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2 THE COURT: It's 13 minutes after 7:00. We would
3 like to begin tonight. My name is Tom Huddleston.
4 And I'm vice president for marketing, communications
5 and admissions of the University of Central Florida. I
6 also will serve as moderator for tonight's public
7 hearing.

8 We're here tonight to offer comments about the
9 university's proposed football stadium. This is a
10 continuation of public meetings that have been taking
11 place over the last several months. To date, some 15
12 different public meetings have been held.

13 Tonight we extend, again, an invitation for
14 public comment. Each person who wishes to speak
15 tonight will have a total of three minutes.

16 We will be using a stop light tonight. The green
17 will be the beginning of the person's remarks. A
18 flashing green will signal that there is one minute
19 left. A yellow light means there's 30 seconds left.
20 And, finally, when the red presents itself, then the
21 time allotted for comments by that individual person
22 will be concluded.

23 I'd like to introduce guests that are here
24 tonight, particularly guests of the university of --
25 trustees of the University of Central Florida.

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1 We have tonight with us the Chairman of the Board
2 of Trustees, Dr. Richard Nunis. Also we're glad to
3 have in attendance tonight Trustee Rick Walsh, Trustee
4 Manoj Chopra, Trustee Tom Yochum and Trustee Pat
5 Christensen.

6 I will be followed immediately by the vice
7 president of administration and finance, William
8 Merck, the director of athletics, Steve Orsini and
9 Peter Newman, who is the director of facilities
10 planning. And it is their task to provide to this
11 audience an orientation to the university's football
12 stadium plans.

13 Gentleman.

14 MR. MERCK: Thanks, Tom.

15 It is my pleasure to be here tonight. Again,
16 we've talked about this quite a bit. And, I tell you,
17 every time we get into it and talk about I think Steve
18 and I both get really excited because it's an exciting
19 project.

20 It's something that's going to transform the
21 culture on the UCF Campus. And I think it's going to
22 be something that offers a tremendous opportunity for
23 entertainment and an opportunity for social activities
24 in the entire community here.

25 So what we intended to do first was to talk a

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1 little bit about the university very briefly. And
2 then get into some information about the stadium, what
3 we're planning to do, show you a few maps, talk about
4 traffic, talk about how the game days will be managed.

5 And we've got some other people besides the two
6 of us that will talk a little bit about that a little
7 bit later. And we'll try to go through this
8 relatively quickly so that you can have an opportunity
9 then to add some input to us.

10 Well, as you've seen before, our enrollment we're
11 looking at being somewhere in the neighborhood of
12 45,000 this fall. Obviously, people are still
13 registering, so that's not a known number yet. But
14 that's an estimate where we probably will be.

15 And then from this chart right here we talked
16 about us being the ninth largest university in the
17 United States. There are a number of people that have
18 told me that we're probably actually the eighth
19 largest, but I don't have any way to verify that. And
20 I can't tonight, so I'm sticking with that for
21 tonight. But it's probably closer to the eighth.

22 And you can see some of the other facts
23 there that are -- I think are important about the
24 university.

25 One last thing I'm going to say before Steve

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1 starts, it has to do with the cost of the traditional
2 construction. As we mentioned in some of the
3 opportunities we've had to talk to you before, we were
4 looking before to a 45,000-seat stadium being
5 somewhere in the neighborhood of 107,000,000.

6 Since then we found that there are ways that we
7 can construct a similar facility high in quality, do
8 everything we need to do, be aesthetically pleasing
9 and much more sound than some of the earlier stadiums,
10 and have it done for roughly half that cost. So
11 that's what really got us into this.

12 And another thing is about the stadium, it's on
13 the campus, it's not across town. And so that's the

14 part, just jumping back to what I said when I first
15 started, it's going to have something to do with
16 really changing the culture on the campus and also
17 providing us something on this -- on this side of town
18 that's going to be pretty exciting for everyone.

19 Steve, I think you want to talk about what's on
20 the next slide here.

21 MR. ORSINI: Thank you for being here tonight.

22 This is really part of the process of discovering
23 what we can do to help this university from an
24 athletic standpoint. And we asked ourselves three
25 things when we talked about the silhouette for this

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1 football stadium. One, will it enhance the
2 university. Is there a need for it. Is it feasible.
3 Can we afford it. Can we build it and is it
4 permissible.

5 Well, tonight's part of the process of seeing if
6 it's permissible through the State process. Let's
7 talk about each of those for a minute.

8 The first one, will it enhance the university.
9 Is it something this university wants. I've only been
10 here three years. I know a lot of people here have
11 been here a lot longer, have been a part of the
12 university a lot longer.

13 All I've heard, even from interview till today,
14 is, boy, how a stadium on campus would really enhance
15 the experience of this university, both the students,
16 the alumni and also the faculty staff and, hopefully,
17 the community around it. We want to be good

18 neighbors.

19 How does that happen? It happens by presenting
20 an environment that will allow this community to
21 gather together. Sports has an unique element of it.
22 And that is they put down the books of engineering,
23 they put down the books of business and architecture
24 and all those wonderful things, and they come together
25 and cheer for their school, building a sense of

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2 And a football stadium provides a place for them
3 to gather. So that's -- that's what we talked about
4 when we said, yes, this will enhance the university,
5 this will -- there is a need for it at UCF at this
6 stage in its early development.

7 Is it feasible? We've had many studies done.
8 The bottom line is we found that it was feasible to
9 build a stadium for, as Bill mentioned, about 50 to
10 \$60,000,000. We're still working on that price as we
11 develop the plans. We have them about 90 percent
12 developed.

13 And then financially, can we afford to pay for a
14 stadium of that cost. And we've done a lot of studies
15 on that too. And we've determined that we can, that
16 it will stand alone. It won't draw from any fees from
17 tuition, anymore fees from the students. It will be
18 self sustained financially.

19 And, as far as permissible, we've talked with all
20 the agencies already. We're going to continue that
21 process as we speak through the next few months. And

22 so far we've learned everything that we've talked to
23 the different agencies that it is permissible for us
24 to do it on our campus.

25 So those are -- those are the three questions we

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1 asked ourselves up to this point tonight.

2 MR. MERCK: As far as process goes, to take off
3 where Steve left off, our board of trustees wanted us
4 to go through the feasibility process looking at the
5 things Steve was talking about, the costs, just all of
6 the facets of it, and to come back to them with
7 recommendations. And then they will ultimately
8 approve or disapprove such an action.

9 The course that the process involves, however, is
10 that we go through the -- what we're doing tonight.
11 And that is an amendment to our physical campus master
12 plan.

13 And we're just starting that process. It
14 concludes sometime in the early fall. So it will
15 probably be sometime around November, I think, before
16 the Board would actually take any official action
17 after we've been through this master plan process,
18 they've received all the data that they need to make
19 an informed decision.

20 I can tell you though that they're pretty excited
21 about it. And I think everybody here is hopeful
22 that -- that what we find and work through is going to
23 be what we hope will turn out to be exactly what we
24 need to do a great stadium for the campus.

25 So that's how we'll go. In the process we'll be

1 looking at all the things listed up there, the
2 financial market analysis, location, environment,
3 traffic, parking and so forth. And we'll talk about
4 more of those things in a minute.

5 Location, we've talked about that a lot. And I'm
6 sure some of you tonight are going to have comments
7 about that because I think there's been some -- I
8 don't think. I know because I've been here and heard
9 a lot of comments about where the stadium should be
10 and that sort of thing.

11 But where, you'll see it on the maps, in that
12 location to the north works great as far as a stadium
13 on the campus. We've got facilities around it. It's
14 just the perfect location. It works well within the
15 plan. It meets all of the program requirements that
16 you would want to have for a stadium. And it makes a
17 lot of sense. And I hope you'll see that as we go all
18 through it. And it (inaudible) a lot of the things on
19 campus.

20 And, again, a little bit later we're going to
21 talk about the planned parking, garages, the parking
22 and the ingress and egress from James and how all that
23 will work. We've got some folks here tonight that are
24 going to talk in a little more detail about that.

25 Just briefly, to orient you, and then Steve will

1 talk a little bit more in detail about the stadium and
2 its location. This is our university campus with
3 McCulloch to the north, Alafaya coming down to the
4 west. It comes down to a point to the LaQuinta Inn,
5 tracks along the proper engine power lines and south.
6 The little piece that drops down like this, this is
7 the wetland here. It goes back up and around this
8 eastern edge, and then back up to McCulloch. There's
9 1415 acres.

10 The main body of the campus at this core, which
11 is in here, a circular campus, a 10-minute walk across
12 the core. The parking garage is planned around that
13 circle so that you drive in, park, and then you can
14 walk to the center of campus for those activities.

15 And then in the peripheral range we get into
16 things like our housing and recreational facilities.
17 And, actually, now we're probably at least maybe 10,
18 if not 15 or more years we've been looking towards
19 having the intercollegiate athletic facilities worked
20 up into the northern area here, and planning to move
21 our intramural activities down in this area. And that
22 process has begun.

23 This area up in here is gopher tortoise's
24 location area actually. It's in an environmental
25 easement with St. John's River Water Management

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1 District set aside.

2 This is a land and environmental sensitive area,
3 Greek Park, which extends right up to there. This big
4 area, as some of you may wonder about, is a big

5 wetland in the middle of the campus here, as well as
6 about a six or seven acre wetland right in this area.

7 And our Arboretum, 85 acres roughly, is this area
8 right here. And then there's a piece of land over
9 here that will provide for an expanded academic campus
10 at some point in our future. So that's generally just
11 an orientation to the campus.

