULY OBJECTIVE AND EVERYONE HAS,
YOU KNOW, A CERTAIN BELIEF, BUT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO
BRING -- TO HAVE THEM BRING A MORE ACADEMIC VIEWPOINT
RATHER THAN -- AND I HATE TO EVEN SAY IT THIS WAY BECAUSE
IT SETS A TONE -- OF THEIR BEING ON ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER
BECAUSE I THINK THE PURPOSE OF THIS GROUP IS TO AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE TRY AND TRANSCEND THAT, BUT YET THAT WAS THE
INTENT, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO HAVE TWO MEMBERS WHO WERE --

WHO WERE REPRESENTING THE ACADEMIC, QUOTE, UNQUOTE, POINT OF VIEW AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

>> CARRIE.

>> WHEN YOU -- WHEN YOU DECIDED ON THESE TWO, DID YOU READ ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR WORK OR WHAT THEY -- YOU KNOW, WHAT THEIR BELIEFS ARE ABOUT CELL TOWERS, BECAUSE JUST FROM MY OWN RESEARCH, I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SCIENTISTS WHO STAKE THEIR REPUTATIONS ON THE FACT THAT, YOU KNOW, THE EMISSIONS ARE DANGEROUS AND SCIENTISTS WHO STAKE THEIR REPUTATIONS ON THE FACT THAT THEY'RE NOT, SO DO WE HAVE ANY INDICATION OF WHERE THESE MEN -- GENTLEMEN, YOU KNOW, FALL?

>>MIKE MERRILL: I DID ACTUALLY TALK WITH THEM AT LENGTH TWICE.

I LOOKED AT THEIR CREDENTIALS, AND, I MEAN, THEY WERE VERY OPEN AND VERY CLEAR THAT, YOU KNOW, THEY -- THEY HAVE, YOU KNOW, IN THE PAST EITHER WORKED FOR OR IN SOME -- WELL, AT LEAST ONE OF THEM WORKED ON BEHALF OF, YOU KNOW, THE CELLULAR COMMUNITY, WHETHER IT WAS CELL TOWER OR NOT, BUT I EXPRESSED TO THEM MY INTENT AND MY DESIRE THAT -- AS I DESCRIBED TO YOU, THAT THEY COME TO THIS COMMITTEE WITH AN OPEN MIND AND THAT THEY BRING AN ACADEMIC PERSPECTIVE TO THE TOPIC, AND, I MEAN, YOU CAN'T EVER AVOID, YOU KNOW, THAT KIND OF --

>> SO I GUESS I WOULD BE COMFORTABLE IF THEY HAD THE BIAS TOWARDS OUR SIDE, BUT WHAT YOU'RE TELLING ME IS THEY HAVE A

BIAS TOWARDS THEIR SIDE, SO --

>>MIKE MERRILL: NO, I'M SAYING THEY WOULD NOT HAVE A BIAS EITHER WAY IS HOPEFULLY THE -- WHERE THEY'RE COMING FROM.

>> LISA.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> I JUST WANT TO MAKE AN OBSERVATION, NUMBER ONE.

I DIDN'T GIVE UP MY CITIZENSHIP YET, OKAY, SO ALL OF US ARE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMUNITY.

I DON'T LOOK AT MYSELF AS BEING ON THIS SIDE OR THAT SIDE.

I'M NOT ON EITHER SIDE RIGHT NOW.

I WOULD SIMPLY ASK -- YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT, MARKETABILITY OF LAND, WHAT IT COULD DO TO HAVE THE CELL TOWER ON IT OR NOT ON IT AND SO FORTH, SO I DON'T HAVE -- I HAVE NO AX TO GRIND ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, AND AS FAR AS, YOU KNOW, THE NIMBY SIDE OF THINGS, NOT IN MY BACKYARD SIDE OF THINGS, I'VE BEEN DEALING WITH THAT FOR 40 YEARS, AND I'VE LEARNED THAT THERE ARE WAYS TO COME ABOUT COMPROMISES ON BOTH SIDES SO THAT YOU CAN GET THINGS DONE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

UNLESS YOU'RE WILLING TO GIVE UP YOUR CELL PHONES, FOLKS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE CELL TOWERS.

