

President's Quips

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By now you have all read the newspaper, the website, or talked to your neighbors and know that the application to remove the Bay Point specific DRI order from the county comprehensive plan has been withdrawn. Thank you county commission chairman and Bay Point resident, Griff Griffiths, and the 700 residents that signed the online petition.

A meeting was held in the Bay Point office that included Mr. Griffiths, members of his staff, local icons such as David Chapman and Bill Spann, and a few other residents with knowledge and background in the development of Bay Point. The management of the Sheraton and golf courses were invited, but declined. The meeting was candid, spirited at times, and concluded with the action to get all commercial parties with a vested interest in Bay Point to the table for further discussion. Only then can frank dialogue about what future development, IF ANY, is possible or necessary within our beautiful community. Mr. Griffiths agreed to initiate those contacts and has already received agreement from some of the key stakeholders.

This is another critical time in the life cycle of Bay Point. While the storm did not cause nor create all of the issues before us, it has laid bare the immediate necessity to develop a comprehensive plan for any development or significant change in this community. We will soon begin those discussions.

Bay Point is comprised of over 1500 "front doors", 21 home owner associations, multiple golf groups, and independent businesses, various society groups, held loosely together by the BPCA. What was amazing to watch was the speed with which the Save the Meadows petition gathered momentum and names. We may be very diverse, but we can rally around a common cause that potentially affects our community with great speed and energy. That's impressive! And good to know for anyone with questionable motives affecting our community.

We will form a residents' team to begin the dialogue over our future just like the initial formation of our recovery team after the storm. I am sure many will wish to participate and that is wonderful, but it's the "right" mix of people that will ensure success.

Once again, THANK YOU Griff Griffiths, thank you petitioners, and thank you community! Your ongoing support of these efforts is so vital!