

NORTH MERRITT ISLAND

DEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES

The North Merritt Island Dependent Special District Board met in regular session on **Thursday, March 11, 2021**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Brevard County Government Center, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building C, Viera, Florida.

Board members present were: Mary Hillberg, Chair; Gina Lindhorst; Catherine Testa; Chris Cook; Jim Carbonneau; and Ted Balke.

Planning and Development staff present were: Jeffrey Ball, Planning and Zoning Manager; Paul Body, Planner II; and Jennifer Jones, Special Projects Coordinator.

Approval of January 7, 2021, Minutes

Motion by Gina Lindhorst, seconded by Jim Carbonneau, to approve the minutes from January 7, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

Scott W. and Deborah A. Speer

A change of zoning classification from RR-1 (Rural Residential) to AU (Agricultural Residential). The property is 2.5 acres, located on the south side of Bishop Road, approximately 305 feet west of Broad Acres Street. (1465 Bishop Road, Merritt Island) (District 2)

Scott Speer - Scott Speer, 1465 Bishop Road, Merritt Island. I'm requesting that the County allow us to switch our property back from residential to agriculture. We are in the process of planning on lemon and lime trees, as well as having a couple of donkeys.

Mary Hillberg - In your application, it says two donkeys and two pigs.

Scott Speer - I don't know what's going on with the pig, but it's definitely two donkeys.

Mary Hillberg - Two donkeys are one thing, but I'm asking about the pigs. You're familiar with pig pens, hopefully on the leeward side of wherever you are, they can be interesting to live near.

Scott Speer - We had a pig a while ago, and then we moved, and the pig is now living with our friends over in Canaveral Groves.

Mary Hillberg - It's a pet pig?

Scott Speer - Yes, it's a pet pig. It's not a wild boar.

Mary Hillberg - And you're not going to have a big pen with pigs?

Scott Speer - No, it's like a family dog.

Mary Hillberg - Like a potbellied pig?

Scott Speer - Yes, it is a potbellied pig.

Mary Hillberg - I was concerned with having a pig pen with pigs. If you've ever been downwind of that you wouldn't want it.

Scott Speer - I know exactly what you're saying.

Gina Lindhorst - Is it your intention to have a lot of animals, or just those two?

Scott Speer - Just those two. It's primarily going to be lemons and limes as far as wanting to go the agriculture route. The Crisafulli family is going to help me with some of that.

Gina Lindhorst - No plans for any other animals?

Scott Speer - No, we have our dogs and that's the extent of it. I'm not getting into horses or cows, that's not my thing.

Gina Lindhorst - So, no farm animals to sell for their meat?

Scott Speer - No, not at all.

Chris Cook - Have you had any comments from your neighbors, either pro or con?

Scott Speer - No, they're all for it. My neighbor behind me, he's retired from NASA and he grows mangoes, so he's in support of it. The people beside us are in support of it, and they are happy to see someone want to get back into agriculture in the area. I reached out to the Crisafulli family and Chuck Crisafulli said he would help me with this and he is happy to see someone who wants to plant lemons and limes.

Chris Cook - Have we received any comments?

Mary Hillberg - I haven't received any comments, have you, Jennifer?

Jennifer Jones - No, ma'am.

No public comment.

Motion by Jim Carbonneau, seconded by Ted Balke, to approve the change of classification from RR-1 to AU. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon consensus, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.