12 And, Steve, you want to talk a little bit about
13 where the department of athletics are located?

14 MR. ORSINI: Thank you, Bill.

15 Again, the way that the campus was designed many,
16 many years ago, it was planned to have the core of the
17 academics and auxiliaries being on the outer edge.
18 And if this small area that we're currently using for
19 parking is going to be developed and be attached, the
20 northern region, which is where intercollegiate
21 athletics has been based on our campus many years ago,
22 to the campus itself.

23 And I think that's very critical because our goal
24 is to be like the other top 10 largest universities in
25 this country. And that is a quality academic and a

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1 quality athletic institution.

2 And it's very important that we locate our
3 athletic fields on our campus so it's part of the
4 campus. The students can come to school. They can
5 come to the campus and cheer on their teams. And so
6 that's the way the study was designed many years ago.
7 And we're just now able to develop that area.

8 This particular area that we're talking about, as

9 you mentioned, will be a kind of a gateway from the
10 center of campus out into this area with these
11 athletics.

12 We currently have our alumina right there. Our
13 plan is put the football stadium there. We have
14 housing going up now, 2000 beds. We have retail going
15 up, over 100,000 square feet of retail. We have
16 development of our baseball, our soccer, our softball,
17 our track and field, and then the football complex
18 right there. And soccer is right up there.

19 All of those sports we'll be able to play and
20 workout right here on the campus, about a 10 to 15
21 minute walk to the center of campus. I think that's
22 important because those -- our athletes are also
23 students, so they have to have convenience in where
24 they workout at, where they go to school, where they
25 live, where they eat. And that will be a development

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1 that will be able to accommodate all of the student
2 athlete's needs at UCF.

3 If you'd go to the next slide, Jeannie.

4 This is the diagram working with 360 Architects
5 of the proposed football stadium. It is a single
6 bowl, 45,000 seats, approximately, are planned to be
7 in the stadium with a four level elevated structure
8 that would have the press box in the top, two levels
9 of seats and a level for club seating. And then a
10 goal area would be where the club seat owners would
11 sit and watch the game. And there are 50 there on the
12 UCF side.

13 But the way it's designed is such that phase one,
14 which is the 45,000-seat one bowl phase, could be
15 added if there's a demand down the road for a larger
16 stadium. And -- and that's why you may see some of
17 these structures, which are restrooms, concession
18 stands in support areas for the 45,000 seats are
19 actually outside the concourse.

20 They will be supported areas inside the concourse
21 as well. But the reason for that is if we add another
22 level we would go up and over, kind of build an upper
23 level to it that would add another approximately
24 20,000 seats. And that would then accomplish these
25 goals. Basically, they would circle the stadium

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1 outside of those buildings.

2 So we're not only planning for today, but we're
3 planning for tomorrow. I think that's what this
4 university has done, whether it be academically,
5 (inaudible) or athletically.

6 And so we feel we have a great plan. All of this
7 is feasible to be built. All of this is within the
8 price range that we can afford and, again, right on
9 the campus of UCF.

10 This is the road that we talked about, the
11 developments, the housing, the retail, the arena, the
12 complication center, all of that is right next door.

13 Okay. Jeannie.

14 Again, we talked about how will we pay for the
15 stadium. This will be pretty traditional as far as in
16 this industry how stadiums pay for themselves if

17 they're successful. We will -- we will pledge all the
18 revenues generated from the stadium towards the debt
19 service. And those revenues are tickets, parking,
20 concessions, all of those areas. And what's important
21 to us is it must be self sustaining. I mentioned that
22 before.

23 So those are traditionally how things are done.
24 You know, someone once asked me, well, how many people
25 do you get to a game. About 20,000. What's your

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1 record. Oh, 11. Well, why are you building a
2 45,000-seat stadium. Well, we don't plan on being
3 eleventh forever. And we do plan on having more
4 success.

5 And we are the ninth largest university in the
6 country with over 120,000 alumni, not to mention
7 faculty staff. And so if we create a product that
8 people would be interested to just come see, then we
9 can surely obtain all the goals we have both
10 financially as well as athletically.

11 As far as the traffic, I'd like to ask Erin
12 Mitchell just to come up. We hired Gameday Management
13 to come up with a plan to handle the traffic and the
14 parking on a game day. And Erin will tell you a
15 little about her firm.

16 The reason we picked them, first, they're local.
17 We work with them at the Citrus Bowl right now. But
18 the NFL has also contacted them to help work with the
19 Superbowl and the Olympics. And they're a local firm,
20 so they really are experts in this field.

21 So, without any further adeu, I'm going to let
22 Erin talk a little bit about the plan.

23 MR. MERCK: We're going to let Erin talk just for
24 a minute. But after Steve finishes up with some other
25 slides we're going to come back with Erin and Gary

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1 Farland with PBS&J because we've got some maps that
2 show some roadways and all that.

3 So, probably, Erin, you might want to save some
4 of the commentary about the ingress and egress and
5 parking until we get to those slides. Then we'll talk
6 and we'll come back to you.

7 MS. MITCHELL: Good -- good evening. Just as
8 Steve mentioned, we have a very diverse experience in
9 the event industry as far as parking and traffic
10 issues are concerned.

11 We worked -- worked on the Olympic plans. We
12 work on the NFL plans for the Superbowl, specifically
13 being that's their biggest event that they have.

14 Along with other things, we work with the Daytona
15 International Speedway. We've been doing the
16 feasibility plans for the speedway track in New York,
17 as well as Seattle which was just announced a few
18 weeks ago.

19 If anybody follows any of those lines of athletic
20 events. We work on all those to help make their plans
21 a lot easier on behalf of the spectators as well the
22 stadium operations staff and anybody who needs to get
23 to that event or that game.

24 What we'll be working on here, we'll be working

25 with Gary and a lot of other groups, stakeholders,

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1 that are involved in the planning of this stadium and
2 making sure that those plans all come together in the
3 end. We're not holding any of the information we have
4 right here as to be what the plan is going to be when
5 the stadium is up and running, when you're actually
6 operational day of game.

7 Our plan, if anybody's noticed on the web site,
8 consists of a conceptual plan. It's taking all the
9 facts that we have right now and trying to form a
10 plan, trying to show you what's going to be happening
11 on game day, how all the pieces come together, how
12 everything fits together to make it a seamless, smooth
13 operation.

14 Like I mentioned before, we'll be working with
15 the traffic engineers for the City, law enforcement
16 and the city traffic engineers as well, making sure
17 that all the details are accounted for and everything
18 is in place for when you're here at the stadium,
19 hopefully, in 2007.

20 And I'll save some of the details for later when
21 Gary comes up here. And if anybody has any questions,
22 let me know. Feel free to ask questions. We also
23 have some posters in the front that give some more
24 information.

25 MR. ORSINI: Thank you very much.

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1 Just to touch on it a little bit more. We will
2 utilize all the shuttles and bus systems that are
3 currently at UCF on game day as well. And, of course,
4 the reason that's popular as far as the location is a
5 lot of students will be able to walk. That's real
6 important. There's over 15,000 students that live
7 within two miles of our campus. And so we hope that
8 many of them will come to the stadium, and many of
9 them will use either the shuttle system or walk to the
10 stadium.

11 We do plan on having on an average of six home
12 games a year. They'd typically be on a Saturday. But
13 they could be anywhere from Tuesday through Saturday.
14 And typically on Saturday the timed kickoff at 6:00
15 p.m.. Television, if they ask us to move, then
16 typically we'll move anywhere moved from noon until
17 6:00 or 7:00 in the evening.

18 Next slide.

19 MR. MERCK: I just have to make a quick comment.
20 This is something we've done earlier and some of you
21 have seen. And I'm not going to spend too much time
22 on it. But it's still a powerful graphic in the sense
23 that it shows the preliminary number of trips to the
24 campus on the weekday in the dark blue. The bar at
25 the end shows how much traffic is added to a typical

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1 Saturday. I just think that tells a lot right there.

2 And then we can get into some -- a lot of
3 questions, and we will later about, well, they're all
4 just coming at once rather than spread through the

5 day. And this was the -- and I'll save that for Gary
6 and Erin to talk about in a little bit.

7 MR. ORSINI: Some of the things we've heard --
8 and we've had about 15 of these public discussions --
9 there were questions about lighting and questions
10 about noise. And so when we talked to the architects
11 and the engineers in designing the stadium we made
12 sure we addressed those issues.

13 As far as lighting's concerned, today's
14 technology in lighting is very sophisticated, and they
15 can direct a lot of the lighting right on the subject,
16 which would be the field in this case.

17 Yes, there will be some bleeding. There will be
18 a haze. Sure, there'll be a haze. But we'll try and
19 minimize the impact of the stadium lighting by having
20 the new technology utilized and directing it directly
21 at the field where we need it.

22 And the main focus of how much light we need is
23 for television purposes. But we're going to try to
24 play our games anywhere from late afternoon to earlier
25 evening to minimize how long those lights will be on

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1 as well. So, if it's up to us, we'd rather have a
2 late afternoon, early evening game versus a evening
3 only game.

4 As far as the noise, again, technology today is
5 amazing. The plans, after the engineers looked at our
6 stadium and where it was located relative to the local
7 communities, is they recommend that we have one bank
8 of speakers directed in the north end of the stadium

9 directed south.

10 If you know where that would put it, it would
11 send the noise down into the bowl and in the direction
12 of the campus away from the communities. So that will
13 minimize the impact of noise. It doesn't eliminate
14 it. But it does minimize.

