

From: [Bill Will](#)
To: [Fisher, Robin](#)
Subject: I support Commissioner Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 10:55:30 AM

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

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Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Bill Will
4175 Savannahs Trl, Merritt Island
321-474-3976

From: [Bill Will](#)
To: [Fisher, Robin](#)
Subject: Zoning Meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 10:53:00 AM

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Sincerely,

Bill Will
321-474-3976

From: [Bill Will](#)
To: [Fisher, Robin](#)
Cc: [Barfield, Jim](#)
Subject: Resolution
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 10:50:41 AM

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

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4175 Savannahs Trl, Merritt Island
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From: [jnpg](#)
To: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: Fw: Port Canaveral's Port Authority Plan to Build Rail Road Spur through the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 9:38:14 AM

On Tuesday, September 1, 2015 9:30 AM, jnpg <jnpg@bellsouth.net> wrote:

Commissioners:

I oppose the Canaveral Port Authority's short sighted plan to build a cargo rail road track through pristine land in the MINWR. This land is a critical to the health of the Indian River Lagoon, Brevard County's main bread and butter resource. The potential catastrophic risk to the Lagoon due to an accident is not worth the cost of putting the RR spur in a better suited location that does not pose such a risk.

It is way past time that we put the health of our largest and most important resource ahead of short term money saving driven ideas that could wipe out the economic benefits that rely on its health.

Please vote NO and shoot down this myopic plan!

Jesus Pernas
Melbourne, Florida

From: [Captain Gary R. Verbanic Sr.](#)
To: [Fisher, Robin](#); [Barfield, Jim](#); Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; [Smith, Curt](#); [Anderson, Andy](#)
Cc: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 9:29:28 AM

I respectfully write this letter encouraging your support of the Resolution to oppose construction of the proposed rail line crossing the Banana River.

You are well aware of the myriad of causes resulting in the loss of sea grasses, degradation of water quality and general decline of the Indian River Lagoon system. You have funded and encouraged State & Federal funding for research and activities, the goals to improve our lagoon marine environment. For those actions I applaud you.

I am not opposed to rail as a method to move freight, in fact it is often both economically & ecologically a preferred alternative. However, the CPA proposed routes and methods of construction will significantly and negatively impact the Banana River and areas of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

As there is no tidal flow in this section of the Lagoon, water movement, oxygenation, growth of algae & grasses and the resulting health of local marine life are dependent upon wind driven water movement. The existing road/bridge causeways demonstrably impact this natural flow. The addition of the proposed 2 mile berm will add another restriction to water flow.

I expect the Federal Environmental Impact Study will document in detail how this negatively impacts the river and I hope they reject the proposed plan.

While public opinion appears opposed to the project and the CPA has responded somewhat, continued opinion pressure by our elected representatives will help encourage the CPA to seek alternative plans. Thus while your actions are non-binding upon another elected Authority, your statement of opposition to the rail plan proposed will have an impact upon the CPA's decision process.

I commend my District 2 Commissioner for bringing this to your attention and most sincerely encourage your support of this resolution

Thank you

Captain Gary R. Verbanic Sr.
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From: [Spence Guerin](#)
To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D5](#); [Commissioner, D2](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D2](#)
Cc: [Lewis, Sally A](#); [Whitten, Stockton E](#)
Subject: I oppose planned Port commercial rail expansion
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 8:52:09 AM

Brevard County Commisioners:

I support any effort to OPPOSE Port Canaveral's seriously flawed plan to build cargo railroad through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

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The Port Canaveral Authority's plans are poorly considered, in my opinion. That this proposal has lasted this long is a bit outrageous.

Thank you, Commissioner Barfield, for bringing this issue to the Brevard County Commission.

Spence Guerin
Melbourne FL

From: [Sharon Skaggs](#)
To: [Commissioner, D1](#); [Commissioner, D3](#); [Commissioner, D4](#); [Commissioner, D5](#); [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Cc: [Commissioner, D2](#)
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 7:46:36 AM
Importance: High

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

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Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution. I, along with many other North Brevard residents will be attending this meeting to strongly voice our opposition in person to this very destructive Port project. It is our hope you will vote in favor of this resolution to show you support the welfare and best interests of your constituents.

Sincerely,

Sharon Skaggs
7230 N. US 1; Unit 101 (Sunrise Landing Condo Assn.)
(321) 433-4981

From: [Kendra Schuerer](#)
To: [Fisher, Robin](#); [Barfield, Jim](#); Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; [Smith, Curt](#); [Anderson, Andy](#)
Cc: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: Resolution opposing cargo rail through Merritt Island
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 12:18:34 AM

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

As a resident of the Savannahs in north Merritt Island, I am concerned about the noise, pollution and safety risks a rail line less than a mile from our neighborhood would bring. It is a beautiful, peaceful community and I am disheartened that the Port would willfully destroy our property values in order to serve their financial purpose, without any benefit to the local residents.

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

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Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Kendra Schuerer

3340 Savannahs Trail

Merritt Island, FL 32953

321-452-8274

From: [Philip May](#)
To: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: Support
Date: Monday, August 31, 2015 11:16:01 PM

I support Commissioner Barfield resolution. Please add to agenda. Thank You. Philip May

Sent from my iPad

From: [Peter LaBelle](#)
To: [Fisher, Robin](#); [Barfield, Jim](#); Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; [Smith, Curt](#); [Anderson, Andy](#); [Aaron Bass](#)
Cc: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island
Date: Monday, August 31, 2015 9:34:57 PM

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

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Sincerely,

Peter LaBelle
490 South Banana River Drive
Merritt Island, Florida
32952
321.514.3150
A registered voter in Brevard County

From: [Virginia Ferguson](#)
To: [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: Cargo rail
Date: Monday, August 31, 2015 5:29:40 PM

Dear Commissioners
and Mr. Whitten:

I support District

2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing
Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo
rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt
Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife
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Port's five districts that have no representation in this
matter.

Please add this
correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that
it may be included as backup in support of Comm.

Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Virginia and William Ferguson
1611 Cocoa Bay Blvd.
Cocoa, FL 32926
321-507-4431



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From: [Maurice Boudreau](#)
To: d1.commissioner@brevard.us; d2.commissioner@brevard.us; d3.commissioner@brevard.us;
d4.commissioner@brevard.us; d5.commissioner@brevard.us
Cc: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: Subj.: We support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island
Date: Monday, August 31, 2015 12:46:51 PM

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

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Sincerely,

Name: Maurice J Boudreau President of East Merritt
Island Homeowners Association (4500 plus homes in MI)
Address: 1445 Quince Ave. Merritt Island, FL 32952
Phone number: 321-452-0829

Maurice J Boudreau
Licensed Real Estate Broker
Associate Business Broker/Business Consultant
PPOB, Inc.
Phone: 321-960-1320
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Email: mjb@ppob.com

From: [Susan Termini](#)
To: [Commissioner Robin Fisher](#); [Commissioner Jim Barfield](#); [Commissioner Trudi Infantini](#); [Commissioner Curt Smith](#); [Commissioner Andy Anderson](#); [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island
Date: Monday, August 31, 2015 12:43:32 PM

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

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Yours truly,

Susan Termini
648 Millwheel Drive
Merritt Island, FL 32952
321-454-9403

From: [beachbirder](#)
To: [Commissioner_D1](#); [Commissioner_D2](#); [Commissioner_D3](#); [Commissioner_D5](#); [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: Port Commercial Rail
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 12:59:40 PM

To:

Commissioner Robin Fisher
Commissioner Jim Barfield
Commissioner Trudi Infantini
Commissioner Andy Anderson
County Manager Stockton Whitten

Subj.: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island

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Sincerely,

Name: Jim Eager
Address: 350 Fillmore Ave
Apt F-18
Cape Canaveral, FL 32920

From: [Lois Lacoste](#)
To: [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: FW: I Support Commissioner Barfield's Resolution Opposing Port Canaveral's Planned Rail Route
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 12:55:59 PM

Subj.: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution
opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island

Dear Ms. Lewis:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

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Sincerely,

Lois Lacoste
6755 Hundred Acre Drive
Port St. John, FL 32927
321-636-6805

From: [Mary Hillberg](#)
To: [Commissioner, D4](#)
Cc: [Lewis, Sally A](#); [Whitten, Stockton E](#)
Subject: FW: I oppose planned Port commercial rail expansion
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 3:12:38 PM

FYI For Commissioner Smith's copy.

From: Spence Guerin [mailto:spenceguerin@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2015 8:52 AM
To: d1.commissioner@brevardcounty.us; d5.commissioner@brevardcounty.us;
d2.commissioner@brevardcounty.us; D3 Commissioner <d3.commissioner@brevardcounty.us>;
D2.Commissioner@brevardcounty.us
Cc: Sally.lewis@brevardcounty.us; Stockton.whitten@brevardcounty.us
Subject: I oppose planned Port commercial rail expansion

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Spence Guerin
Melbourne FL



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From: [Suzanne Valencia](#)
To: suzmvalencia@gmail.com
Subject: Port extension
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 5:42:35 AM

I OPPOSE Port Canaveral Authority's flawed plan to build cargo railroad through northern Banana River Lagoon, north Merritt Island, and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

This proposed rail expansion would add even greater, permanent environmental stress on the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem, and must not go forward.

The Port Canaveral Authority's plans are poorly considered, and should not be supported.

