FYI and for the record. Thanks

From: David McDonald (mailto:david@mcdonaldpc.com)
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To: Cook, Christine
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Subject: Record on DSEIS and CP

Chris,

I listened to the public comment period of the BOCC meeting yesterday. In an exchange between you and the Councilors, I gleaned that the record on the DSEIS is still open until the BOCC hearing on 10/22 and comments on the CP in general continues to remain open until the BOCC adopts a preferred alternative by resolution, is that correct?

If so, please add this to the record and request that staff supplement the current record with the record before the PC and BOCC from 2012 that is referenced in Dr. Melnick’s e-mail.

Thank you,

David
Dear Councillor Madore,

In 2012, the Board of County Commissioners voted 3-0 to adopt the Growing Healthier Report and directed that it be folded into the County Comprehensive Plan. The Public Health Advisory Council championed the development of the Growing Healthier Report, which included a thorough scientific literature review and comprehensive community engagement, including public meetings, public presentations and extensive efforts to get community feedback. I believe there was broad community support, including, but not limited to, support from hospital and health system partners and local healthcare providers. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend that the Board of Commissioner adopt the Growing Healthier Report.

I understand and appreciate your concerns that the report pushes an agenda that supports high density while disparaging rural living. My understanding of the report is that it relies on the best available science to provide a flexible tool that the Board can use in prioritizing strategies based on consideration of potential health impacts. I consulted with the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office and understand that the Growing Healthier Report is an adopted document in the Comprehensive Plan until the Board modifies the Comprehensive Plan to remove it. As such, I have reservations about removing the Growing Healthier Report from our website. Since we are reviewing our on-line content in a comprehensive manner, I’m hopeful that rather than taking a piecemeal approach to removing information and documents from our website that we can work with the County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office in a comprehensive review of what needs to remain and what can be removed from our site.

Best regards,

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