15 And we will use the latest technology, again, of
16 focusing the noise in the middle of the bowl. And it
17 is a bowl. It's not a horseshoe. And so the bowl
18 will also help contain some of the noise. So the
19 point here is we're trying to minimize the impact of
20 the lighting and the noise of the bowl stadium.

21 As far as drinking and driving, Dr. Hitt has
22 given us a directive that we will not sell alcohol in
23 the stadium. Generally speaking, we will have alcohol
24 served in the club level. It will be about 750 people
25 allowed in the club, and also the suite. So maybe a

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1 total of 1000 to 1500 people would have access to
2 purchase alcohol in the stadium.

3 But we all know that on college football game day
4 that people come early and they tailgate. And they
5 may drink some alcohol and tailgate. They'll be on
6 our campus, so we're going to be able to monitor that
7 better than any other place possible. Plus, they
8 would be on our campus so a lot of our attendees won't
9 be driving so they won't be out on the roads. So
10 that's a plus.

11 So those are the things that we factored into the
12 alcohol. And we're going to try to monitor that

13 closely to be good neighbors and be responsible.

14 That's what's important.

15 We've talked about the security. There is no
16 better place to control or monitor the security than
17 on our own campus. We go out to the Citrus Bowl now,
18 and there's a lot of other factors involved. Some we
19 can control. Some we can't control.

20 If they're on campus we can control all these
21 factors. As far as outside, if they -- if they walk
22 in the neighborhoods, the fans or something, we'll
23 talk to the communities and see what the problems are
24 and address them as well. But we have enough parking
25 spaces on our campus to accommodate all 45,000 people.

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1 So we're going to encourage them all to park on our
2 campus.

3 We're going to have retail. We're going to have
4 a lot of entertainment on our campus, have a lot of
5 events on campus that keep people on campus and
6 entertain them on our campus and, therefore, we can
7 control what happens at the most secure event as
8 possible.

9 MR. MERCK: Just a word too. In some of our
10 earlier meetings we've heard something about how a
11 stadium might affect property values around. And I've
12 heard two anecdotal stories.

13 One person has told me -- one or two people have
14 told me stories about how they've tried to sell their
15 house and had a little trouble. Other people have
16 told me how they put their house on the market and it

17 sold immediately because people thought about the
18 stadium being -- as being a positive versus a
19 negative.

20 So we asked a group that's been working with us
21 doing these kind of things throughout the country to
22 look at different areas to tell us what happens to
23 home values around a place where a stadium is built.

24 And these are some of the ones they looked
25 at. And what they found, basically, was that it was a

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1 neutral. There's probably about as many people that
2 want to live around stadiums that don't want to. And
3 after probably a month or two of the stadium being
4 constructed things went back to the normal progress of
5 house prices, school systems, economic opportunity,
6 weather and other things.

7 So that's been basically what we've been
8 told and seen in the reports that have been given to
9 us, is that it works out to be somewhat of a neutral
10 as far as home values are concerned.

11 I do know that in this area of Orange County
12 that the average property values seem to be going up
13 at a rate that's higher than the average in Orange
14 County as a whole. So I don't think the stadium is
15 going to have any lasting impact one way or the other
16 on that.

17 How it will affect the environment. Well,
18 actually, the proposed stadium has been planned for
19 recreational activities for many years. It's a
20 cleared area, so it's not getting into disrupting

21 major ecological systems.

22 And this -- and we have folks who have been
23 studying the topography, looking at what's there, what
24 kinds of impacts it will have. And then, of course,
25 if there are any impacts that are major they would

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1 have to be mitigated in accordance with all the
2 Florida laws and statutes. And so we'll be taking
3 care of those things.

4 This is -- it's not a -- it's a not a whole
5 lot to talk about here because this land has been
6 cleared. If we were going into a wetland or into a
7 wooded area there might be a lot more to discuss here.
8 But that's not the case.

9 Probably the bigger thing to deal with is
10 the storm water runoff and the storm water impacts.
11 And that's being addressed now. In fact, those of you
12 who live around here and have been through the campus
13 have seen the big storm water pipes being put in and
14 the ponds that are being dug around the area to
15 deal -- to deal with the storm water runoff. So I'm
16 pleased with the way that's going.

17 The next slide talks a little bit about how
18 we can -- you can get information. And a lot of you
19 have already gone to this -- these sites. We've got a
20 come to STADIUM.UCF.EDU site. Another one, the
21 facilities plan web site, two places it's showing.

22 We have central mailing. So if you're going
23 out, then the News for Neighbors periodically comes
24 out that talks about what we're doing and conclusive

25 information on the stadium and any alerts to be

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1 proposed. So I think we're doing a pretty good job in
2 trying to keep you informed as to what we're doing and
3 when we're doing it.

4 Next Peter Newman, our Director of
5 Facilities planning will talk just a little bit about
6 that.

7 MR. NEWMAN: One of the things that we talked
8 about prior to this, the next steps, you can see this
9 is the proposed schedule. You can see from the
10 schedule that we've had the informal information
11 session on July 12th. And then tonight is the first
12 public hearing, which is Monday, July the 25th.

13 On the 28th of this month we're going to send
14 notification to all the public reviewing agencies.
15 There is 11 public reviewing agencies. They'll have a
16 90-day review process. And you can see we'll finish
17 that review process approximately the beginning of
18 November.

19 Then the Office of the President will advertise
20 for a hearing. And we'll have the second public Board
21 of Trustees hearing, which is the adoption hearing on
22 November the 9th.

23 And then finally we'll be sending out the
24 adoption notice to all the agencies and to anyone who
25 has spoken at any of our public hearings or anyone who

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1 has written to us. And that occurs on November the
2 11th.

3 Again, you can see the web site that's clearly
4 explaining it at WWW.FE@UCF.EDU. It's rath (phonetic)
5 campus master plan amendment for the stadium is now on
6 our web site.

7 And at the end of this public hearing we're going
8 to have people stationed at both exits, and so you can
9 receive your paper copy of the schedule. This process
10 is very important. And we have to follow it, it's
11 based on statute.

12 This is the urban design capital improvement
13 development. It's one of the elements that's
14 affected. But it's not -- not all of the -- not all
15 of elements are affected by the amended -- by the
16 amended public stadium. And you can see from this
17 slide -- this map -- that the stadium has been placed
18 on the urban design and capital improvements zone.

19 You can also see -- I know it's kind of blurred
20 because it's a slide -- that every building on there
21 has a number. The stadium has a number 4-A. And if
22 you go under our web site and look under the capital
23 improvements listing you'll see the stadium listed.

24 The next thing we need to talk about is the
25 transportation impact, the transportation model.

1 After that I'm going to ask Gary Farland with PBS&J,
2 the transportation and engineering company who put
3 together the master plan for the proposed football

4 stadium.

5 Gary.

6 MR. FARLAND: Thank you, Pete.

7 In addition to myself, Erin Mitchell of Gameday
8 Management will also be happy to address some of these
9 issues that we've talked about today.

10 As I walk you through these slides, the main
11 thing that's changed in many of them really has been
12 the addition of the stadium onto the board itself. In
13 many cases the main position of the board didn't
14 really change the text. And the information involved
15 didn't change dramatically.

16 This particular board shows you roadway traffic
17 lines on a weekday daily basis for 2015. And this was
18 based upon assessment of existing traffic conditions,
19 as well as looking at growth in the area and growing
20 background traffic from, basically, today to 2015.

21 And it shows you, as you can see, (inaudible)
22 broaden here, it shows you how many lanes are
23 projected for each of the facilities. And also it
24 shows you actual projected roadway volumes on each one
25 of the individual links. There is a lot of

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1 information on that.

2 What we just happened to do is on every roadway
3 within the context area was show you projected volumes
4 for 2015. And, essentially, what ended up happening
5 is on a weekday basis -- there are a number of roadway
6 facilities -- we emphasize again, on a weekday
7 basis -- a number of roadway facilities that will be

8 operating for the adopted public service standard.

9 Next is due to background growth within the area.

10 Next slide, please.

11 This slide shows current public roadway
12 improvements. This slide is very similar to the slide
13 you may have seen before as we discussed in the 2005
14 campus master plan.

15 The main addition is the actual stadium itself
16 with two primary roadway improvements that have been
17 discussed at the Tanner Boulevard, two different
18 signals, to improve traffic flow (inaudible), as well
19 as -- it's not directly shown on here highlighted --
20 is you've got a connection with the McCulloch Road
21 which is only used for special events, and will be
22 billeted off at other times only for use of
23 pedestrians and bicycles.

24 Next slide, please.

25 This is the existing and planned parking

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1 structure slide. When I finish I'd like to turn it
2 over to Erin who will discuss some of the ingress and
3 egress that's currently planned for game days.

4 What this shows you on this, as you can see
5 from the key down here, you, basically, have four
6 major types of facilities that are either existing or
7 planned. We have existing 1200 space garages.
8 Essentially, the university has come up with a
9 standard design that has been replicated in several
10 areas throughout the campus.

11 We also have a few proposed garages that are

12 between 1600 and 1800 spaces. There's also a few
13 proposed (inaudible). And those are located up in the
14 Wayne Densch Center to service the athletic -- I'm
15 sorry -- to service the new housing on campus. And
16 there's also one that's going to be constructed
17 adjacent to one of the existing garages.

18 In addition to that, there's surface parking
19 that's been planned. There's a lot -- a surface
20 lot -- here next to the stadium that's somewhere
21 between 400 and 500 spaces. The final design is still
22 working out those numbers. And a smaller lot that
23 would serve -- service the softball stadium.