Thank you, Commissioner Barfield, for bringing this matter to the Brevard County Commission for a resolution vote at commission meeting 5 pm Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015

Suzanne Valencia
410 Lemon Grove Av
West Melbourne, FL 32904-2408
321-984-0604

From: [Nancy Furbish](#)
To: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Cc: [Fisher, Robin](#); [Barfield, Jim](#); [Infantini, Trudie](#); [Anderson, Andy](#); [Smith, Curt](#); hparrish@cocoafi.org; slundine@bizjournals.com; mribbens@bizjournals.com; cdineen@orlandosentinel.com; deagles@tribune.com; susan.falcon@wftv.com; charles.frazier@wftv.com; delliott@hearst.com; rpugh@wkmg.com; david.chudzik@foxtv.com; nblock@cfnews13.com; jwaymer@floridatoday.com; akhahaifa@orlandosentinel.com; lcianci@tribune.com; powens@orlandosentinel.com; cbarth@bizjournals.com; rbilbao@bizjournals.com; wucftv@wucftv.org; Bill.Dotson@wucftv.org; Phillips@realradio.fm; Maira@realradio.fm; Russrollins@realradio.fm; wmfenews@wmfe.org; wme1radiojohn@gmail.com; billmichlive@clearchannel.com; ted@tedlund.com
Subject: Port Canaveral Rail Extension/Widening of SR528
Date: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 12:04:53 AM

I live in High Point, a beautiful neighborhood within the city limits of Cocoa, located on the north side of SR528, from the Indian River to 2/3 of the way up the hill towards US1. Ten years ago there was much speculation and movement towards expanding SR528 (with the excuse that we needed a better evacuation route during hurricanes) and those plans called for demolishing many homes in the process. We were lucky that there were folks at CH2MHill, FDOT, and in government that were able to figure a way to spare our homes. We were also lucky that there was no funding for the project at that time.

Here we are, ten years later. We now have Port Canaveral and the Space Coast TPO wanting to turn SR528 into a mega corridor that includes cargo rail, light passenger rail, bicycle paths, and recreational areas. There was even talk about piping jet fuel from the Port to OIA.

We have a lovely neighborhood of 95 homes, situated on the highest point in Brevard County, on the Indian River. I am sure that I speak for my neighbors in the High Point Civic Association when I say that we do NOT want a train along side or coming through our neighborhood. For that matter, we do not want any so-called "improvements" to SR528 that would jeopardize homes in High Point.

Thank you in advance for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,
Nancy Furbish
3201 Nottingham Lane
Cocoa, FL
furbishnf@yahoo.com

From: [Ted Lund](#)
To: [Fisher, Robin](#); [Barfield, Jim](#); [Infantini, Trudie](#); [Andy Anderson](#); [Smith, Curt](#)
Cc: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: Canaveral Port Authority/Propeller Club Bullet Points
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 11:16:34 PM

I wanted to take a minute and address the bullet points that the Canaveral Port Authority has been feeding to the public through various sources, including pandering to the Propeller Club.

1. The rail cargo link will facilitate growth and job creation for Central Florida.

First off, there is no proof of this. We have projections (anecdotal at best) from them, and they wildly change direction like the wind. GulfTainer says 500 jobs. EDC says 1500 jobs. John Walsh says 15,000 jobs. NASA peaked at 26,500 employees at the height of the Apollo program. Do we believe the port will bring in 56 percent of NASA's all-time high? So, the port, which frankly is a small-to-middle-sized business at less than \$70m annually is going to rival our country's efforts to put a man on the moon?

2. The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is the lead federal agency with jurisdiction over the Port's rail proposal.

They say this as if the STB came to town and said "we think you should build a railroad." That's a lie. The port authority, with its pay-for-play lobbyist lawyers from Venable are driving this issue. They pretend its almost like the STB is FORCING them to build a railroad. It's simply not true.

3. STB is posting all information and public input related to the environmental review online at www.portcanaveralraileis.com.

They are. In fact, most of the lies and mistruths that I have caught the CPA in have sprung from there. It is an incredible source of information if you have the time and wherewithal to dig. I highly recommend it.

4. Several routes are being evaluated during the scoping process, including citizen-requested SR 528 and an alignment on the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

Again, simply not true. Confirmed by port commissioners at the last meeting as well as STB staff this week. The plan, is the plan, is the plan. 5k-plus in filled berm causeway with dual tracks plodding across the lagoon, then hewing their way northward along the eastern shore of Merritt Island. Confirmed in emails that I'd be happy to share.

5. A decision about route alternatives to be studied will be made by the STB, not the Canaveral Port Authority nor the Brevard County Commission.

Again, not true. They have their "preferred route" then they have alternatives. The STB is not going to tell them "if" they can do this, but rather "how" to do this. Period. They are using the STB as a shield, and I can tell you that the staff there are kind of getting sick of it. I don't believe they had any idea they knew what they were getting into.

6. The public will have a full opportunity to comment in writing and during meetings after the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is published.

Great. And at that point, it will be all over but the crying. The US Army Corps of Engineers has a 100-percent completion rate when they reach the EIS stage. I posed the question to the STB and they said they didn't keep track of those types of numbers. I'm betting its pretty high.

7. The Canaveral Port Authority will not make any decisions until completion of the National Environmental Policy Act process and related approvals. As always, we will consider all public input.

Again, not true. They entered into a binding contract GUARANTEEING rail-to-barge and rail service BEFORE even bothering to ask anybody if they . Now they are referring to voters and taxpayers opposing the project as “CAVE people” (Citizens Against Virtually Everything” and “Luddites.” Again, I’ll be more than happy to share the emails.

I have to say — and being a man of letters, I don’t use this terminology lightly — the Canaveral Port Authority is treating the Brevard County Commission like it is their bitch. I don’t see any type of collegial, collaborative behavior whatsoever.

It is my fervent hope that you really have the resolve to put them in their place.

Thanks,
Ted

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Ted Lund
Editor
tedlund.com

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From: [Ted Lund](#)
To: [Fisher, Robin](#); [Barfield, Jim](#); [Infantini, Trudie](#); [Smith, Curt](#); [Anderson, Andy](#)
Cc: [Whitten, Stockton E](#); [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: CPA's Jim Dubea Flexes Propeller Club's Muscle
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 9:25:06 PM
Attachments: [Canaveral Port Authority's Dubea Flexes Propeller Club's Muscle -- by Ted Lund.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[FW Port Canaveral Community Alert.pdf](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)

Dear Commissioners,

I wanted to take a moment and send more information your way that should be included in the backup for the agenda item concerning Comm. Barfield's anti-Port Rail resolution.

First off, I wanted to include a story I published today concerning a public employees efforts to use his position in a private club to the benefit of the public body he works for.

You can read the details here: <http://bit.ly/1FimTkJ>

You will find a pdf of the email in question, as well as video of Mr. Dubea flippantly dismissing citizen concern over terrorism in cargo containers at an April 30th informational meeting.

I've also attached a pdf of the letter.

I have never seen a public employee so openly disparage and attempt to discredit an elected official and this week I've seen two brazenly do so, in Port director John Walsh and deputy director for government and strategic partnerships, Jim Dubea. Normally, those tasked with developing and maintaining government relationships don't go around kicking sitting elected officials — whose district encompasses their entity — in the shins.

But apparently the Canaveral Port Authority is above everyone else. They don't report to you and they certainly don't report to the tax paying public from whom they derive their powers. Thank you for taking time to look over this. I know it is late notice, but its breaking news, and it is very important.

This is the story:

From: [Mary](#)
To: [Lewis, Sally A](#)
Subject: Fwd: Proposed rail on Merritt Island and the lagoon
Date: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 8:25:27 PM

Hi Sally,
Please add Ms. Custer's below letter to the September 3, 2015 Brevard County Commission Agenda Packet. She has sent this letter to all 5 commissioners.

Thank you,
Mary

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dorothee Custer" <dbailar@cfl.rr.com>
Date: August 31, 2015 at 12:34:42 PM EDT
To: <DL.Commissioner@brevardcounty.us>
Subject: Proposed rail on Merritt Island and the lagoon

Mr. Fisher:

I have lived in central Merritt Island 25 plus years. Along with many other citizens I have advocated for protecting and improving the Indian River Lagoon and all the wild life preserve areas on the island. I, along with my family and visitors, have enjoyed them all.

I am not the only one. Many visitors come to this area to enjoy the lovely natural areas we have to offer, including the yearly bird count. All of these visitors enhance our economy without doing damage to our area. This is the what we need to encourage and preserve.

The plan for running a train through this lovely area is a nightmare! We have heard many times how a project will not harm our environment – and have seen that promise broken. Please support the Resolution to Oppose a Freight Train running through our Lagoon and Merritt Island on September 3, 2015. I am unable to be there for the meeting so please accept this letter as my statement to save our area.

Sincerely,

Dorothee Custer
1775 S. Merrimac Drive
Merritt Island, FL 32952
dbailar@cfl.rr.com

Lewis, Sally A

From: Joanie Loch <joanie_loch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 12:26 PM
To: Lewis, Sally A; Whitten, Stockton E
Subject: Earthen Railroad Bridge

I have a lot of respect for an elected official who will support the path of what they truly believe is right, and try to protect the interests of the residents they represent, as well as future generations. I've read all the material I've been able to find on this subject, and it seems the building the cargo rail through these protected waters carries some serious environmental risks. It also seems that the primary benefit may be foreign interests. I hope that as county commissioners you will do everything in your power to prevent destruction of one of the most pristine resources in Florida and certainly in Brevard County.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joanie Loch

8839 Newmarket Dr

Windermere, FL 34786

260/580-1848

Barrett, Pamela A

From: Michael McDonald <mmcdonald8@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 11:12 AM
To: Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4;
Commissioner, D5
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and ask that you do the same.

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. It will also send a message to the National Surface Transportation Board that we, the people of Brevard County, DO NOT SUPPORT THE PORT CANAVERAL PLAN.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter. Help us take back control of Port Canaveral and the Canaveral Port Authority.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Michael McDonald
1812 Surrey Ct, Rockledge 32955
321-631-3060

Barrett, Pamela A

From: Seb Perin <sjperin@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 10:51 AM
To: d1commissioner@brevardcounty.us; d2commissioner@brevardcounty.us;
d3commissioner@brevardcounty.us; d4commissioner@brevardcounty.us;
d5commissioner@brevardcounty.us; Whitten, Stockton E
Subject: Too many Florida container ports (2)
Attachments: Too many Florida container ports (2).docx

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

Kindly see the attached as it is most pertinent to our opposition to the CPA's Port Rail plans.