NOW, WHERE, HOW THEY'RE CONSTRUCTED, HOW THEY'RE OPERATED AND SO FORTH, THAT'S WHERE WE SHOULD TRY TO COME TOGETHER, SO I'M NOT ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ISSUE.

IF YOU WANT TO PUT A -- I THINK YOU OUGHT TO HAVE A GROUP

UP HERE THAT SAYS MIDDLE OR NONCOMMITTAL BECAUSE THAT'S
WHERE I AM.

I HAVEN'T HEARD YOUR SIDE OF THE STORY YET.

>> OH, SURE.

AND I --

>> I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE I AM.

>> I'M WITH WILL.

>> THAT'S WHERE I AM RIGHT NOW.

I MEAN --

>> AND A BIG PART OF WHAT WE HAVE GOING ON, LISA, YOU'RE --
I'M GLAD YOU BROUGHT UP YOUR CONCERN SO THAT WE KNOW THAT
IT'S SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT NOW AND NOT
LATER ON.

I THINK THE -- WE ALSO -- I'M HEARING THAT THERE'S SOME
PEOPLE WHO WERE SAYING I DON'T WANT TO BE PUT IN A
PARTICULAR BOX RIGHT NOW, SO I DON'T KNOW THAT WE DO KNOW
THE FULL CONSTELLATION, BUT WE KNOW NOW GOING TO THE NEXT
MEETING THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COMMITTEE
COMPOSITION, AND SO THAT MAYBE SOMETHING THAT WE'LL HAVE A
FUTURE CONVERSATION ABOUT, BUT WE KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD THAT
CONVERSATION.

WE KNOW WE'VE HAD ANOTHER CONVERSATION WHEN WE GOT TO KNOW
EACH OTHER TONIGHT.

WE'VE GOTTEN TO SEE WHAT SOME OF THE GOALS ARE, SOME OF THE
DESIRABLE OUTCOMES WE WANT, AND I THINK WE'VE HEARD SOME

VERY NOBLE GOALS, AND AS I SAID IN MY INTRO COMMENTS, ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT THE GROUP PROCESS IS THAT SOMETIMES YOU BRING TOGETHER PEOPLE WHO ARE VERY DIFFERENT WHO HAVE DIFFERENT GOALS, AND THEY COME UP WITH SOMETHING THAT WE JUST CANNOT IMAGINE THE FIRST TIME WE COME TOGETHER, AND SO I'M HOPING THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GETTING READY FOR.

I DID HEAR PEOPLE SOUND LIKE THEY DO WANT TO ACT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY, SO I THINK THAT'S A GOOD SPIRIT FOR US TO END ON THIS EVENING.

YOU KNOW, DAVID ASKED WERE THERE ANY PARTICULAR THINGS THAT YOU WANTED TO PUT ON THE AGENDA, ANY ADDITIONAL THINGS THAT WE HAVEN'T ALREADY TALKED ABOUT.

SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE.

>> I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO PUT IT.

>> I KNOW.

[INAUDIBLE]

NEVER MIND.

>> I WOULD INVITE -- I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD TRUST US TO COME UP WITH AN AGENDA BASED UPON OUR SYNTHESIS OF WHAT WE'RE HEARING, INPUT FROM JOE AND OTHERS, AS WELL AS INVITE YOU -- IF YOU HAVE A -- A MOMENT OF CLARITY AND REFLECTIVITY AND WANT TO HAVE THAT INPUT, YOU HAVE OUR E-MAILS AND THE GROUP E-MAIL.

SEND US ONE AND WE WILL TRY TO REPRESENT ALL OF YOUR

INTERESTS IN COMING UP WITH A PRODUCTIVE MEETING NEXT TIME.

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE TO YOU?