24 Finally, showing some proposed connections
25 within the overall campus. But what you see here is a

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1 great deal of parking capacity on the campus which is
2 spread geographically around the campus. And that
3 actually helps as far as loading and unloading during
4 weekdays and also during game times.

5 And I'd like to give it off to Erin to talk
6 to you a bit about the parking.

7 MS. MITCHELL: Okay. As was already mentioned,
8 there's going to be several parking areas that will be
9 distributed throughout this area all the way up -- up
10 here in the north to down in this area in Regents
11 Parkway (phonetic) if it's needed.

12 We'll start off at the beginning and I'll go over
13 some of the routing. Please keep in mind some of the
14 information that I am discussing nothing is set that
15 that's going to be the actual lots or the numbers.

16 A lot of the area up here, what we're going to
17 call the gold zone, is very fluid at this point in
18 time. Those parking numbers, once they are
19 determined, we will work on making sure that it's not
20 overcrowded. The roadways to have access in here will
21 be off of McCulloch. And those would be the only
22 vehicles that would be accessing McCulloch to get into
23 this zone only.

24 The numbers for that parking zone are roughly
25 around 1300. That number is very fluid. It could go

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1 up a little bit. It might go down. It depends on the
2 number of spaces that we can get in this area that we
3 already mentioned along with some of this that's along
4 here on Orion.

5 The second area will be in this general area
6 right here. And that's what we're calling at this
7 point the white zone. They will have access coming
8 down any of these roadways right here to get into
9 these parking areas.

10 The next area is over in this location. It is
11 what we're calling the black zone or zone number
12 three. And they will have access coming along here
13 and up these roadways right here.

14 After that we have -- actually, we're going to
15 skip down some of the parking areas to down on
16 Research Parkway, which is down in this area right
17 here, some of the parking that's in that location.

18 That will be, if needed, there will be a shuttle
19 that's going to run up here. And it's going to drop

20 right up there at the top of the grass area. And
21 we'll be running around the circle with all the
22 parking lots throughout the course of starting, you
23 know, at 8:30, 8:00 in the morning running
24 continuously until the game's over to pick up anybody
25 from the further locations.

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1 And the last parking area we have is actually
2 going to be designated for any students or faculty or
3 anybody else who does need access to the campus for
4 scholastic or research materials, anything along that
5 nature. They will have parking in this general area,
6 and have access right up here.

7 In those parking areas also a lot of these --
8 what lots are in which area is still kind of going to
9 be worked out. What we're going to do is take all the
10 numbers that we get on the actual parking lots and the
11 number of people we need to park in the stadium at a
12 sellout crowd.

13 We're not going to start at the bottom. We're
14 going to start all the way at the top and make sure we
15 account every single constituent group we have. That
16 includes the students, spectators, operations,
17 players, coaches, anyone who needs access to that
18 stadium will then be granted a permit based on where
19 they need to be parking.

20 That permit will have the designated route
21 directions on there. Which we'll make sure that we
22 work with the transportation areas on the size of the
23 roadways, how many cars that they can hold, what their

24 capacity is on that Saturday.

25 Given that number, we can then put however many

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1 more that roadway can handle based on the size of the
2 road. Obviously, perimeter -- outer perimeter roads
3 up in this area can hold a few more cars than some of
4 these interior roads. Along with that, making sure
5 that you only have access to certain roads based on
6 your permit you have.

7 McCulloch would be a very common thing to talk
8 about the way everyone is going to get in the stadium.
9 We don't want to focus all or everyone coming up
10 Alafaya to get to the McCulloch access to the stadium.
11 That's going to be a smaller road for vehicles that
12 have access to this area only.

13 There will be a control point person at this
14 intersection. And only those people with those
15 permits will get in there to make sure that is not
16 overcrowded and we do not overcrowd McCulloch Road,
17 along with a few of the other roadways that have
18 access to the stadium. By splitting everything up and
19 directing it appropriately you'll have equal traffic
20 coming in from all of these directions into their
21 designated parking areas.

22 Once all that's done, all these allocations are
23 done, that's when you'll have the permits that go out
24 and make sure that everybody is accounted for.

25 MR. FARLAND: Can you back up?

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1 Just to add a little bit to what Erin was talking
2 about here. We're going to make sure that, as best we
3 can, we're going to distribute the traffic to all of
4 the surrounding roadways such that we don't overburden
5 any -- any of them in particular.

6 There's been a lot of discussion and a lot of
7 concerns about McCulloch Road that have been raised as
8 far as access for the fire in those communities over
9 here whose only means of ready access is being
10 McCulloch Road.

11 Wherever possible we're going to be working
12 with the local sheriff's departments to Oviedo, both
13 counties, Orange and Seminole Counties, to make sure
14 that, as Erin noted, no one even comes down here or
15 goes past that point who doesn't have an access to the
16 parking lot.

17 To the north of Lockwood there's been a
18 great deal of concern about the cut through to
19 residential communities to the north. We're working
20 with too Oviedo. And we've already come up with one
21 potential idea we're investigating of, perhaps, having
22 hand tags on the vehicles. And if you don't have a
23 hand tag, since they're designating you as a resident,
24 you will not be able to travel north of there on game
25 days. We've been working on -- with them, and I think

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1 we should figure those things out.

2 The main objective here is to spread traffic
3 as much as possible, to get them as quickly and

4 efficiently to the parking as quickly as possible, and
5 off the roadways and minimize the burden.

6 Okay. This is the pedestrian bicycle
7 network. And this, obviously, is a very important
8 item on a daily basis for UCF. And it becomes even
9 more important as far as access to the stadium.

10 As Mr. Merck pointed out, we now have the
11 ability for a significant number of students to easily
12 walk or even ride to the campus. And so, in addition
13 to the existing facilities that are already in place,
14 one of the major items is a new -- is a new known as
15 Little Econ Trail extension that would actually
16 continue in the existing Orange County facility.

17 That would help pull significantly from this
18 area where there's a significant amount of residential
19 off-campus housing. And also the improvements slated
20 to the interior corner, as well as some other major
21 interconnection points with the campus itself. Again,
22 The whole idea is to wherever possible facilitate
23 multi-wheel traveling and reduce dependence on the
24 automobiles.

25 Okay. This is one of the new slides. This

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1 is kind of a closeup of the overall stadium location
2 itself conceptual layout. You can see the main
3 stadium location itself, the surface parking that I
4 had mentioned. In addition, as Erin mentioned, there
5 will be tailgating available along Orion.

6 And it shows the practice facilities to the
7 south, and a reconfiguration based on the layout of

8 the stadium itself. The main difference is the
9 stadium, obviously. And then also the movement of the
10 softball stadium to the south side.

11 MR. MERCK: I just wanted to add something here
12 just for a second. The idea that Gary was just
13 talking about, the bicycle access, is something that
14 we haven't really thought or talked about too much.

15 I mean, people certainly don't ride bicycles to
16 the Citrus Bowl games. But I can see where people
17 might want to ride bikes to our stadium from the
18 neighborhoods, as well as on campus if they felt like
19 they could secure those bikes in some way once they
20 got here (inaudible).

21 So that would be something I think we'd ask
22 Gameday Management in helping us think through, how
23 that could happen, so that we could have our
24 facilities able to accommodate bike traffic which
25 would allow a lot of people to get in and out a lot

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1 faster than cars if they've chosen to go that route.

2 MS. MITCHELL: To touch on that, things that
3 we've done in some other events that we would
4 certainly want to interrogate on what has been needed,
5 we've done wrist bands for people, we have walking
6 pedestrians who have certain access. Of course, you
7 have (inaudible). But as far as allowing them access
8 into where they need, you can integrate people. That
9 helps to account in the overall population of everyone
10 that's coming.

11 Not only do we need to make sure we account for

12 all the people in the different groups that need to
13 get to the game, but their mode of transport as well
14 which goes into account, of course, walking, biking,
15 shuttle buses that are coming either from the parking
16 load zones or coming from any of the perimeter housing
17 areas, along with, of course, your vehicles and buses,
18 RV's. All those groups are taken into account to make
19 sure that we cover everything.

20 MR. MERCK: Okay. I'm going to turn it back over
21 to Dr. Huddleston now who is going to work with you on
22 public input.

23 Dr. Huddleston.

24 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you very much.

25 As you can see, each speaker will have three

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1 minutes to comment on the proposed amendment. Should
2 there be questions that you have based on some of the
3 comments that you have heard tonight, please feel free
4 to visit with any of these individuals in the foyer
5 immediately following this particular presentation by
6 each of the speakers here.

7 Again, we are using the stop light. And, please,
8 pay attention because when the light comes off we will
9 request that the individual please be seated because,
10 as you can imagine, we have many, many people tonight
11 who wish to make pretty many comments.

12 So there are a number of you who have also
13 indicated that you have something that you want to put
14 in the public record, written remarks or something
15 else. And please feel free to give those to any of

16 the individuals who are down here.

17 It looks to me tonight that the only speaker
18 system we have, or microphone, is on this aisle. So
19 please come forward to that.

20 And I assume it's on and ready to go; is that
21 correct?

22 And I will call your name as these particular
23 requests have been shuffled by random.

24 The first person is Teresa Takac. Hello.
25 Please.

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1 MS. TAKAC: Hi. I'm Teresa Takac. And I'm a
2 resident of Caroline (inaudible) or homeowners right
3 down the street. And I'm also the secretary for the
4 homeowners' association.

5 I prepared a statement, but I've also written
6 some notes that I'd like to read after I make my
7 statement for public record.