Sincerely,

Sebastian J. Perin

Too many Florida container ports?

BY BEN MEYER | SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2015



Container Analytics

with Ben Meyer

Port Canaveral, located about halfway down the Atlantic Coast of Florida, this month opened its brand new container terminal. In doing so, however, it became the fourth container-handling port facility on the East Coast of an already crowded state and an even more crowded Southeast U.S. container port market. The ports of Charleston, S.C. and Savannah, Ga. both have a firm foothold in the southeastern U.S. container market and have put up record volumes in recent months.

Then there's the pesky problem of finding an ocean carrier to call at the new facility.

Gulftainer USA, the U.S. division of the United Arab Emirates-based terminal operator, won a 35-year exclusive concession to operate the new terminal last fall, making it the first Middle Eastern company to operate a marine terminal in the United States. Yet it has yet to attract its first liner carrier customer.

Gulftainer's Group Managing Director Peter Richards told *American Shipper* in a recent interview that the Port Canaveral terminal would initially target imports destined for Central Florida that currently enter the market through Savannah and Charleston. Industry sources estimate drayage costs from the Savannah and Charleston ports to Central Florida are between \$500 and \$700 more per container than from Port Canaveral.

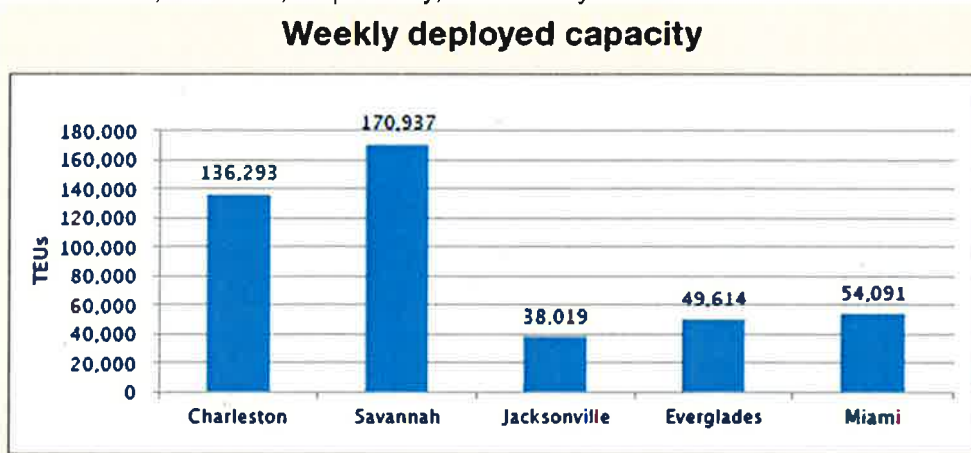
Florida Gov. Rick Scott has made trade and logistics a centerpiece of his economic plan, convincing the state legislature to commit an estimated \$850 million to fund port infrastructure upgrades, including \$24.4 million allocated to the Canaveral Port Authority to widen its turning basin and deepen its navigation channel to accommodate larger vessels. This begs the question, however, of whether those funds—not to mention Gulftainer's investments of time, money and manpower—might have been better spent improving facilities at one of the three existing container ports along Florida's East Coast.

Port Canaveral operates the second largest cruise port in the United States, but until now has been a relatively minor player in the cargo arena, focusing mostly on bulk commodities such as petroleum, salt and industrial equipment.

Is there really enough cargo volume to support yet another container port on the U.S. South Atlantic coast?

The adjacent chart, built with data from BlueWater Reporting's North America Port/Terminal Analysis Application, compares total weekly deployed capacity for all direct region-to-region liner services calling at Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville, Port Everglades or Miami. Port Canaveral, of course, does not

appear on the chart because no liner services call there, yet. Container services calling Charleston have a weekly deployed capacity of 136,293 TEUs, while those calling Savannah have a weekly capacity of 170,937 TEUs, and services calling Jacksonville, Everglades and Miami deploy 38,019 TEUs, 49,614 TEUs and 54,091 TEUs, respectively, on a weekly basis.



Source: BlueWater

Reporting.

For the purposes of this discussion, ports along the Florida Gulf Coast and farther north on the East Coast were not included because they serve different geographical markets and receive different services than those examined.

It should also be noted that there is some overlap when discussing weekly deployed capacity to these ports. Of the 84 total various container, roll-on/roll-off and multi-purpose services with assigned container capacity that call at one of Canaveral's main competitors, 32 of them call at least two of the ports. Four of those loops call three of the competing ports and two services call at Charleston, Savannah, Jacksonville and Miami.

Only time will tell if Canaveral can become a successful container port in an already highly competitive market. But one thing is for sure: until it does, industry analysts will continue to question whether those highly sought after transportation infrastructure dollars would have been better invested elsewhere.

Meyer is web editor of American Shipper and a research analyst with BlueWater Reporting. He can be reached by email.

This article was published in the August 2015 issue of American Shipper.

Barrett, Pamela A

From: Seb Perin <sjperin@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 4:19 PM
To: d1.commissioner@brevard.us; d3.commissioner@brevard.us;
d4.commissioner@brevard.us; d5.commissioner@brevard.us; Whitten, Stockton E
Subject: Proposed CPA Bridge Rail

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I am writing to advise you of my strong support for Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution in opposition to the CPA's plans to construct a commercial cargo rail system through the Banana River Lagoon on North Merritt Island, including the Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge.

As Congressman Bill Posey aptly stated in his article entitled, "Our Lagoon Is A Local Treasure: "...A vibrant lagoon is a key contributor to property values and the local tax base and as such, it is important that we take steps to preserve its quality."

I strongly urge you to adopt this resolution and thereby influence the heretofore community indifferent and self serving actions of the Port Commission.

Kindly include this correspondence as additional support for Commissioner's Port Rail resolution.

Sincerely,

Sebastian J. Perin

1725 Pelican Drive

Merritt Island, FL 32952

Dear Commissioners
and Mr. Whitten:
I support District
2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing
Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo
rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt
Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife
Refuge.
Your support of
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Canaveral Air Force Station.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm.

Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

NameAddressPhone number

Barrett, Pamela A

From: John Durkee <john_durkee@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 5:28 PM
To: Whitten, Stockton E
Subject: Regarding proposed Port Rail Project
Attachments: County Commission.docx; ATT00001.txt

I am unable to attend Thursday's meeting, however I have sent the following to each commissioner and request it to be included in their public comments package. Thank you.

John & Tami Durkee
1700 Westport Rd
Merritt Island, FL 32952
August 26, 2015

Commissioners

I respectfully write this letter encouraging your support of the Resolution to oppose construction of the proposed rail line crossing the Banana River.

You are well aware of the myriad of causes resulting in the loss of sea grasses, degradation of water quality and general decline of the Indian River Lagoon system. You have funded and encouraged State & Federal funding for research and activities, the goals to improve our lagoon marine environment. For those actions I applaud you.

I am not opposed to rail as a method to move freight, in fact it is often both economically & ecologically a preferred alternative. However, the CPA proposed routes and methods of construction will significantly and negatively impact the Banana River and areas of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

As there is no tidal flow in this section of the Lagoon, water movement, oxygenation, growth of algae & grasses and the resulting health of local marine life are dependent upon wind driven water movement. The existing road/bridge causeways demonstrably impact this natural flow. The addition of the proposed 2 mile berm will add another restriction to water flow. I expect the Federal Environmental Impact Study will document in detail how this negatively impacts the river and I hope they reject the proposed plan.

While public opinion appears opposed to the project and the CPA has responded somewhat, continued opinion pressure by our elected representatives will help encourage the CPA to seek alternative plans. Thus while your actions are non-binding upon another elected Authority, your statement of opposition to the rail plan proposed will have an impact upon the CPA's decision process.

I commend my District 2 Commissioner for bringing this to your attention and most sincerely encourage your support of this resolution

Capt. John Durkee

Barrett, Pamela A

From: Susan Termini <sjtermini@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 4:28 PM
To: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4;
Commissioner, D5; Whitten, Stockton E
Subject: Subj.: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,
Susan Termini
648 Millwheel Drive
Merritt Island, FL 32952
21-454-9403

Barrett, Pamela A

From: nlv4ever@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 2:03 PM
To: Robin.Fisher@brevard.us; Jim.Barfield@brevard.us; Trudi.Infantini@brevard.us; Curt.Smith@brevard.us; Andy.Anderson@brevard.us
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I oppose Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island!!!

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution ***opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.***

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

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Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Victoria Davis
2155 Deer Hollow Circle
Longwood, FL 32779
407-833-0959

Barrett, Pamela A

From: Gaven Rotundo <rotundog114@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 1:47 PM
To: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: Port Canaveral Cargo Rail

I truly hope our voices are being heard.

I support Commissioner Barfield's resolution against the Port Canaveral's planned cargo rail over environmentally sensitive and protected lands and sensitive waterways. Please put this item on the Agenda this week and please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution.

