

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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from developers? And, the willingness of candidates like Ms. Hayes to accept such contributions full well knowing she will rule on issues affecting county development is truly amazing. I guess she is so absorbed with her personal agenda — getting re-elected — it matters not where the money comes from.

Donna Hayes has a Web site — electdonnahayes.com — with a “Links of Interest” section. I was surprised that she doesn’t list Benderson Development or Neal Communities. They are certainly Links of Interest to her.

Charles H. Deal
University Park

TE, quit bickering

It’s time to move on . . .

As a former condominium association developer and broker/manager, it amazes me that the homeowners’ association disagreement at Trailer Estates has escalated into public bickering in this newspaper. This public bickering only shows how desperate homeowners have become with their homeowners association. Why would anyone reading this newspaper ever want to live there!

The Board of Directors should by now realize they have gone too far

and can no longer handle matters like a czar without obtaining community input. They are volunteer servants to their membership and that requires full disclosure of their decisions and a democratic spirit toward handling affairs of the association. If board members can’t accept that fact, it is time to step down.

Your association needs consensus building people on the board as well as open meetings available to the entire membership so that everyone can ventilate frustrations and concerns. Homeowners’ associations are not perfect places all of the time, but at least the board should attempt to make every effort to be inclusive of all points-of-view, making decisions that benefit as many homeowners as possible.

Maybe it is time for some board members to resign, and some owners to sell. So be it! Above all, it is time to keep your argument within your membership and not in this newspaper.

Steve Forman
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Defending Palmetto action

Thank you! . . . to all Palmetto citizens who attended the City of Palmetto Commission meeting on April 21 and voiced their concerns about the Palmetto Public Works Department proposal to remove some crucial stop signs in west Palmetto.

The notice was mailed to Palmetto citizens in their monthly water bills. The City Commissioners were not advised of this mailing and had to call Public Works for the information when they received calls from concerned citizens. When one commissioner made a motion that the commissioners be advised two weeks in advance before any future notices were mailed, it was misconstrued as censorship.

The City of Palmetto Charter clearly states in Section 7: The legislative power of the City shall be vested in a City Commission of five elected members. The Commission shall have power to enact such ordinances, resolutions, and policies, as it shall deem necessary to carry out the functions and services of the