8 Why are internal agencies taking priority over
9 external community concern? If the community is
10 willing to support your effort to build an on-campus
11 stadium in the south, why are you not willing to work
12 with us?

13 Dr. Hitt is quoted, if I had a chance I would
14 still not include the community in our planning. He
15 said this while speaking with Jane Heeley of the
16 Orlando Sentinel.

17 On record Mr. Orsini to a resident, that we have
18 spent a year and a half planning the intramural fields
19 with the students. After all, we are here for the

20 students.

21 Two different temporary residents who do not care
22 where they plan on having it, just that they have a
23 place to play. The students who participated in the
24 planning within probably will graduate before the
25 plans are completed. They will not live with the

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1 permanent impact that such a long-term project brings.
2 Yet residents had no opportunity to really have a say
3 in the planning.

4 The university insists the location that you've
5 chosen is not an option. If that's not an option,
6 then what purpose does this public hearing have?

7 I just wrote a few quick notes, so please forgive
8 me. In your traffic graph, the traffic that it shows
9 a 24-hour period for the impact of the days of the
10 week. What we're really talking about here is an
11 eight-hour window at the most that you're going to
12 squeeze those cars in. So that's not very accurate.
13 It's very effective. But it's not a very accurate
14 total to your plan.

15 I don't think they've also taken into account
16 that Tuesday night games, that they kick off at 7:00
17 p.m. I'd really hate to be in my car trying to get
18 home to my family at that time. That would put it
19 right in the middle of rush hour.

20 And I also keep hearing students that -- that the
21 students want to play, the students want to do
22 everything else. What about the residents? We live
23 here.

24 And if there's a no-drinking policy, as you have
25 stated, allowed on campus, where are those tailgaters

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1 going to go? Where is all that revelry going to go?
2 It's going to go right across the street into Seminole
3 County, which I've not heard much mentioned about. It
4 seems to be about Orange County.

5 A lot of your parking is in the south. A lot of
6 your students are in the south. And these are things
7 that you have said yourselves. Why isn't your stadium
8 in the south?

9 And, as far as the storm runoff that you had --
10 said was being under contract and it was going well
11 and you're really proud of the progress that you're
12 making, if this is already done, is this a done deal?

13 I mean, are we just here going through the
14 motions, or are you truly here to open up and listen
15 to the community? Because this can be a win for UCF
16 and a win for the surrounding communities.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

19 Janice Fisher Pitts.

20 MS. FISHER PITTS: I don't like talking with my
21 back to the crowd. My husband said that was a bad
22 idea.

23 I'm here to -- I'd really just like to speak to
24 you as an alumni, as a business owner and as a sports
25 fan. As an alumni, I am proud to be a part of this

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1 university.

2 My son, who is my business partner, was the first
3 person in my family that graduated from here. And
4 then my daughter got two degrees. And then they
5 shamed me into getting one. And now my daughter is
6 working on her third one, almost finished. And we
7 have a brand new baby who is going to be the earliest
8 enrollee UCF ever has.

9 As a sports fan I have been to games all over the
10 U.S.. And I am a true lover of sports. And there is
11 nothing like attending a game day where there is a
12 stadium and where everybody gets involved.

13 A couple years ago we had the pleasure of going
14 to the University of Colorado for parents' weekend.
15 And what an amazing experience. I wanted to bottle it
16 and bring it home.

17 Next, as a business owner, I am a real estate
18 broker with a real estate company. And I honestly do
19 not believe that any of you folks are going to lose
20 because of the stadium. Most of you are my good
21 friends. And I know you're concerned. I do not
22 believe that that is going to be a factor. I've been
23 here a long time, and I say yes to the stadium.

24 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you to both of the
25 speakers for adhering to the ties and straights that

1 you have.

2 Ralph Menni ng.

3 MR. MENNING: My name is Ralph Menning. I live
4 in Caroline North on Lockwood.

5 I guess my opinion is similar to this lady over
6 here. I think we could take advantage of nearer
7 parking, more ready access to entry and exit if the
8 stadium is located in the southwest part of the
9 campus. I think it would have less impact on the
10 surrounding individuals.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

13 I'm sorry. But also for the public record I'd
14 like to acknowledge that Trustee Conrad Santiago has
15 also joined the other trustees that are here tonight.

16 Carol Savchuck. I apologize if I don't -- is
17 that close?

18 MS. SAVCHUCK: Carol Savchuck.

19 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

20 MS. SAVCHUCK: Real close. Very close.

21 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

22 MS. SAVCHUCK: This is Carol Savchuck. I live in
23 University Estates. And I didn't come tonight with
24 any planned things to say.

25 However, having looked at your -- I'm also a real

1 estate agent and broker. And I have a little concern
2 about your independent analysis as far as the property
3 values go. I'd really like to see a copy of this.
4 I'd like for it to be made public, or at least put on
5 the web site or something so that there is some access
6 to that. Because we're seeing right now in University

7 Estates our houses are competitively priced in the
8 market, and it is just that they're not selling as
9 quickly. They're not jumping off -- people are not
10 saying, oh, the stadium (inaudible).

11 But the height -- but the height of the stadium
12 is a huge concern, especially that -- especially with
13 the four extra stories on top of it. That's going to
14 be one big giant in our backyards just overlooking us
15 all the time. Whether there was activity going on
16 there or not, it's going to be an eye sore.

17 And the fact that it's a manufactured type
18 building, it's not going to be attractive (inaudible).
19 The location is wrong. Everybody knows that.
20 Everybody feels that that I know.

21 And the other thing is I really don't understand
22 how you propose to pay for this stadium with six
23 football games. It makes no sense to me financially
24 that this could possibly -- six football games a
25 year -- pay the debt service on a structure that's

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1 going to be between 50 and \$60,000,000.

2 Therefore, no matter what everybody has been
3 saying all along, that there are going to be no other
4 kind of functions being held there, you've also said
5 it's going to be open for recreational activities for
6 many years, quote, unquote.

7 Now, if recreational activities -- first of all,
8 I'm not really a football fan. So to me football
9 isn't recreation. So I'd like to know what kind of
10 recreational activities you're talking about.

11 Are you talking about concerts -- rock
12 concerts -- whatever else that goes along with that?
13 Those are noise problems. Those are traffic issues.
14 Those are drinking issues. Those are issues that
15 extend outside the boundaries of the campus that
16 affect our neighborhoods.

17 Not everything on -- at UCF goes on within your
18 little community. It has effects all the way around,
19 from the student housing that's outside of the campus
20 to the police problems, there's a lot of that. And
21 I'm just not satisfied that the north location is --
22 has been given the proper amount of true
23 consideration.

24 You've got an entrance to 408 at the south end.
25 The people can come and get out. We've got McCulloch

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1 Road. When you go down to -- it's only two lanes down
2 by the university. And --

3 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

4 Gene -- Gene Pickler.

5 MR. PICKLER: Good evening. My name is Gene
6 Pickler. I live in the Riverside Subdivision --
7 Riverwalk Subdivision. And I have some concerns about
8 the placement of the stadium on the north side
9 location.

10 First let me say that my family enjoys being part
11 of the college community. We have UCF as a neighbor.
12 We support the theater and the concerts open to the
13 public hosted by the university and some activities,
14 along with some money.

15 And we support the efforts to build a home
16 stadium on the campus. However, neighbors sometimes
17 do things that negatively impact each other, and what
18 seems logical on one side of the fence can be viewed
19 very differently on the other side.

20 So I guess you could say that, although I'm happy
21 to have the UCF family and its kids as neighbors, I am
22 not too pleased where you want to put their jump set
23 in the backyard.

24 One of the key rationales that the public has
25 offered for choosing the north location is to maintain

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1 and having the intramural fields at one side.
2 Although this might be more convenient from the
3 university's standpoint, locating it on a different
4 parts of the campus should not pose a great difficulty
5 for participants. And I don't believe it should be a
6 major factor in determining the placement of this
7 stadium.

8 It also seems that it would be more cost
9 effective to relocate some intramural fields rather
10 than to replace the existing practice fields that were
11 recently constructed at the northern end.

12 Another rational being offered against locating
13 the stadium on the southwest site is that it would be
14 too far from the other existing athletic facilities.
15 Given that home games are now played at the Citrus
16 Bowl, students traveling across the campus for a game
17 five to seven times a year might not be considered a
18 major inconvenience.

19 On a previous occasion Mr. Merck reported that
20 11,000 students participate in the intramural program,
21 that the activities last until 2:00 a.m., and that the
22 idea of dispersing those fields all throughout the
23 campus and managing that number of participants is a
24 factor.

25 However, the number of students participating at

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1 any one time was obviously much smaller, certainly
2 much less than the thousands who will be in attendance
3 at football games. I'm confident that the university
4 could figure out a way to schedule and manage
5 activities from multiple sites. Other colleges do it.

6 And, once again, I submit that the central
7 intramural facility should not be a major concern in
8 locating this stadium on the southwest side of the
9 campus.

10 In previous meetings it's been noted that putting
11 the stadium in the southwest site would necessitate
12 moving the band practice area nearer to residential
13 neighbors, something that the neighbors might not
14 welcome. However, if the intramural fields were
15 dispersed the southwest site could accommodate the
16 stadium and also retain room for the band practice.

17 So my simple question is this, why can't
18 intramural fields be placed on several sites on the
19 campus to allow for the building of the stadium in the
20 location that lessens the impact on the university's
21 residential neighbors?