>> THAT'S WHAT I MEANT TO SAY.

[LAUGHTER]

>> THERE'S ONE THING IMPORTANT THAT WE NEED TO SAY BECAUSE I THINK WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT WE DO NOT VIOLATE THE LAW AND PROCESS OF WHAT WE'RE DOING.

ONE OF THE THINGS THAT CONCERNS ME ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF SIDEDNESS IS THAT YOU CANNOT COMMUNICATE WITH PEOPLE WHO YOU PERCEIVE TO BE ON YOUR SIDE ABOUT ISSUES THAT ARE COMING BEFORE THIS TRIBUNAL, INCLUDING YOUR PERCEPTION OF THEIR SIDEDNESS.

THAT IS ITSELF A VIOLATION OF THE SUNSHINE ACT, SO WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL WHAT WE'RE DOING.

YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

NOW, I'LL LET PEOPLE FIGURE OUT AS THINGS UNFOLD EXACTLY WHERE I'M COMING FROM.

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THAT, BUT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT CONCEPT HAS BEEN GRASPED BECAUSE AS JIM SAID EARLIER, IT'S A CRIMINAL CONCEPT.

IF -- IF THE COMPOSITION OF THIS TRIBUNAL IS PART OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, YOU CANNOT TALK ABOUT IT OUTSIDE OF THIS VENUE.

I HOPE THAT'S CLEAR.

I'M JUST WANTING PEOPLE NOT TO GET THEMSELVES SIDWAYS.

>> I UNDERSTAND.

I THINK ONE CONCEPT, THOUGH, ABOUT THE SIDEDNESS OF THINGS
-- AND THERE'S ACTIVE LITIGATION TODAY INVOLVING PEOPLE IN
THIS ROOM ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE FENCE.

>> RIGHT.

>> SEE, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.

>> THAT'S WHY I --

>> IT'S ONGOING.

>> I'M REALLY CONCERNED.

>> I DON'T HAVE PERCEPTIONS OF ONE-SIDEDNESS.

WE JUST NEED TO BE CAREFUL WHAT CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE
OUTSIDE OF THIS ROOM IS ALL I'M SAYING.

I DON'T REALLY CARE WHERE PEOPLE ARE.

I'M GOING TO LET THE FACTS BE PRESENTED AS I HEAR THEM, AND
IT MAY BE YOUR VIEW, IT MAY BE SOMEBODY ELSE'S VIEW BECAUSE
I'M JUST GOING TO DO WHAT I THINK IS RIGHT AS I UNDERSTAND
IT, AND I WOULD HOPE THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY WOULD DO HERE.

>> AGREED.

>> SO AS I UNDERSTAND, IN TERMS OF GROUP PROCESS, WE'RE
ENCOURAGING A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TENTATIVENESS ABOUT THIS
ISSUE AND LETTING PEOPLE EMERGE AND SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES
AND TRUST THE PROCESS, AND YOUR POINT IS ALSO AS A LEGAL
SIDE BAR ON THAT THAT THAT BECOMING AN ISSUE OUTSIDE OF THE
COMMITTEE IS ALSO A PROBLEM.

>> I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY WHEN WE WOULD COME UP WITH A

GOAL AND WHAT OUR GOALS ARE.

>> AS A COMMITTEE?

>> AS A COMMITTEE.

>> THAT'S GOT TO BE THE NUMBER ONE AGENDA ITEM NEXT TIME IS TO -- IS WE CAN TAKE IN INFORMATION AND WE CAN DEFINE SOME PARAMETERS, BUT WE'LL ALSO HAVE TO COME UP WITH WHAT ISSUES WE WANT TO DEAL WITH VERSUS HOW WE WANT TO DEAL WITH THEM.

DOES THAT SPEAK TO YOUR --

>> YES.

>> ABSOLUTELY, IT HAS TO BE THE FIRST ITEM.

>>JOE MOREDA: I'LL GO AFTER EVERYBODY FINISHES.

