

May 17, 2007

Lee County Land Planning Agency
c/o Lee County
County Administration Building
2115 Monroe St.
Ft. Myers, Fl. 33902

ATT: Janet Miller, Chair; LPA Board
RE: The Fountains

Dear LPA Board Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to once again express my views on The Fountains project, being presented to you on Monday, May 21, 2007.

As you may recall, when I spoke at the last informal presentation by The Fountains, I have studied The Fountains project, both from presentations made to civic organizations that I belong to and, from written data submitted to the Committee and the County Planning Dept.

As I stated during that presentation, this development is a well thought-out, well planned project that will be an asset for both Lee County, as well as, Lehigh Acres. Not only does it NOT use all of the acreage owned by the developer, it substantially reduces the impact that could be made on the area with currently allowed developments (i.e. mining). The mix of residential, commercial, community facilities, open space, water and park facilities is a great example of "*...not how dense you make something, but how you make it dense.*" In my professional (I am an architect and planner), and my personal opinion, Southstar Development has gone to great lengths to answer questions raised by staff and the public concerning the DR/GR, species preservation, water quality, traffic concerns and community needs for housing and employment.

Listening to the community's feedback both during and after the civic presentations, I would ask that the LPAC give thorough consideration to approving this project and moving it along in the approval process.

Sincerely,

Edd Weiner