22 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

23 Cecil Livingston.

24 MR. LIVINGSTON: My name is Cecil Livingston. My
25 wife and I have owned a house and lived in Riverwalk

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1 for several years.

2 I have a question that (inaudible)

3 First I would like to note that we would not be
4 here tonight if the Governor had not forced UCF to
5 open up the major amendment process. The process that
6 was in place for the major developments, the master
7 amendment process, should have been used.

8 UCF tried to in and run this process which is
9 supposed to protect the taxpayers. It's been noted
10 that Mr. Orsini had -- took one of his statements,
11 after all we're here for the students.

12 It was also noted that Dr. Hitt said that
13 (inaudible) he knew, he would do it all over again
14 without including the residents, knowing what problems
15 they have with us.

16 I'd like to point out that the place where you're
17 wanting to put the stadium is Florida property. And
18 without money from the people of the State of Florida
19 Mr. Orsini and Dr. Hitt would not be in a position to
20 try to in and run the master amendment process at all.

21 Students are temporary residents. Some will
22 probably graduate or be gone for other reasons.
23 Certainly students do need intramural fields. But the
24 idea that temporary residents -- concerns of temporary
25 residents outweigh those of permanent resident

1 homeowners who would suffer the consequences of the
2 long term just defies logic. Without the community --
3 without the community -- UCF wouldn't even be here.

4 There was some great communities done in the
5 60's. It's a wonderful campus. I too as well have
6 attended many events. I too am a sports fan. I too
7 am a football fan.

8 I would note that I, frankly, don't see that it
9 makes any sense for the football program or other
10 athletic programs. And I would note that if you were
11 to have more than just football games occur, what
12 would you do in that northwest corner with everything
13 on there?

14 Thank you very much.

15 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

16 Steve Dowman.

17 MR. DOWMAN: My name is Steve Dowman. I'm a
18 resident of Remington Park. And I'm a '95 engineering
19 graduate of UCF. And I think it's commendable what
20 UCF has done by opening this up to the community for
21 all the input. And I can't wait for them to build the
22 stadium.

23 I've spoken with many of my friends that went to
24 FSU. I went to Gainesville. I've been to games at
25 Gainesville. And it's a fantastic experience.

1 And these are student athletes. This is not
2 professional teams. These kids work hard. And

3 they've worked hard for many, many years. I've sat in
4 the Citrus Bowl with 5000, 8000 players -- fans in the
5 rain. But we're tenants there.

6 I've watched many games through a chain link
7 fence for year after year after year because that's
8 where they put the people in wheelchairs, behind the
9 fence. I'm looking forward to having a new stadium.
10 And I say go ahead and build it, it's great.

11 MR. HUDDLESTON: Sally Baptiste.

12 MS. BAPTISTE: My name is Sally Baptiste. I am a
13 supervisor with the Orange County Soil and Water
14 Conservation District. And I'm also probably one of
15 the few natives of the Orange County area.

16 I'm here actually in a couple different
17 capacities. And I'll hopefully (inaudible). I'm here
18 to gather information for the Soil and Water District
19 to try to understand what the effect would be --
20 environmental effect would be (inaudible). And on
21 that note, I'm also interested in finding out more
22 about how this aligns with the Innovation Way
23 Corridor.

24 Orange County is -- is undergoing massive growth
25 in this area -- at the time in this area. And I'm

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1 very concerned if whether everything is being
2 considered on a regional level, that we haven't gone
3 overboard not realizing at how much we can mitigate
4 the wetlands, things like that.

5 Our board did have some citizens come to us,
6 mainly concerned about floods and storm water,

7 flooding in certain areas and things like that. So
8 I'm here trying to gather information there to take
9 back to the board to the district.

10 And as a citizen I am here -- I'm a
11 transportation advocate. We need major transportation
12 reform in the area. Based on what I've seen over at
13 the Innovation Way Corridor workshop we had last week,
14 what I see happening here I'm very concerned with the
15 transportation for the infrastructure not being
16 managed well.

17 And, as a general rule, I believe our growth has
18 not been managed well. So I really come now hopefully
19 we're taking everything into a regional view here.

20 Obviously, I think the citizens who live near the
21 stadium that is being considered, we need the public
22 process. This part is good. In the past sometimes
23 Orange County has not been very good in bringing all
24 the people into it.

25 So right now I am concerned that we aren't

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1 mismanaging the growth as a regional area. How is
2 what's happened here part of -- I'm not sure if anyone
3 here is familiar with the Innovation Way Corridor,
4 which actually comes from Hiawatha all the way up. If
5 anyone is familiar with what I'm referring to -- okay.
6 I'll take that as a no. But it definitely comes up to
7 this area. UCF is part of that. And so try and see
8 what's happening here, what's happening there.

9 Once we destroy the environment we can't go back
10 to what it was. We need to be more careful. And

11 that's hopefully what I'll be learning some more
12 information on as we go on.

13 Thank you.

14 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

15 Cecil Livingston. Cecil Livingston.

16 MR. LIVINGSTON: I've already spoken.

17 MR. HUDDLESTON: Josh Lazar.

18 MR. LAZAR: It's probably going to take me a
19 little bit to get over there. Probably don't need the
20 mike, but I'll go ahead and do it anyway.

21 All right. I'm going to have to talk this way.
22 How are you doing? My name is Josh Lazar. And, as
23 previously, a student alumni of UCF. I'm currently
24 going to be coming back to be a member. And I happen
25 to be 25 years old.

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1 Students are not temporary residents. I take
2 high offense to that since I'm the New York transplant
3 who came to UCF because it happened to be a nice
4 weather climate. I have now been here for eight
5 years. I just bought my first home. And,
6 unfortunately, I didn't have enough money to buy
7 something in Caroline.

8 Want to know why? Because two or three years
9 ago -- maybe four -- I looked in there and I thought
10 \$170,000 for a reasonable house. You guys know
11 exactly how much a reasonable house goes for now. I
12 thought a little further away I could use that 408 to
13 make sure that my transportation needs are met for my
14 Research Park job.

15 So what has UCF done for me? I've gotten two
16 degrees here. I've got a masters. And I can't get a
17 doctorate because you're not supposed to get three
18 degrees from one university.

19 You're also -- I also received many job
20 opportunities, both at UCF and at my work at Research
21 Park. Unfortunately, I just can't live close enough
22 to the stadium.

23 This in my pocket is a checkbook. It has a UCF
24 emblem on it too. If you want to give me a just
25 market value I will sell my house right now today and

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1 purchase your home, whatever it is, be it real estate
2 agents, I have money.

3 You want to know something -- and I think that
4 you're trembling right there (inaudible) spoken a
5 thing from your side of view. And I very much
6 appreciate your comments because some -- some of these
7 people sometimes -- I don't get it. We're all just
8 trying to get information here.

9 But the hooting and hollering after one resident
10 talks about something is just uncalled for in my
11 personal opinion. But it's -- I -- it's
12 understandable. I'm now a homeowner too, and I have a
13 school right next door to me.

14 So University Estates, a very beautiful community
15 that I unfortunately cannot purchase in because homes
16 there are way too expensive for me. And, although I
17 do make a reasonable amount of money, thanks to UCF --
18 thank you very much -- I just can't buy in your areas.

19 So once that land value goes down, just give me a
20 call, I'll leave my number at any real estate agent in
21 your area.

22 Okay. I also wanted to let you know that, yeah,
23 intramural fields will happen more often. I -- it's
24 the height of the stadium (inaudible). Intramural
25 fields probably wouldn't bother you even if they're up

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1 to 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning. That's something I
2 understand.

3 I also wanted to look at the money generated.
4 Penn State makes a lot of money. UF makes a lot of
5 money. FUC makes a lot of money. We're going to make
6 a lot of money. And the jobs and the amount of
7 homeowner's associations and all the things that are
8 going into this area is all because of UCF.

9 Your prices of your homes is because of UCF. And
10 that's the reason why -- yeah, I think that you're
11 (inaudible). It's not because of (inaudible).

12 So if you would like to come and yell and talk
13 over everyone else, that's perfectly fine. But the
14 fact is UCF has been --

15 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

16 Susan Eberle.

17 MS. EBERLE: I appreciate the opportunity to
18 speak. Affected local governments, Orange, Seminole
19 County and Oviedo need to conduct public hearings.
20 The proposed stadium site on the north end of campus
21 is not compatible with single family neighborhoods.

22 Before seeking approval (inaudible) study with

23 accurate data should be completed to determine the
24 community impact. Elements of the studies would
25 include transportation, infrastructure, air, land

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1 water (inaudible) conservation, storm water, flood,
2 law enforcement, fire and rescue service, crime and
3 intergovernmental coordination, what is the true cost
4 analysis of the stadium and who will pay.

5 UCF has one of the most environmentally sensitive
6 campuses in the United States. The northeast proposed
7 stadium would be right across from the tributary the
8 Little Econ River that was given special protection in
9 the 1990's by the legislature.

10 The Econ Rivers were designated south bend
11 Florida waters. Last year the Governor and Cabinet
12 (inaudible) and is working for the UCF Arboretum as a
13 treasure that should be protected.

14 Contrary to this act UCF wants to build a stadium
15 across from the Arboretum. There are no environmental
16 studies for light or noise studies on UCF's web site.
17 These important studies need to be completed before a
18 public hearing or agency review as they are a vital
19 component of community impact.

20 Additionally, UCF areas already have been
21 overburdened with the sheriff's department and the
22 fire and rescue station calls to service. I would
23 like to see UCF tackle the off-campus housing crime,
24 provide more campus housing and classrooms before
25 constructing the campus stadium.