>> YOU SAID THE MEETING NEXT MONTH, WHICH IS FINE.

IS IT REASONABLE, OR PERHAPS NOT, TO MEET IN THE BEGINNING MORE FREQUENTLY, EVERY THREE WEEKS?

I KNOW A MONTH IS -- FEELS LIKE A LONG WAY AWAY.

>> WE CERTAINLY HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ALTERING THAT RHYTHM IF --

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> WE CAN TRY.

I THINK THE NEXT MEETING HAS ALREADY BEEN NEGOTIATED;
RIGHT?

AND THAT'S BEEN A PROBLEM.

SO WE ALREADY HAVE A DATE, AND I TINKER WITH THAT AT GREAT RISK.

>> I SUGGESTED TO -- IS IT SANDRA PINOL? -- THAT BECAUSE IT WAS SO DIFFICULT TO MAKE THE FIRST TWO MEETINGS -- TO SCHEDULE THE FIRST TWO MEETINGS, I SUGGESTED THAT THE FARTHER IN ADVANCE SHE SCHEDULES THEM, YOU KNOW, THE EASIER IT WILL BE TO FIT INTO EVERYONE'S SCHEDULE BECAUSE THEY WON'T HAVE TO SAY, OH, I HAVE SOMETHING ON THAT DATE, I HAVE SOMETHING ON THAT DATE.

SO CAN'T WE JUST GO AHEAD AND SCHEDULE MEETINGS AFTER THE NEXT MEETING EVERY THREE WEEKS AND, YOU KNOW, DO THAT, YOU KNOW -- I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY MEETINGS WE THINK WE'RE GOING TO NEED, SEVEN MEETINGS AND JUST GET THAT ON EVERYONE'S CALENDAR BECAUSE I THINK IF WE JUST WAIT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM, IT'S GOING TO GET DRUG OUT FARTHER AND FARTHER.

>> [INAUDIBLE]

>> I AGREE WITH THAT.

I MIGHT NOT MAKE ALL THE MEETINGS, BUT I THINK YOU NEED TO KNOW AS FAR IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE.

>> IF WE COULD PICK A DAY OF THE WEEK.

LIKE TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ARE ACTUALLY MORE PROBLEMATIC FOR ME BECAUSE I'M MORE LIKELY TO HAVE A HEARING CONFLICT. A LOT OF JURISDICTIONS MEET ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. THEY DON'T SO OFTEN MEET ON WEDNESDAYS, THOUGH.

>> FAT TUESDAY.

>> FAT TUESDAY.

>> NAVITA AND I ARE A LITTLE RESTRICTED, BUT THAT WILL END APRIL 15th OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

>> SO IF WE CAN MAYBE PICK A DAY OF THE WEEK THAT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR EVERYBODY AND CONSISTENTLY TRY TO GO FOR THAT DAY OF THE WEEK, THAT MIGHT MAKE IT EASIER FOR --

>> BUT RIGHT NOW IT'S NOT TUESDAY, THURSDAY FOR YOU?

>> NOT FOR ME.

IT'S VERY UNPREDICTABLE, BUT MOST JURISDICTIONS --

>> TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY ARE ABOUT THE ONLY ONES UNTIL APRIL 15th THAT WILL WORK FOR US.

>> THAT DO WORK, THAT TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY?

>> BECAUSE OF OUR TEACHING SCHEDULES.

>> WEDNESDAY IS -- I DON'T LIKE FRIDAYS BECAUSE OF THE WEEKENDS AND THE TRAVEL.

>> YEAH.

>> I LIKE WEDNESDAYS, BUT I DON'T KNOW --

>> WELL, I THINK THOSE WERE IN THE ORIGINAL POSSIBILITY, SO MAYBE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE ISSUES THAT PREVENTED THAT.

>> I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT THE AGENDA.

ARE YOU-ALL THINKING OF COMING UP WITH THE AGENDA AND CIRCULATING IT WELL BEFORE THE MEETING AND THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INPUT TO YOU OR TO JOE TO -- FOR CHANGES TO IT?