Sincerely
Gaven Rotundo
5583 Jack Brack rd.
407-818-5900

Lewis, Sally A

From: Pat Barker <Pat@RefrigeratedExpress.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 9:50 AM
To: d1.commissioner@brevard.us; Commissioner, D2; d3.commissioner@brevard.us; d4.commissioner@brevard.us; d5.commissioner@brevard.us; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

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Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,
Patrick Barker
1134 Pinetree Dr.
Indian Harbour Bch, Fl
321-775-0488

Lewis, Sally A

From: Joanie Loch <joanie_loch@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:34 AM
To: Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Fisher, Robin; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A; Barfield, Jim

Subject: Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda

Date: September 2, 2015 at 10:58:14 AM EDT

To: Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us, Robin.Fisher@brevardcounty.us, Curt.Smith@brevardcounty.us, Andy.Anderson@brevardcounty.us, Stockton.whitten@brevardcounty.us, Sally.lewis@brevardcounty.us, Jim.Barfield@brevardcounty.us

Dear Commissioner:

My husband and I have been looking to relocate from Windermere. Merritt Island was at the top of our list. Our plans are on hold until we find out how this all works out. We love the waterways in Brevard and fishing and kayaking are top recreational activities for us, and for my husband golf is, as well. My sister and her husband own a lovely home in Aquarina, further south but still Brevard, and that community appeals to us, too. This issue is important to ALL of us.

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Yes this is a jobs and economy issue. Brevard's economic engine is its healthy natural resources. Don't allow the development at the Port to ruin the ecosystem that is dear to all of us.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Joanie Loch

8839 Newmarket Dr

Windermere, FL 34786

260/580-1848

Lewis, Sally A

From: Marcia Booth <marcia_booth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:32 AM
To: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4;
Commissioner, D5
Cc: Lewis, Sally A; Whitten, Stockton E
Subject: Thank you, Commissioner Barfield

I OPPOSE Port Canaveral Authority's flawed plan to build cargo railroad through northern Banana River Lagoon, north Merritt Island, and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

This proposed rail expansion would add even greater, permanent environmental stress on the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem, and must not go forward.

The Port Canaveral Authority's plans are poorly considered and should not be supported.

Thank you, Commissioner Barfield, for bringing this matter to the Brevard County Commission for a resolution vote at commission meeting 5 pm Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015.

Marcia Booth
5943 Goleta Circle
Melbourne, FL - 32940

Lewis, Sally A

From: Barrett, Pamela A on behalf of Whitten, Stockton E
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:09 AM
To: Lewis, Sally A
Subject: FW: Support for C.C. Jim Barfield's resolution on the North Merritt Island Port Rail

FYI

Pamela Barrett

Administrative Assistant to
Stockton Whitten, County Manager
County Manager's Office
2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way
Building C, Room 301
321-633-2001 (Ext 55337)
321-633-2115 (fax)

From: csmith52@cfl.rr.com [<mailto:csmith52@cfl.rr.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 8:12 PM
To: d1.commissioner@brevard.us; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D4; Commissioner, D5; Commissioner, D3
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E
Subject: Support for C.C. Jim Barfield's resolution on the North Merritt Island Port Rail

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

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Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Connie & Jerry Smith
15 N. Indian River Drive unit 1002
Cocoa, Florida, 32922

Sent from my iPad



North Merritt Island Homeowners Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 542372

Merritt Island, Florida 32954-2372

September 1, 2015

Brevard County Commissioners

Subject: **Item VII F1 on the 09-03-2015 Zoning Agenda Port Canaveral Rail Resolution**

Dear Brevard County Commissioners,

The North Merritt Island Homeowners Association (NMIHOA) respectfully requests that the subject Resolution be supported and passed.

Our 480+ membership organization has reviewed Port Canaveral's preferred route across the Banana River Lagoon and North Merritt Island and has voted against it. We have also conducted several resident surveys, with over 99% opposing the North Merritt Island Route. The reasons stated were:

- Incompatibility with current character of the area
- Environmental issues (Lagoon, Wetlands, Wildlife, Future Land Use)
- Declining property values
- Increased flooding (elevated rail berms will exacerbate existing flooding issues)
- Quality of Life (noise, vibration, odor, potential accidental spill of hazardous cargo)

In addition, the Port has failed to make a case as to how this route would benefit the community.

They have not considered Public input and have held no meaningful dialogue with the residents. They have provided conflicting information and have been dismissive of people asking questions.

We thank and support Commissioner Barfield for standing up for his constituents and hope that you will do the same.

Best Regards,

Chris Cook,
President, NMIHOA

County Manager Stocton Whitten
2725 Judge Fran Jameson Way
Building C
Viera, Florida
32940


Re: Port Canaveral Rail Extension

Dear Mr. Stocton:

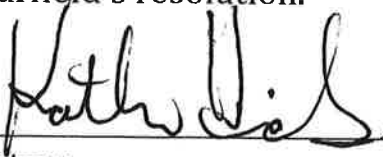
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Please inform Commissioners Fisher, Infantini, Smith and Anderson that we support the Port Canaveral Rail Extension project. We believe that the Port Authority working with NASA can make this project work to benefit all of Brevard County without harming the environment or causing any detrimental impact on the community.

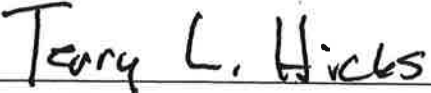
Please inform Commissioners Fisher, Infantini, Smith and Anderson that we want them to REJECT Commissioner Barfield's resolution.




Signature




Signature



Print Name



Print Name



Address



County Manager Stocton Whitten
2725 Judge Fran Jameson Way
Building C
Viera, Florida
32940

Re: Port Canaveral Rail Extension

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Signature



Signature

STEVEN HOLM

Print Name

Kasee Holm

Print Name

2310 HOMEWOOD DR., BELLE ISLE FL 32809

Address



County Manager Stocton Whitten
2725 Judge Fran Jameson Way
Building C
Viera, Florida
32940

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Signature

Signature



Print Name

Print Name

9112 GALLED LAKE, MELBOURNE, FL 32903

Address



County Manager Stocton Whitten
2725 Judge Fran Jameson Way
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Viera, Florida
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Sean J. Wodka
Signature

Mark Wodka
Signature

Sean L. Wodka
Print Name

Mark Wodka
Print Name

1260 Marshall Ct. Merritt Island, Fl. 32920
Address



Earl McMillin
P.O. Box 1086
Cape Canaveral, Florida
32920-1086
(321) 453-0249
emcmillinjd@yahoo.com

Dear Friends,

Brevard County Commissioner James Barfield will ask the Brevard County Commission on September 3 to adopt a resolution opposing the Port Canaveral Rail Extension (PCRE). Commissioner Barfield's constituency includes all of Merritt Island north of the Barge Canal. This is the area where active and vocal anti-PCRE folks reside.

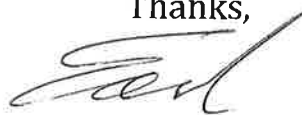
A few months ago I sent a letter to each Commissioner advising each one that it was inevitable that the Commission would be asked to take the step that Commissioner Barfield plans to ask it to take.

Please use the enclosed stamped envelope and "we support the project" form to let the Commissioners know that there are folks in the county who take the long view and appreciate that 50 years from now the people of Brevard County will be glad that their predecessors had the vision and the gumption to provide needed infra-structure.

If you would, please ask anyone who might be willing to send an e-mail to the Commissioners at:

Robin Fisher	District 1	01.Commissioner@brevardcounty.us
Jim Barfield	District 1	02.Commissioner@brevardcounty.us
Trudie Infantini	District 3	03.Commissioner@brevardcounty.us
Curt Smith	District 4	04.Commissioner@brevardcounty.us
Andy Anderson	District 5	05.Commissioner@brevardcounty.us

Thanks,



Earl

County Manager Stocton Whitten
2725 Judge Fran Jameson Way
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Signature


Signature

David A. Richard
Print Name

Kathleen E. Richard
Print Name

393 Waterside Dr. Merritt Island, FL 32952
Address



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2725 Judge Fran Jameson Way
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Signature

Signature



Print Name

Print Name

3219 Laywood Blvd
Address Melbourne FL
32934



County Manager Stocton Whitten
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Michael Bracic

Signature

Signature

MICHAEL BRACIC

Print Name

Print Name

55 NEENE BLVD. #54

Address

MERRITT ISLAND, FL. 32953



County Manager Stocton Whitten
2725 Judge Fran Jameson Way
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Viera, Florida
32940

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Signature

Signature

Mark Groothouse

Print Name

Print Name

8089 Windover Way Titusville, FL 32780

Address

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SEP 01 2015

County Manager's Office

Dear Commissioner Robin Fisher:

As a homeowner, taxpayer, and voter in Brevard County, I ask you to please take a stand against the ill-advised proposal to run a cargo-freight train through our beautiful natural resources on North Merritt Island. As you know, the Indian River Lagoon and Banana River areas provide a great benefit to quality of life for citizens and visitors to Brevard County. This is one of the last remaining areas in Brevard County with the natural aesthetics to support eco-tourism which provides jobs for local businesses, and gives the County excellent property tax revenues.

Please do not remain neutral when what is being promoted is economically un-founded and which will ultimately result in re-implementing a tax on the residents to support the Canaveral Port Authority's folly. In addition, the risks are catastrophic: unsafe toxic materials coming into our area with no buffer zone means the chance for an explosion such as recently happened at the port of Tianjin, China; degradation of sensitive endangered species of plants, animals and fish in the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge; increased flooding of the areas North of Hall Road, due to blocking flow of water from heavy rains which normally flows East into the North Banana River, due to building a raised railroad bed in these wetlands; devastating environmental changes due to a causeway over the North Banana River (the proposal only calls for a *partial* train trestle), and a critical loss of property values (especially in the Savannahs Golf Course community and neighborhoods North of Hall Road) resulting in a major loss of property-tax revenue to Brevard County.

As the Commissioners are the guardians of our County, I will be looking forward to seeing you do what is right on September 3rd, by taking a stand against this proposal and signing the Resolution regarding the rail expansion project. We need your help to protect our homes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ruth Nelligan
3800 Savannahs Trail
Merritt Island, FL 32953

Lewis, Sally A

From: EMIG8R <emig8r@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 4:06 PM
To: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4;
Commissioner, D5
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Commissioner Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail over Banana River Lagoon and North Merritt Island

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

As a long-time resident of East Merritt Island, please be advised that I adamantly support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing the Port Canaveral Commission's plan to build a heavy-commercial, cargo rail line across the Northern Banana River Lagoon and through North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

I believe that your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue an alternate rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, if at all.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents – including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Commissioner Barfield's resolution.