1 I'm entering into the public record hundreds of
2 calls of service to the Orange County Sheriffs
3 Department from a dozen off-campus housing complexes.

4 Also I'm submitting reports from a hydrologist, a
5 hydroecologist and a hydrogeologist. These experts
6 raise numerous concerns and issues created by UCF's
7 developments on and off site, and their impact on our
8 soil, water and natural resources, property, flora and
9 (inaudible). New accurate flood studies are
10 recommended on UCF's campus and in the Econ base.

11 As one of the fastest growing universities in the
12 country UCF must be responsible and accountable, not
13 only to the students but to its neighbors as well.
14 Safe neighborhoods, adequate roads, schools
15 infrastructure, alternative transportation and
16 preservation of our natural resources and quality of
17 life are vital for a healthy economy. The university,
18 the local governments, students and neighbors must
19 work together to make sure that they grow together.

20 The football stadium on the north end of campus
21 is not compatible with our neighborhoods or the
22 environment. We do not have the infrastructure to
23 support this. And the burden falls on the taxpayers.

24 I have entered in the public records a letter
25 from Marge and Steve Bott. And I thank you for your

1 attention.

2 MR. HUDDLESTON: Pat -- Pat -- Pat Bouten or --

3 MS. BUTLER: Butler.

4 MR. HUDDLESTON: Butler.

5 MS. BUTLER: Good evening. My name is Pat
6 Butler. I'm from the Riverwalk neighborhood. And my
7 family and I have been there for five years. And we
8 moved here when it was a dirt road. McCulloch Road is
9 in my backyard.

10 I just wanted to say that we are for the stadium,
11 but against the site. So the gentleman that came up
12 and said something about football and all, that's
13 great. We want to go to the games too. We just want
14 you to move the stadium to where it doesn't affect as
15 many neighborhoods as it does right now.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

18 Dr. Lyndol Loyd.

19 DR. LOYD: I'm Lyndol Loyd. I'm one of the
20 pastors at the University of Caroline United Methodist
21 Church. And we would be the closest neighbor to the
22 new stadium once it's developed. We are on McCulloch
23 Road just across from where the stadium site would be.

24 And we very much appreciate the University of
25 Central Florida. We have 1600 people that come and

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1 worship with us each weekend at University of
2 Caroline.

3 And I don't want to pretend to speak for all of
4 them. But I do want to express what I believe is the
5 heart of our congregation, and that we want to be a

6 good neighbor to UCF. And we're appreciative for what
7 you bring to us and add to our congregation in terms
8 of the students and faculty and staff that worship
9 with us.

10 We have a Saturday night service that has about
11 400 people in attendance. And we believe this would
12 impact our Saturday night service. Even with that
13 being said, we want to be a good neighbor and we want
14 to just express that we're open to this stadium
15 coming, and that we would be willing to make whatever
16 sacrifices as a good neighbor to help things go well
17 for UCF.

18 We feel -- we feel like you've expressed good
19 will to us on a regular basis. And I'm here just to
20 express our good will to the university and for this
21 stadium tonight.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. HUDDLESTON: Dan Wheeler.

24 MR. WHEELER: Board of Trustees who are present,
25 I'm Dan Wheeler. I represent the University Estates

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1 property owners board of directors. We wish that we
2 had a new parking lot (inaudible) --

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Can you use the
4 microphone?

5 MR. WHEELER: I'm sorry. Is that better? Should
6 I start over?

7 MR. HUDDLESTON: No. You're fine. Keep going.

8 MR. WHEELER: Okay. On behalf of the board I'd
9 like to enter into the record a resolution that the

10 board has proposed. Briefly, this resolution objects
11 to the proposed location of stadium based on noise,
12 congestion and related problems, incompatibility with
13 the surrounding land use and several other issues.

14 I'm also Don Wheeler who lives at 44372 Stanford
15 Circle immediately adjacent to UCF on the east side of
16 the campus. It's lot number 13.

17 I object to the noise that we would be subjected
18 to, the accessibility of our property to -- to
19 emergency vehicles, clogging up our streets by those
20 wanting free parking, trashing of our street and
21 properties. And if we have a six-story stadium plus
22 lights that would completely incompatible with the
23 trees and homes that are currently (inaudible).

24 The southwest campus location of the stadium
25 would greatly mitigate most of these objections.

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1 Thank you.

2 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

3 Ian Phingsten. I know I missed that. Ian.

4 MR. PHINGSTEN: All right. There was a lot
5 mentioned about the size of the student body. I
6 didn't hear mention of the exponential growth of the
7 main campus at UCS -- UCF.

8 And, I assume, from the examples of other
9 football stadiums in the metropolitan areas, that it
10 would cause an increased growth rate, a lot larger
11 population size, a lot larger student body. And I
12 don't think that that could possibly give the -- hold
13 it in this area. It's already pretty large and

14 overcrowded.

15 That, possibly, like other campuses have done,
16 especially in a state like California, where it could
17 spread out -- the student body spread out -- to
18 regional campuses, which we have here.

19 I was just wondering if there was any mention
20 about how those were going to be affected by the
21 stadium with any type of traffic or how students are
22 going to have access to that, or how even the stadium
23 is going to affect them if more -- like, say in the
24 future to 2020, 2015 even. That's all really.

25 Thank you.

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1 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

2 Michael Townes.

3 MR. TOWNES: I'm Michael Townes, as a graduate
4 from UCF in 1986. We moved out to Oviedo in 1972.
5 And McCulloch Road was a dirt road. We rode dirt
6 bikes back there, and rode horses. And we didn't have
7 really any public input on houses that were impacted
8 in this area. UCF was already here.

9 My mom actually graduated from here. And she
10 moved to Orlando in 1956 before I-4 was developed. To
11 listen to your real estate broker saying that this at
12 exponential growth. It's at exponential growth
13 because it's Florida -- Orlando, Florida. It's going
14 to grow.

15 One of the things that -- I support on an
16 on-campus stadium. Athletics has a high visibility
17 for student athletes and for campus and for the people

18 who graduated from the University.

19 I travel a lot throughout the country on my job.
20 A lot of people say UCF who because we don't have that
21 national grand in recognition. A great college
22 football program, whether we like it or not, brings
23 national recognition to a campus and adds value to our
24 degrees.

25 I hire kids from all over this country. And when

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1 I recognize a school based on a football program, in
2 my mind, whether it's right or wrong, I put more
3 emphasis on that school sometimes. So for UCF to
4 bring an on-campus football stadium will bring more
5 quality student athletes to this university and help
6 with our program.

7 The other thing is, we had a lot of real estate
8 brokers saying that housing in this area is going
9 down. But, as someone else pointed out, maybe not as
10 eloquently, but the housing prices have gone up.

11 I have a home in College Park that I'm selling.
12 If anybody wants to buy that home they're more than
13 welcome to do so. Who isn't just somebody saying the
14 real estate market has slowed down in this area, it's
15 slowed down in every area of Orlando because my home
16 has been on the market for 65 days, instead of like
17 that (indicating) where people -- I have a friend who
18 bought a house in Paramount. I think they had four
19 people that they outbid.

20 Now I understand and empathize with the community
21 around the university. However, some people will

22 fight no matter what UCF does. And it was here a lot
23 longer than most of you. I was here in 1972. And it
24 was here then too.

25 Thank you very much.

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1 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

2 Allen Lane.

3 MR. LANE: Hello. My name is Allen Lane. And
4 I'm a graduate of 1997. I've lived here near UCF.
5 I've lived in a neighborhood called College Heights
6 since 1980.

7 I have to sympathize a little bit with the
8 residents out here. There has been tremendous growth
9 since 1980. I can remember Alafaya Trail being a
10 two-lane road. And I can remember University
11 Boulevard being FDU Boulevard, and it also being a
12 two-lane road.

13 It appears to me that the reason the traffic has
14 increased is because the amount of residents in this
15 area have increased. There's probably a reason for
16 that. I haven't done a study to determine why
17 everybody seems to be moving to the eastern side of
18 Orange County and in Seminole County.

19 I would have to say it probably has a lot to do
20 with the schools, including UCF. It probably also has
21 a lot to do with the businesses that have also
22 migrated in this direction, Wal-Marts, Targets, all of
23 the private businesses that we now see growing along
24 University Boulevard and Lockwood Boulevard, including
25 Mitchell Hammock. I've seen an incredible amount of

1 growth. Maybe the school has had a little bit of
2 impact. Certainly Central Florida has had a lot of
3 impact.

4 Should there be more studies on the storm water
5 and ask some of these people who know something about
6 the storm water runoff. It's not just a local area.
7 It's not just UCF that's going to impact the storm
8 water runoff. It's every subdivision that's
9 constructed in this area.

10 All you have to do is look in your neighborhood
11 and see the retention pond that's also constructed
12 when the neighborhoods are built. Those ponds are
13 there for a reason, it also addresses some of the
14 runoff from your developments that you're moving into.

15 There are -- there are numerous traffic issues
16 that I've heard this evening building the campus
17 stadium on the north side, build it on the south side.
18 Whichever side the stadium is built on the same amount
19 of traffic is going to come up to the stadium. The
20 same number of people are going to show up to watch a
21 game, 20,000, 30,000 people. They're still going to
22 use the same roads.

23 It also sounds like, perhaps, that most of the
24 residents that live in this area are not going to be
25 attending the games. That means less traffic on

1 McCulloch, less traffic on Monument Boulevard.

2 Perhaps more traffic on Alafaya Trails because most
3 residents that attend the games would be traveling out
4 the 408 or, perhaps, to the State Road 50 to Yohannen.
5 Thank you.