>> WE CAN DO THAT.

>> OKAY.

>> OR YOU CAN GIVE US SOME INPUT UP FRONT TOO.

>> WE PREFER TO GET IT UP FRONT.

>> IF YOU GO HOME -- ARE DRIVING HOME TONIGHT AND YOU THINK OF WHAT WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO DO, THEN I'D LIKE TO HEAR IT.

>> IF YOU SEND US OUT THIS IS WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT, THE CONSENSUS RIGHT NOW, AND THEN --

>> THAT MAKES SENSE.

>> BECAUSE I THINK WHOEVER IT WAS THAT SAID THE GOAL, WHAT OUR GOAL IS, I THINK THAT IS AN OVERRIDING -- IF WE CAN'T COME TO A CONSENSUS WHAT OUR GOAL IS, WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?

>> WELL, MY ANTICIPATION IS THAT THERE'S MORE THAN ONE GOAL AND THOSE HAVE TO BE PRIORITIZED IN SOME SORT OF ORDER, AND MY ADVICE IS TO CHOOSE THE ONE THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE MORE SUCCESSFUL WITH FIRST.

>> A LOT OF US HAVE CONSULTED WITH EXPERTS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY.

IS THERE ANY BUDGET TO BRING IN EXPERTS FROM OTHER PLACES?

>> THEY CAN PHONE IN.

>> OR THEY COULD PHONE IN.

>>MIKE MERRILL: NO.

THE ONLY BUDGET WE HAVE --

[LAUGHTER]

>> THAT ANSWERS THAT QUESTION.

>>MIKE MERRILL: -- IS FOR THE FACILITATORS AND FOR WADE

TRIM, AND SO WADE TRIM WAS -- WAS TO BE PROVIDING THE
EXPERT ADVICE, SO --

>> LET ME -- LET ME INTERJECT, IF I COULD, THAT IF THERE IS
A NAME OF AN EXPERT WHOSE WORK YOU THINK SUPPORTS A
PARTICULAR POINT OF VIEW WITH VALIDITY, THAT YOU COULD
SUBMIT THAT TO WADE TRIM AND HIS EXPERTS COULD REVIEW THAT
WORK, AND MAYBE THAT COULD BE TAKEN UP AND PRESENTED WITHIN
THE CONTEXT OF OUR ARRANGEMENT.

DOES THAT MAKE SENSE?

IN OTHER WORDS, IF THERE'S A PUBLISHED BODY OF RESEARCH OR
SCHOLAR OUT THERE, THEN THERE'S NO REASON WHY THE EXPERTS
WORKING FOR WADE TRIM COULDN'T REVIEW AND PRESENT THAT
MATERIAL OR INCLUDE IT IN THEIR REPORT.

>> THANK YOU.

>> SURE.

OTHER THINGS?

OKAY.

WE WILL DO AS DUTIFULLY AS WE CAN TO COME UP WITH A
PRODUCTIVE AGENDA, AND JOE HAS BEEN PATIENTLY WAITING.

>>JOE MOREDA: A COUPLE THINGS.

FIRST OF ALL, WHEN YOU INTRODUCED US, I THOUGHT YOU WERE
JUST INTRODUCING ME.

I KNOW YOU GUYS DIDN'T WANT ME TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT I'VE
BEEN WITH HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY FOR OVER 20 YEARS, PRIMARILY
IN THE ZONING AREA.

YOU KNOW, I'VE WRITTEN ZONING CODE, I'VE ATTENDED ZONING HEARINGS, REVIEWED CELL TOWER CASES, REVIEWED SEVERAL HUNDRED, IF NOT OVER A THOUSAND REZONINGS, AND, YOU KNOW, I'M A CERTIFIED PLANNER, [INAUDIBLE] CERTIFIED PLANNER, LIFELONG RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, AND I HAVE TWO CHILDREN, ONE IN COLLEGE AND ONE IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND SO I JUST WANTED TO GIVE PEOPLE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND OF WHERE I'M FROM, AND ALSO, I HAVE A COUPLE OF SUGGESTIONS. THE AGENDA MATERIAL THAT WAS PASSED OUT TODAY I DON'T HAVE A COPY OF.