Sincerely,

Floyd Rippetoe
1545 Tuna Street,
Merritt Island, Florida
321) 453-8350

Lewis, Sally A

From: Mary Hillberg <hillberg@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 4:07 PM
To: Commissioner, D5; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D3;
Commissioner, D4
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: Resolution to Oppose the Freight Train

Importance: High

Dear Brevard County Commissioners:

I am a long time resident of Brevard and have seen many issues come before this commission. This Resolution opposing the disastrous freight train through our county may be the most important. The consequences of this proposal may be huge and the returns to the county and citizens of Merritt Island are nil.

Unincorporated Merritt Island depends on the wisdom and honesty of all five of this commission to protect it. Please vote to approve the proposed Resolution and protect the thousands of citizens, businesses and property values in this endangered area.

Sincerely,
William J. Hillberg
3780 Sierra Drive
Merritt Island, FL
32953



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www.avast.com

Lewis, Sally A

From: martin jennings <airborne145@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 4:34 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us
Subject: Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda Date: September 2, 2015 at 10:58:14 AM EDT

Dear Commissioner:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Yes this is a jobs and economy issue. Brevard's economic engine is its healthy natural resources. Don't allow the development at the Port to ruin the ecosystem that is dear to all of us.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Sent from my iPad

Lewis, Sally A

From: wyattamaha88@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 4:56 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

Good Afternoon

I respectfully write this letter encouraging your support of the Resolution to oppose construction of the proposed rail line crossing the Banana River.

You are well aware of the myriad of causes resulting in the loss of sea grasses, degradation of water quality and general decline of the Indian River Lagoon system. You have funded and encouraged State & Federal funding for research and activities, the goals to improve our lagoon marine environment. For those actions I applaud you.

I am not opposed to rail as a method to move freight, in fact it is often both economically & ecologically a preferred alternative. However, the CPA proposed routes and methods of construction will significantly and negatively impact the Banana River and areas of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

As there is no tidal flow in this section of the Lagoon, water movement, oxygenation, growth of algae & grasses and the resulting health of local marine life are dependent upon wind driven water movement. The existing road/bridge causeways demonstrably impact this natural flow. The addition of the proposed 2 mile berm will add another restriction to water flow. I expect the Federal Environmental Impact Study will document in detail how this negatively impacts the river and I hope they reject the proposed plan.

While public opinion appears opposed to the project and the CPA has responded somewhat, continued opinion pressure by our elected representatives will help encourage the CPA to seek alternative plans. Thus while your actions are non-binding upon another elected Authority, your statement of opposition to the rail plan proposed will have an impact upon the CPA's decision process.

I commend my District 2 Commissioner for bringing this to your attention and most sincerely encourage your support of this resolution

Wyatt Syfrett
4520 Shawnee Pl.
Cocoa, Florida 32926
321-292-0859

Lewis, Sally A

From: Warren Wnek <warrenwnek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 6:03 AM
To: Lewis, Sally A

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Warren Wnek
305 Glenwood Ave
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Lewis, Sally A

From: Melanie <msmithinparadise@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:02 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

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I am not opposed to rail as a method to move freight, in fact it is often both economically & ecologically a preferred alternative. However, the CPA proposed routes and methods of construction will significantly and negatively impact the Banana River and areas of the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

As there is no tidal flow in this section of the Lagoon, water movement, oxygenation, growth of algae & grasses and the resulting health of local marine life are dependent upon wind driven water movement. The existing road/bridge causeways demonstrably impact this natural flow. The addition of the proposed 2 mile berm will add another restriction to water flow. I expect the Federal Environmental Impact Study will document in detail how this negatively impacts the river and I hope they reject the proposed plan.

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I commend my District 2 Commissioner for bringing this to your attention and most sincerely encourage your support of this resolution

Melanie Smith
3295 9th PI SW
Vero Beach, Fl. 32968-4166
772/933-1351

Lewis, Sally A

From: Melanie <msmithinparadise@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 10:59 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and ask that you do the same.

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. It will also send a message to the National Surface Transportation Board that we, the people of Brevard County, DO NOT SUPPORT THE PORT CANAVERAL PLAN.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter. Help us take back control of Port Canaveral and the Canaveral Port Authority.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

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Lewis, Sally A

From: Melanie <msmithinparadise@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 10:53 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and ask that you do the same.

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Lewis, Sally A

From: ray ayala <ayal9125@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 8:57 PM
To: Robi.Fisher@brevardcounty.us; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents - including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Ray Ayala
121 Bombay Ave
Winter Springs FL
407-474-8380

Lewis, Sally A

From: C Barnes <uflytyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 6:09 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Infantini, Trudie; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: Rail line for port expansion.

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and ask that you do the same.

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. It will also send a message to the National Surface Transportation Board that we, the people of Brevard County, DO NOT SUPPORT THE PORT CANAVERAL PLAN.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter. Help us take back control of Port Canaveral and the Canaveral Port Authority.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Charles R Barnes
5243 Hawford Circle
Belle Isle, FL 32812
724.415.8490

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Lewis, Sally A

From: Christopher Shaye Hobby <cshobby7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 8:18 AM
To: Fisher, Robin; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

Dear County Commissioner's and County Manager's,

I respectfully write this letter encouraging your support of the Resolution to oppose construction of the proposed rail line crossing the Banana River.

You are well aware of the myriad of causes resulting in the loss of sea grasses, degradation of water quality and general decline of the Indian River Lagoon system. You have funded and encouraged State & Federal funding for research and activities, the goals to improve our lagoon marine environment. For those actions I applaud you.

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As there is no tidal flow in this section of the Lagoon, water movement, oxygenation, growth of algae & grasses and the resulting health of local marine life are dependent upon wind driven water movement. The existing road/bridge causeways demonstrably impact this natural flow. The addition of the proposed 2 mile beam will add another restriction to water flow. I expect the Federal Environmental Impact Study will document in detail how this negatively impacts the river and I hope they reject the proposed plan.

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I commend my District 2 Commissioner for bringing this to your attention and most sincerely encourage your support of this resolution

Christopher Hobby-219 Autumn Breeze Way, Apt #219 Winter Park, FL 32792-(407) 416-2854

Lewis, Sally A

From: Gail Meredith <gailmeredith@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:07 AM
To: Lewis, Sally A
Subject: Port cargo railway

I OPPOSE Port Canaveral Authority's flawed plan to build cargo railroad through northern Banana River Lagoon, north Merritt Island, and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

This proposed rail expansion would add even greater, permanent environmental stress on the Indian River Lagoon ecosystem, and must not go forward.

The Port Canaveral Authority's plans are poorly considered, and should not be supported.

Thank you, Commissioner Barfield, for bringing this matter to the Brevard County Commission for a resolution vote at commission meeting 5 pm Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015.

Gail Meredith
Turtle Woman Communications

Lewis, Sally A

From: Manuel Gonzalez <manuel9622@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 9:32 AM
To: Fisher, Robin; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and ask that you do the same.

Your support of this resolution will help influence Port Canaveral's elected officials to pursue a rail option through the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. It will also send a message to the National Surface Transportation Board that we, the people of Brevard County, DO NOT SUPPORT THE PORT CANAVERAL PLAN.

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Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

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MANUEL GONZALEZ
9622 Country Shadow, San Antonio, TX 78254
(210)978-2839

Smith, Andrea

From: Alward, Elizabeth M
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 3:32 PM
To: Smith, Andrea
Subject: FW: Port Authority Cargo Rail Plan

From: Diane Stees [<mailto:dianesteess@cfl.rr.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 01, 2015 9:30 AM
To: Commissioner, D2
Cc: Alward, Elizabeth M
Subject: Port Authority Cargo Rail Plan

Dear Mr. Barfield,

I OPPOSE the Canaveral Port Authority's plan to build a cargo railroad through the northern Banana River Lagoon, north Merritt Island, and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. I oppose it for how it will adversely affect the local environment and Brevard's homeowners in north Merritt Island. I serve on the Board of the Merritt Island Wildlife Association, the cooperating association for the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, so am well aware of all the pressures on the Refuge right now, including Space Florida's effort to take the Shiloh site.

This is yet another project that is about greed over common sense. Regarding the Port Authority's efforts to portray this as a good thing, putting lipstick on the pig isn't fooling anyone.

The Port Authority's plans should not be supported. I commend you for taking this on. It's never easy to fight for what's right, but rest assured you have your district's citizens behind you. We need to be good stewards of our fragile lands, wildlife, water, and air so that those after us can thrive for generations to come. Now more than ever.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Brevard County Commission for a resolution vote at the Commission meeting this Thursday. You rock!

Sincerely,
Diane Stees
Cocoa Beach

From: Barfield, Jim
Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 8:01 AM
To: Alward, Elizabeth M.
Subject: Fwd: We need your support.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Angel Davila <angel.davila.ad36@gmail.com>
Date: September 1, 2015 at 11:58:58 PM EDT
To: Robin.Fisher@brevardcounty.us,
Jim.Barfield@brevardcounty.us, Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us,
Curt.Smith@brevardcounty.us, Andy.Anderson@brevardcounty.us
Subject: We need your support.

I respectfully write this letter encouraging your support of the Resolution to oppose construction of the proposed rail line crossing the Banana River.

