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Mr. David DeBerry
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Dear Dave,

There seems to be some confusion in our community and I am hoping that you can help to set the record straight. Several individuals have, in my opinion, taken your words from your letter of November 19, 2009 out of context and inferred that the OPA Board and/or OPA Real Estate Advisory Committee has done something underhanded and possibly even criminal. We believe the “quasi-extortion”, “conflict of interest” and other charges lodged against the OPA Board are merely tactics in an attempt to discredit the OPA leadership and are simply without merit and unfounded.

We have not felt the need to defend our actions, as we know we have not done anything improper. Our focus has always been to protect Orange Park Acres and be an advocate for our community. We take both those responsibilities serious.

It became clear that the role the OPA Planning Advisory Committee was expected to carry out placed a tremendous burden on our group and tied our hands. It came, as no surprise when you suspended those duties and we recognized it was a good decision for all.

We would appreciate if you would make clear the city’s position relative to the OPA Board/Orange Park Acres Real Estate Advisory Committee. It might be helpful to clarify the city’s determination of how the decision was made and what elements comprised the outcome of that decision.

We understand the OPA Board cannot review the Ridgeline or Sully Miller projects for the City and concurrently be an advocate for our community. It is apparent that the proposed projects have caused tremendous concern in our community, including at times, animosity between the developer and the OPA Board. We know there are competing interests but we are very confident that the OPA leadership has conducted themselves properly. We would appreciate your comments.

It's been unfortunate, but I feel the OPA Board has been made the villain in the process and that the developer has taken full advantage, through negative publicity, of the boards' desire to protect our community. I guess that's all part of it.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Davidson

Tom Davidson
President, Orange Park Association