THAT'S NOT NECESSARILY A PROBLEM BECAUSE I KNOW I CAN GET ONE, BUT I WAS GOING TO SUGGEST THAT WE POST THE AGENDA AND ALSO THE INFORMATION THAT IS BACKUP TO THE AGENDA ON THE WEB SITE, SO IF WE GET TO THE POINT WHERE WE EITHER HAVE A CAPTIONER OR MINUTES, THEN IF SOMEBODY DOES MISS A MEETING, THEY CAN GO TO THE WEB SITE AND THEY COULD HAVE -- THEY COULD EASILY ACCESS WHATEVER MATERIAL WAS HANDED OUT AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, UNDERSTAND WHAT WENT ON AT THE MEETING, EITHER BY READING THE MINUTES OR HOPEFULLY THE CAPTIONING. I THINK IF WE GET THE CAPTIONING, THAT WILL GO A LONG WAY AT, YOU KNOW, BRINGING SOMEONE UP TO SPEED THAT DID MISS THE MEETING BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST LIKE A TRANSCRIPT. THEY DO A VERY GOOD JOB OF PRODUCING THAT. AND, YOU KNOW, IF -- IF THERE IS GOING TO BE A REQUEST FOR A REVIEW OF ANY OTHER, YOU KNOW, ORDINANCES OR WHATEVER, I

WOULD SUGGEST THAT WE DO THAT SOONER THAN LATER SO MR. GILDERSLEEVE COULD PRODUCE THAT REPORT AND DO WHATEVER ANALYSIS IT TAKES TO ARRIVE AT, YOU KNOW, PREPARING SOMETHING PRIOR TO THE NEXT MEETING IN APRIL.

YOU KNOW, IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CODE, I'M CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, AVAILABLE TO EITHER ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CODE OR OUR -- IF I DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS, CERTAINLY I CAN GET THE ANSWER FOR YOU AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE, BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT PART OF THE COMMITTEE, BUT OBVIOUSLY ME AND MY DEPARTMENT, WE DO HAVE AN INTEREST IN WHAT'S GOING ON, AND I THINK THIS IS A VERY GOOD GROUP, AND I HAVE TO TELL YOU I RESPECT YOUR PASSION ON THE ACTIVISTS' SIDE.

YOU'RE OUT THERE DOING IT, YOU KNOW, FOR FREE BASED ON YOUR PASSION.

AND I RESPECT THOSE THAT ARE ON THE COMMITTEE FROM THE -- FROM THE INDUSTRY SIDE AS WELL, AND WHEN I WAS ASKED ABOUT THE COMMITTEE BEFORE WE GOT INTO THE MEETINGS, YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ARE INTERESTED, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING OF DOING? NOW, I THINK THIS COMMITTEE IS GOING TO MOVE AHEAD AND DO SOME POSITIVE THINGS, I REALLY DO.

I THINK THERE'S SOME VERY INTELLIGENT PEOPLE IN HERE, VERY COMMITTED PEOPLE IN HERE, AND I DO THINK SOME POSITIVE THINGS ARE GOING TO COME OUT OF THIS COMMITTEE.

IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT ME TO FORWARD TO EITHER

DAVID, NAVITA, OR MR. GILDERSLEEVE, YOU KNOW, I'M IN A
POSITION TO DO THAT.

I'LL DO IT AS QUICKLY AS I CAN, AND THAT PRETTY MUCH TAKES
CARE OF EVERYTHING I HAD TO SAY TONIGHT.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> MOTION TO ADJOURN?

>> SECOND.

>> WE ARE ADJOURNED.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING.

WE'LL SEE YOU IN APRIL.