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I commend my District 2 Commissioner for bringing this to your attention and most sincerely encourage your support of this resolution

Angel L. Davila
12936 Waterford Wood Circle apt. 104 Orlando, Fl, 32828
[407-864-0502](tel:407-864-0502)

-----Original Message-----

From: Joanie Loch [mailto:joanie_loch@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, September 02, 2015 11:34 AM

To: Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Fisher, Robin; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A; Barfield, Jim

Subject:

Subject: Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda

Date: September 2, 2015 at 10:58:14 AM EDT

To: Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us, Robin.Fisher@brevardcounty.us, Curt.Smith@brevardcounty.us, Andy.Anderson@brevardcounty.us, Stockton.whitten@brevardcounty.us, Sally.lewis@brevardcounty.us, Jim.Barfield@brevardcounty.us

Dear Commissioner:

My husband and I have been looking to relocate from Windermere. Merritt Island was at the top of our list. Our plans are on hold until we find out how this all works out. We love the waterways in Brevard and fishing and kayaking are top recreational activities for us, and for my husband golf is, as well. My sister and her husband own a lovely home in Aquarina, further south but still Brevard, and that community appeals to us, too. This issue is important to ALL of us.

I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Yes this is a jobs and economy issue. Brevard's economic engine is its healthy natural resources. Don't allow the development at the Port to ruin the ecosystem that is dear to all of us.

I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for ALL Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter.

Please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution:

Sincerely,

Joanie Loch

8839 Newmarket Dr

Windermere, FL 34786

260/580-1848

From: Barfield, Jim
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 1:14 PM
To: Alward, Elizabeth M
Subject: Fwd: CPA and Resolution

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Maurice Boudreau <mbmatchbiz@gmail.com>
Date: August 26, 2015 at 11:32:34 AM EDT
To: "Barfield, Jim" <Jim.Barfield@brevardcounty.us>
Cc: Sue Ford <sue.ford@live.com>, Ted Lund <ted@tedlund.com>, Liz Alward <lizalward@hotmail.com>, Alex Gorichky <locallines@yahoo.com>, chuck levi jr <redfishchuck@hotmail.com>, Mary Hillberg <hillberg@earthlink.net>, "susan termini" <shortmom2004@yahoo.com>, Pam Fletcher <pkfletcher@cfl.rr.com>, "Doug & Mary Sphar" <canoe2@digital.net>, "cacook22@yahoo.com" <cacook22@yahoo.com>, EMIHOA Treasurer <emi-tres@cfl.rr.com>, Andrew Serafin <aserafin@me.com>, Sarah Hodge <hodge_sarah@yahoo.com>, Seb Perin <sjperin@cfl.rr.com>
Subject: Re: CPA and Resolution

Good Morning Jim,

Maurice Boudreau here as new President of the EMIHOA and 4500 homes. I wanted to thank you for your assistance in moving forward on this resolution. Many before me have probably said it better, but we have sorely needed a champion on our side and we're glad that it will be you. We plan to spread the word about the Sept 3rd meeting and hopefully will fill your auditorium to SRO capacity. We intend on getting our EMIHOA BOD on record for opposing the Port Rail Project also at our next general meeting on Sept 8th.

You should take note that even the President of the Container Company GT said in my FL Today article that the rail was not imperative to this Port for there to be a viable business. If he says it's not necessary, then why would the Port move forward and the answer is CONTROL and POWER! Power to control our destiny at any cost.

Thank you again for taking this important issue to task and with your constituents' support I know we will be successful. See you on the 3rd!

Maurice J Boudreau
Licensed Real Estate Broker
Associate Business Broker/Business Consultant
PPOB, Inc.
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Email: mjb@ppob.com

Alward, Elizabeth M

From: Barfield, Jim
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2015 1:18 PM
To: Alward, Elizabeth M
Subject: Fwd: Support of the Resolution to Oppose the CPA Rail Expansion project

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mike Vidnovic <mvidnovic@cfl.rr.com>
Date: August 26, 2015 at 12:14:56 PM EDT
To: <D2.Commissioner@brevardcounty.us>
Subject: **Support of the Resolution to Oppose the CPA Rail Expansion project**

Dear Commissioner Barfield,

I strongly support the Indian River Lagoon, Wetlands and Wildlife Refuge. Not only are their treasures a plus for our ecotourism industry, county revenues and property values, but they are a free natural gift that, once destroyed, are gone forever. Please support the Resolution to oppose the currently proposed CPA Rail Expansion project, thru Merritt Island, at the September 3, 2015 meeting.

Respectfully,

Michael G. Vidnovic

Savannahs Resident

Regards,

Mike

Lewis, Sally A

From: Maurice Boudreau <mbmatchbiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 12:39 PM
To: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D2; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4; Commissioner, D5
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: Re: Subj.: We support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in North Merritt Island
Attachments: Port Rail Article FL Today June 7 2015.pdf

I have attached an article that was in the Fl Today paper, back on June 7th 2015. If you read the area that I have notated, you will see that even the President of Gulftainer admits that they can function without the rail lines.

Why doesn't the Port build up the cargo container demand before building a monstrosity that will ruin our community forever? I think that question should be asked of John Walsh. Anyone thinking that rail will be better for the environment rather than trucking needs to see how dirty and unsafe rail line is over clean water areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I will attend the meeting this afternoon.

Maurice J Boudreau
Licensed Real Estate Broker
Associate Business Broker/Business Consultant
PPOB, Inc.
Phone: 321-960-1320
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Barrett, Pamela A

From: Sharon Skaggs <sskaggs@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 1:45 PM
To: 'CACook22'
Cc: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4; Commissioner, D5; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A; Commissioner, D2; Maureen Rupe; Ginny Hibbard; Gary Musselman; Terry Skaggs
Subject: RE: Port Authority's response to Barfield Petition
Attachments: Today Editorial_Port Original Charter.pdf

Chris, this is the same BS Walsh gave the residents of Sunrise Landing Condominiums when we strongly opposed the Port's proposed barge project/train switching yard right next to our property. He said our opposition would cost "tens of thousands" of jobs if we did not let his OUC barge project go through. Well, we ended up stopping him dead in his tracks (so far anyway) and can confirm only the loss of 2-3 part time jobs which involved existing employees to be moved from one location to another. No new jobs were involved. I've attached an editorial to Florida Today written in 2014. I especially like the very last paragraph in this article as it pretty much hits the nail on the head.

Sharon

From: CACook22 [<mailto:cacook22@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 12:22 PM
To: Sharon Skaggs; Ginny Hibbard; Gary Musselman; Terry Skaggs; Maureen Rupe
Cc: 'Weiler, Regina'
Subject: Re: Port Authority's response to Barfield Petition

I am confused. PCA says their STB request is just a very preliminary step and any discussion on the topic is premature, but they now say that if the Merritt Island route is not approved there will be massive unemployment and traffic jams on our streets.

Which is it?

The bottom line is the Port wants to fundamentally change the character of the area without considering public input.

When their risky foray into the cargo business tanks, they will levy a tax on the public to pay the incurred debt. Isn't that taxation without representation?

Christopher A. Cook, CEM

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Cc: "Weiler, Regina" <Regina.Weiler@brevardcounty.us>

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2015 11:39 AM

Subject: Port Authority's response to Barfield Petition

Check out this article in today's newspaper. I am so outraged at the audacity of the Port Authority and its refusal to listen to taxpaying residents who are so opposed to this rail project.

<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/09/02/brevard-commissioners-discuss-port-canaveral-rail/71486544/>

Sharon

John Byron: Port should form community partnership

BrevardCounty 9:21 p.m. EDT June 2, 2014



In 1953, the Florida Legislature created Canaveral Port Authority, stating its sole purpose was to operate the new port "for the welfare and benefit of the district and its inhabitants." The latest port charter retains this language as the port's mission statement. It's why we have a port.

The port district includes all Brevard "inhabitants" from the Pineda Causeway north to the county line.

For decades, only "the district and its inhabitants" have paid the taxes that created the port, expenses now baked into the cost-basis of district homes and businesses. These are the people and businesses who invested in Port Canaveral, voting to tax themselves to make the port the success it is. Those south of the Pineda voted against joining the district, and have never paid port taxes.

Communities in the port district have been attempting a better dialogue with the Canaveral Port Authority on mutually useful marketing and development opportunities. These cities, which have a vested interest in the port and its role as a major economic engine for the district, hope to establish a more formal partnership with the port.

Cocoa Beach has advocated forming a community-port partnership comprising the port, its five cities and the district's unincorporated county areas. Other district cities are interested. The partnership would establish direct communication between the Port Authority and its cities and county areas, with the goal of integrated, better-coordinated, mutually beneficial marketing and economic development plans for the whole Port District.

So far, though, port officials have shown no interest in a special relationship with these natural partners.

Although the port's influence extends far beyond the district's boundaries, the law is clear. The port's sole public purpose is the welfare and benefit of the district and its inhabitants. This should be the port's *primary* focus, not an afterthought with initiatives undertaken for other purposes.

Acknowledging that the port has relationships with the Brevard Tourist Development Council, the Economic Development Commission, the County Commission and other county and regional bodies, it must be noted that these bodies include major areas and interests outside the port district.

Currently, the cities and unincorporated areas inside the district have no direct connection to the port, except through diluted influence in these other bodies. They're able to work on issues individually, but there's no venue for collective discussion of mutual matters before they reach the formality of a port commission meeting.

In addition, the port lacks a staff person who would primarily be responsible for relations with and service to the district the port exists to benefit. The port needs a director of community relations, reporting either to the port executive or, better, to the commission itself. This person's main duty would be to build up and maintain the special relationship the law says the port should have with its constituent partners in the district. Presently, this liaison function is sprinkled lightly throughout the port staff and no one owns it.

The port's continued progress is astounding, and I strongly support the port's executive leadership and its commissioners. But both are failing to make a credible case that port actions and plans link directly to its sole purpose in law. The port must do more to serve — and show how it's serving — the welfare and benefit of the port district and its inhabitants. The community-port partnership would establish this special relationship. And then the port needs to hire someone to tend it.

Brevard's businesses and families in the port district belong at the top of the port's priorities. The law says so. But we're an afterthought, if that. The port needs to do far more to treat us for what we are, the port's owners.

Byron lives in Cocoa Beach, He's retired from 37 years in the Navy's submarine force and 15 years with a global corporation.

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Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Anderson, Andy; Barfield, Jim; Smith, Curt; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: A short note to my commissioners from the BOSS. DO NOT SUPPORT THE PORT CANAVERAL PLAN
Importance: High

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Attachments: Port Rail Article FL Today June 7 2015.pdf

I have attached an article that was in the Fl Today paper, back on June 7th 2015. If you read the area that I have notated, you will see that even the President of Gulftainer admits that they can function without the rail lines.

Why doesn't the Port build up the cargo container demand before building a monstrosity that will ruin our community forever? I think that question should be asked of John Walsh. Anyone thinking that rail will be better for the environment rather than trucking needs to see how dirty and unsafe rail line is over clean water areas.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I will attend the meeting this afternoon.

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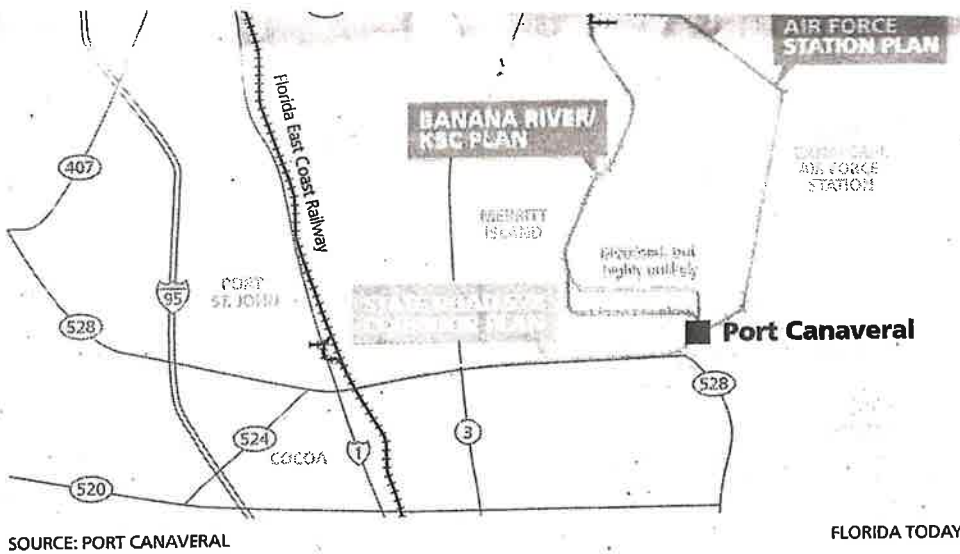
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FLORIDA TODAY

STATE ROAD 528 CORRIDOR

Route: Would follow the State Road 528 corridor.

Estimated cost: \$150 million to \$200 million

Pros: This is the only one of the three routes that has a potential to be combined with passenger rail service, via the proposed All Aboard Florida passenger service from Orlando International Airport to Miami, using a new rail link from the Orlando airport to Cocoa.

Cons: This is the most expensive of the three routes. It also would pass near a number of residential areas. Roughly 800 homes fall within 1,000 feet of the State Road 528 corridor along this stretch.

Pushing for efficiency

Rail makes more economic sense for the port and GT USA, but officials say it's not only about economics. It's pro-environment, too, Walsh said.

It would get trucks off the road. One double-stack rail car can carry four cargo containers and a 100-car train can carry 400. You'd need 400 trucks to do the same load.

Rail "is much greener," Walsh said, especially considering the cargo ships of the future will carry as many as 20,000 cargo containers.

And more efficient. If there was a cargo rail hub at the port, cargo cranes could directly lift the containers from the ship to the rail car for shipment, rather than multiple moves that would be required with a ship-to-truck-to-rail process, for example.

Peter Richards, managing director of the Gulfstream Group of Companies, who oversees GT USA, said his company would not be able to meet its goals of moving 750,000 container units of cargo at Port Canaveral using trucks.

With the direct rail connection, Richards said: "For us, it would be a huge economic benefit for the port and, if it was

done properly ... it would be a huge benefit for the community as well."

Without the rail, though, "We'll suffice to maintain a certain level of business here that will make it interesting enough for Gulfstream to stay."

But, he added: "It won't be what we dreamed of."

Walsh said rail, combined with the new GT USA cargo operation and planned cargo warehouse facilities the port is helping develop in Cocoa and Titusville, would help create thousands of jobs along the Space Coast.

Walsh said everything from furniture for Rooms to Go to souvenir Mickey Mouse ears for Walt Disney World could be shipped into Port Canaveral.

He said Port Canaveral would have the potential to handle 700,000 to 1 million cargo container units a year with a direct rail connection, but less than half that amount using trucks as the main shipping method to and from the cargo ships.

Richards said, as the container business grows, his company plans to invest at least \$100 million at Port Canaveral on cargo cranes and other equipment.

But he said he doesn't want to get in the middle of a community debate.

"Gulfstream is here purely as businesspeople," Richards said. "We don't control all of Port Canaveral. We operate a terminal within Port Canaveral. If the Port Authority decides they need a rail line here, it's not going to be done for Gulfstream. It's going to be done for the good of the port."

Multifaceted opposition

Some Merritt Island homeowners and environmentalists fear the consequences.

They contend that any damage the rail inflicts on the lagoon and the refuge could jeopardize thousands of existing jobs generated by those natural resources.

We weren't surprised. It comes as almost part and parcel of doing business in the United States nowadays, which is disappointing, but that's the way the United States is. We feel like we're walking on glass. We're so careful about what we do so we don't offend anybody."

— Dave Berman, FLORIDA TODAY

According to a 2008 study on behalf of the St. Johns River Water Management District, an estimated 15,000 full-part-time jobs are created due to lag-related activities, such as boating and fishing. Those jobs generate \$630 million in annual income, the study found, the lagoon fosters \$1.3 billion in yearly recreational expenditures on fishing and other lagoon-related activities.

Boudreau said his homeowners' association, whose territory includes 4,900 homes, and others oppose any route option that crosses the Banana River.

"That's the one we feel is critical kill," said Boudreau, who is working to build a coalition with other homeowners' groups, as well as environmentalists. "I realized this was something that would dramatically affect Brevard County and not in a good way."

Boudreau said opponents of the rail project plan to do whatever they can to stop the project, including exploring legal options; running candidates for two seats on the Canaveral Port Authority board that will be contested in 2016 elections; asking local residents to sign a petition opposing the project with a target of 10,000 signatures; and trying to get the Brevard County Commission involved.

County Commissioner Jim Boudreau, whose district includes Merritt Island, said he understands why the port is a controversial rail connection. But he said he is against the Banana River options, both on environmental grounds and because of the potential impact on Merritt Island residents.

"If the port really wants community support," Boudreau said, "then they should be figuring out the route that would be the least disruptive."

Walsh said the port is doing what it can to reduce the disruption to the community and the environment.

At the same time, though, Walsh said he wants the port "to be able to accommodate the movement of goods."

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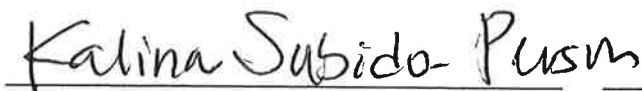
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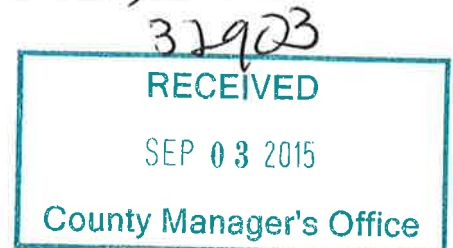


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You have all earned our appreciation!

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Subject: Thank you!

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Sincerely,

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Lewis, Sally A

From: justin@bottledocean.com
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 3:15 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy
Cc: Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge.

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten:

Please accept this letter on the matter of the Port Canaveral cargo rail project.

In light of recent events and information made available via online and throughout my community, I support District 2 County Commissioner Jim Barfield's resolution opposing Port Canaveral's plan to build a heavy commercial cargo rail through the Northern Banana River Lagoon, North Merritt Island and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. I ask that you do the same.

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I urge that you adopt this resolution in order to protect our fragile natural resources and quality of life for all Brevard County residents — including those that live outside the Port's five districts that have no representation in this matter. As a professional Aquarist and Animal Enthusiast, I cannot stress enough the importance of water quality and its relationship with a healthy environment. The proposed Rail Plan through Port Canaveral and over our multiple Lagoon systems directly affects the future of our natural resources, and with each passing year, will rapidly upset the balance we currently respect, appreciate and enlighten to anyone that has the privilege of experience its beauty. Help us take back control of Port Canaveral and the Canaveral Port Authority.

I would greatly appreciate if you could please add this correspondence to Thursday's Zoning Meeting Agenda so that it may be included as backup in support of Comm. Barfield's resolution.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Lewis, Sally A

From: Susan Holcombe <susanscapes@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 2:57 PM
To: Fisher, Robin
Cc: Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy;
Stockton.whiyyen@brevardcounty.us; Lewis, Sally A; Jim.Barfiel@brevardcounty.us
Subject: Commissioner Barfield's proposal opposing the current Port Canaveral planned cargo railway

Dear Commissioners and Mr. Whitten,

It is with regret that I find myself unable to attend the meeting/rally concerning this issue tonight. Instead, I am writing this Email to implore you all to support Commissioner Barfield's resolution opposing the current Port Canaveral plan for the heavy cargo railway through No. Banana River lagoon.

This was a hastily pushed and passed plan, in my opinion, with intent to slide it through before most of the populous became aware of it at all. If, indeed, my suspicions are correct~they succeeded.

There are other alternatives that need a closer look, and the current plan needs a MUCH closer look. Our natural resources in Brevard county are a huge pull for the tourist industry that so much of our economy depends on. While the cargo ship plans for the Port bring new bricks to our economic foundation, I would certainly hope that we do not give up our lagoon for it!

Surely there are better ways to achieve their needs for a rail, while protecting our already ailing eco structure in the river! We should all certainly know better than to rush headlong after a dollar while forfeiting thousands in environmental concerns. This is 2015, after all and we have seen the damage done over the decades from similar follies born of possibly good intent, but corrupted by greed.

Please, lets have another look at the alternatives before we leave yet another legacy of carelessness for future generations to bemoan. Support the resolution, and lets have some common sense prevail.

Feel free to read or use this Email as part of the supporting side for the resolution in tonight's meeting if you wish. (without my physical address and phone please~Email Add. okay)

Sincerely,
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Lewis, Sally A

From: Deborah Longman <d.a.longman@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Lewis, Sally A
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: No to port rail

Vote no to Port Rail

On Thu, Sep 3, 2015 at 2:42 PM, Lewis, Sally A <Sally.Lewis@brevardcounty.us> wrote:

I will be out of the office Thursday, September 3, 2015 afternoon through Monday, September 8, 2015. If you need assistance please contact Sandry Daughtry or Yvette Torres.

Thank you,

Sally

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To: Lewis, Sally A
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Sincerely,

Deborah Longman-Marien

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Lewis, Sally A

From: Mike Nugent <minugent@coca-cola.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 2:35 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Barfield, Jim; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Smith, Curt; Anderson, Andy
Cc: Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: I support Comm. Barfield's resolution opposing Port Commercial Rail in the Lagoons and Refuge!!

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Lewis, Sally A

From: peggy giesenschlag <peggygiesenschlag@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 2:15 PM
To: Lewis, Sally A
Subject: vote yes on Barfield's resolution

We support Commissioner Barfield's resolution to oppose building a cargo railroad through the Banana River Lagoon, Merritt Island, and the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Please vote to pass this resolution.

Thank you,
Peggy & Clyde Giesenschlag

Lewis, Sally A

From: mtate <mtate@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Fisher, Robin; Trudi.Infantini@brevardcounty.us; Anderson, Andy; Barfield, Jim; Smith, Curt; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A
Subject: A short note to my commissioners from the BOSS. DO NOT SUPPORT THE PORT CANAVERAL PLAN
Importance: High

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Mark Tate

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Lewis, Sally A

From: Sharon Skaggs <sskaggs@cfl.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 1:45 PM
To: 'CACook22'
Cc: Commissioner, D1; Commissioner, D3; Commissioner, D4; Commissioner, D5; Whitten, Stockton E; Lewis, Sally A; Commissioner, D2; Maureen Rupe; Ginny Hibbard; Gary Musselman; Terry Skaggs
Subject: RE: Port Authority's response to Barfield Petition
Attachments: Today Editorial_Port Original Charter.pdf

Chris, this is the same BS Walsh gave the residents of Sunrise Landing Condominiums when we strongly opposed the Port's proposed barge project/train switching yard right next to our property. He said our opposition would cost "tens of thousands" of jobs if we did not let his OUC barge project go through. Well, we ended up stopping him dead in his tracks (so far anyway) and can confirm only the loss of 2-3 part time jobs which involved existing employees to be moved from one location to another. No new jobs were involved. I've attached an editorial to Florida Today written in 2014. I especially like the very last paragraph in this article as it pretty much hits the nail on the head.

Sharon

From: CACook22 [<mailto:cacook22@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Thursday, September 03, 2015 12:22 PM
To: Sharon Skaggs; Ginny Hibbard; Gary Musselman; Terry Skaggs; Maureen Rupe
Cc: 'Weiler, Regina'
Subject: Re: Port Authority's response to Barfield Petition

I am confused. PCA says their STB request is just a very preliminary step and any discussion on the topic is premature, but they now say that if the Merritt Island route is not approved there will be massive unemployment and traffic jams on our streets.

Which is it?

The bottom line is the Port wants to fundamentally change the character of the area without considering public input.

When their risky foray into the cargo business tanks, they will levy a tax on the public to pay the incurred debt. Isn't that taxation without representation?

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From: Sharon Skaggs <sskaggs@cfl.rr.com>
To: Ginny Hibbard <vhubbard646@gmail.com>; Gary Musselman <gamusselman@yahoo.com>; Terry Skaggs <skaggs@ix.netcom.com>; Maureen Rupe <rupe32927@earthlink.net>; cacook22@yahoo.com
Cc: "Weiler, Regina" <Regina.Weiler@brevardcounty.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2015 11:39 AM
Subject: Port Authority's response to Barfield Petition

Check out this article in today's newspaper. I am so outraged at the audacity of the Port Authority and its refusal to listen to taxpaying residents who are so opposed to this rail project.

<http://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/local/2015/09/02/brevard-commissioners-discuss-port-canaveral-rail/71486544/>

Sharon

John Byron: Port should form community partnership

BrevardCounty 9:21 p.m. EDT June 2, 2014



In 1953, the Florida Legislature created Canaveral Port Authority, stating its sole purpose was to operate the new port "for the welfare and benefit of the district and its inhabitants." The latest port charter retains this language as the port's mission statement. It's why we have a port.

The port district includes all Brevard "inhabitants" from the Pineda Causeway north to the county line.

For decades, only "the district and its inhabitants" have paid the taxes that created the port, expenses now baked into the cost-basis of district homes and businesses. These are the people and businesses who invested in Port Canaveral, voting to tax themselves to make the port the success it is. Those south of the Pineda voted against joining the district, and have never paid port taxes.

Communities in the port district have been attempting a better dialogue with the Canaveral Port Authority on mutually useful marketing and development opportunities. These cities, which have a vested interest in the port and its role as a major economic engine for the district, hope to establish a more formal partnership with the port.

Cocoa Beach has advocated forming a community-port partnership comprising the port, its five cities and the district's unincorporated county areas. Other district cities are interested. The partnership would establish direct communication between the Port Authority and its cities and county areas, with the goal of integrated, better-coordinated, mutually beneficial marketing and economic development plans for the whole Port District.

So far, though, port officials have shown no interest in a special relationship with these natural partners.

Although the port's influence extends far beyond the district's boundaries, the law is clear: The port's sole public purpose is the welfare and benefit of the district and its inhabitants. This should be the port's *primary* focus, not an afterthought with initiatives undertaken for other purposes.

Acknowledging that the port has relationships with the Brevard Tourist Development Council, the Economic Development Commission, the County Commission and other county and regional bodies, it must be noted that these bodies include major areas and interests outside the port district.

Currently, the cities and unincorporated areas inside the district have no direct connection to the port, except through diluted influence in these other bodies. They're able to work on issues individually, but there's no venue for collective discussion of mutual matters before they reach the formality of a port commission meeting.

In addition, the port lacks a staff person who would primarily be responsible for relations with and service to the district the port exists to benefit. The port needs a director of community relations, reporting either to the port executive or, better, to the commission itself. This person's main duty would be to build up and maintain the special relationship the law says the port should have with its constituent partners in the district. Presently, this liaison function is sprinkled lightly throughout the port staff and no one owns it.

The port's continued progress is astounding, and I strongly support the port's executive leadership and its commissioners. But both are failing to make a credible case that port actions and plans link directly to its sole purpose in law. The port must do more to serve — and show how it's serving — the welfare and benefit of the port district and its inhabitants. The community-port partnership would establish this special relationship. And then the port needs to hire someone to tend it.

Brevard's businesses and families in the port district belong at the top of the port's priorities. The law says so. But we're an afterthought, if that. The port needs to do far more to treat us for what we are, the port's owners.

Byron lives in Cocoa Beach, He's retired from 37 years in the Navy's submarine force and 15 years with a global corporation.

VII.F.

County Commission P&Z Meeting
September 3, 2015

Would you build a cargo rail line through a wildlife preserve?

Would you build something that would be detrimental to the health of the Indian River Lagoon?

Would you build something that would negatively impact residential neighborhoods?

Well, Port Canaveral is considering doing that. And it's not right!

A bit of history...in 1962 NASA began land acquisition by buying title to 131 square miles of land on North Merritt Island.

In 1963 this became the *Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge*.

Port Canaveral has proposed the construction of 11 miles of railroad track across the Banana River via causeway and trestle into the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge then north to an existing 17 mile rail line that runs from Titusville to the VAB on the Kennedy Space Center.

They have stated the initial impact will be 1 rail line with 4 trains per week (containing 75 freight cars per train) or 8 round trips that will travel at approx. 10 mph. That's over $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of freight train.

The Port also said that within 5 years they anticipate 50 trains per week or 100 round trips.

Considering there are 28 miles of track and at speeds of 10 mph it will take each train approximately 2 hours and 48 minutes for each one-way trip. That means that 50 trains equates to 100 round trips at 2hr and at 48min per one-way trip it would take 11.7 days.

How can you do that when there's only 7 days to a week. UNLESS...they're going to speed up the train or build additional rail lines which will create additional noise to the residential neighborhoods, more impact to the wildlife refuge, and more fill for the widened causeway.

Adding another earthen causeway that further restricts what little water flow currently enters the North Banana River area is detrimental to the seagrass of that body of water and the abundance of critters that feed off it or use it as a nursery.

Donna and I believe the correct solution to the construction of the port's cargo rail line is to route it through the Canaveral Air Force Station.

A high ranking port official previously stated the cost would be approximately one-third that of going thru the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and the environmental impact and noise to residential neighborhoods would be far less.

Please support this Resolution and take additional steps to address the environmental health of the Indian River Lagoon.

Thank you...

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