6 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.
7 Rob Raborn. Robert Raborn.

8 MR. RABORN: I'm also from UCF's Caroline Church
9 across the street that is actually supporting the UCF
10 Life Save which is a college outreach Christian value
11 program.

12 We're supporting the stadium whether it's on the
13 north or side south. You know, that's not really our
14 business. But we did think about many reasons why the
15 stadium is probably pretty important in this upraise.

16 First of all I'd like to talk about how this
17 stadium, it could be seen as a tool for students and
18 non students alike, groups to take advantage of the
19 high student traffic to go out there and talk to them
20 during tailgating times with our UCF Life Save
21 Program.

22 We would try to get students to come over and
23 talk to us. You know, Downtown there's not that many
24 students that come out to the games. Not so many --
25 if we're here on campus, which I can see

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1 unbelievable -- and any clubs that are out to promote
2 themselves are going to be highly successful.

3 I was also thinking about -- I'm involved in
4 Special Olympics and Relay for Life and other
5 organizations like that. And when the stadium is not

6 being occupied for sports I can imagine easily such
7 great organizations being involved, using that stadium
8 as the great tool that it is. And it's a safe
9 environment. And, you know, the people that live here
10 in the Orlando area, they get to see them, they really
11 deserve it.

12 You know, I've been here for five years. And it
13 seems every year in the news there's -- there's always
14 talk of casualties on the 408 and on the highways
15 from -- to and from these football games. And it's
16 such a shame. And I think that if just one life is
17 being saved from a traffic accident it's going to be
18 worth it.

19 I really appreciate that the stadium is not going
20 to be selling alcohol. You know, there's not going to
21 be any drunken brawls or (inaudible).

22 I end it with saying, you know, think about all
23 the resources that these good organizations -- these
24 good-hearted organizations will gain. Definitely
25 think about the well deserving exposure that campus

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1 groups will receive, whether they're spiritual groups
2 or fraternal or sorority groups.

3 And, you know, whatever -- with this whole
4 residential issue, I just think about, you know, k
5 don't forget to just feel lucky that you get to live
6 in a house in the first place. You know, people
7 around the world they would love to come to this area,
8 whether there's a stadium around it or not, and get to
9 have a roof over their head. And so think about

10 others before thinking about yourself with this issue.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

13 Is it Rusty Carpenter? Carpenter?

14 MR. CARPENTER: Carpenter. Okay. I graduated
15 from UCF with a bachelor's degree in 2003. I
16 graduated from UCF with a master's in 2005. And I
17 currently instruct at UCF full time.

18 Many of us who have gone to school at UCF don't
19 actually move away from the school immediately after
20 we graduate. I moved back. I'm on -- I was on campus
21 more at UCF taking classes on line than I was ever as
22 an under grad, you know, someone who was actually
23 living on campus.

24 If you want to blame somebody for the traffic
25 problems in your area, blame me because I can't stay

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1 away from UCF's campus.

2 This is the most beautiful campus in the State of
3 Florida. Okay. There's no reason why the front door
4 of UCF should continue to be the Citrus Bowl, not for
5 one of the leading research universities in the
6 country, and not for the leading research university
7 in the State.

8 And if any of you in your college careers have
9 ever studied rhetorical theory. Homeowners, if
10 anyone -- I cannot blame the officials at UCF for not
11 wanting to hear your opinions anymore.

12 I would be more scared to live next to the people
13 who are hooting and -- who are hooting and hollering

14 all the way in the back of the room than I would be to
15 stand to live next to the students who are sitting in
16 the middle of this room. You all act like 15 years
17 old. And you're probably going to get treated like
18 one.

19 Thank you.

20 And for anybody wondering what rhetoric actually
21 means, it means persuasion. Okay. And thanks for
22 calling me unprofessional. And it sure speaks on your
23 ability as a speaker as well, and your informed
24 opinion, or uninformed, misinformed as a homeowner in
25 the area.

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1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: What's your point?

2 MR. CARPENTER: Thank you. Build the stadium and
3 go nice.

4 MR. HUDDLESTON: Ronald Brooke. Ronald Brooke.

5 MR. BROOKE: You ready? Ronald F. Brooke. I'm
6 one of those guys who spent 21 years of my life
7 protecting you. Now it's your turn to protect me and
8 my rights. My house is right next door, 4632 Warren.

9 When I came here before I picked that house,
10 because I came out of Germany having moved with units
11 down in the desert, having closed down a bunch of
12 bases in Germany, I could pick anywhere in the world
13 to live.

14 You-all had in your '95 and your 2000 master
15 plan, you had a provision in there that says you
16 wouldn't be developing next to me.

17 It was mentioned by Bill Merck that the

18 environmental study doesn't amount to anything because
19 we've already cleared the land.

20 Yeah, that's right, you have cleared all the
21 land. And you did all of that because you were
22 anticipating a stadium, a stadium that has not yet
23 been approved. You put a cart before the horse. You
24 spent a lot of money building a stadium, a stadium
25 that's not been approved.

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1 I have two documents I put together here I would
2 like entered into the record.

3 Another thing that's quite interesting looking me
4 straight in the eyes is the fact that you really don't
5 care about what we have to say, the value of what we
6 have to say. You only care that we're finished in
7 three minutes. My goodness, that is a shame.

8 UCF says they're planning for today and are also
9 planning for tomorrow. Your financial analysis -- and
10 I hope that the Board of Trustees who haven't
11 sufficiently -- the only people here with physical
12 responsibility do, in fact, review that because you
13 just heard you had a 50-percent increase from three
14 million to four and a half million dollars
15 servicing -- that's servicing your loan.

16 It is a debt situation. You've heard that most
17 of the attendees at your games are students who do not
18 pay directly at the games because they've already paid
19 to your losing financial corporation association which
20 is losing 500 to a \$1,500,000 a year.

21 It is a losing, non profit, non functional

22 situation. It also produces a second to your stadium,
23 which is not what you need for a first year team,
24 which is what I hope you finally achieve.

25 Thank you.

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1 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

2 William Andrews. William Andrews, please.

3 MR. ANDREWS: Yes. My wife and I are residents
4 of the University Estates, which is a subdivision that
5 many people have been talking to you from. And I
6 guess while I've been sitting here listening three
7 terms came to my mind that I really hope the Board of
8 Trustees take to heart.

9 The first is credibility. I've been here for
10 about 15 years. I've actually been on the faculty on
11 this campus. And if you go back through the
12 newspapers for the last six or seven years one thing
13 that the Board of Trustees and the management of UCF
14 have demonstrated is they cannot be trusted, that
15 every time they make a public statement they go back
16 on it. Five-year plans evaporate.

17 Claims that this \$50,000,000 stadium will only be
18 used six times a year. Oh, come on, please. Fifty
19 million dollar stadium I think you'd use every time
20 you have an opportunity to rent to it to somebody who
21 has money in their pocket.

22 All right. That kind of utilization is not
23 compatible with the two blocks away from a massive
24 amount of subdivisions, very poor roads and access.

25 If you want to put the stadium in, then put it on

1 the south side of the campus and improve the access to
2 the highway. Nobody here from our subdivision is
3 really opposing UCF having a stadium. We just want
4 you to put it someplace where you can use it, use it
5 to your heart's content and not cause problems for the
6 community.

7 Right now UCF is only guaranteed one thing,
8 ongoing animosity that's going to get worse and worse
9 with all of your neighbors from tailgate parties,
10 booming stereos.

11 And, I'm sorry, a discount stadium is somehow
12 going to (inaudible) acoustical elements. I mean, if
13 you're going to build a stadium and claim that you
14 somehow have magically engineered a acoustical
15 solution that would prevent the neighborhood from
16 getting blasted, but then, on the other hand, you
17 said, well, we just came up with this half priced
18 discount stadium. Those two terms don't agree with
19 each other.

20 Is it a topnotch stadium, or is it a discount box
21 that you're buying to put up with an erector set? If
22 it's an erector set, it's not going to hold the noise.

23 So the real question is, if you're going to go
24 forward with this, is UCF really just going to say
25 today, or when they approve this plan, that the

1 neighborhoods be damned, and we just are going to
2 start this war, which I'm sure is going to turn into a
3 long protracted legal snoggle (phonetic). And this is
4 going to drag out forever. And no one is going to be
5 happy.

6 I really think the other location is a much
7 better choice (inaudible) to your students, which most
8 of UCF is, is to get in and out of the stadium very
9 easily and not have all these problems for the
10 neighbors.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. HUDDLESTON: Laura Klee. Laura Klee.

13 MS. KLEE: Thank you for this opportunity to
14 speak. I'm Laura Klee, spokesperson for the Coalition
15 of UCF Area Homeowners Association. We represent over
16 2000 homes impacted around the north end of the
17 campus.

18 It is our position that we would like to support
19 the on-campus stadium if UCF builds it in the south
20 which is the only area compatible with the local
21 communities.

22 This is a great university with much potential to
23 be even better. In the Central Florida area and
24 beyond UCF carries a lot of economic (inaudible) and
25 clout. With connections on multiple boards and task

1 force groups they are able to endear themselves to
2 powerful individuals. The Board of Trustees and
3 others are exposed to the Golden Knight image of this
4 school.

5 Those of us who live near the university are
6 exposed to another side which you have been sheltered
7 from. Our experience has been the failure to consider
8 impact of their decisions beyond their own campus
9 corridors. They function as an island with no
10 responsibility to their host community.

11 Being a state university they are exempt from
12 restrictions the rest of us have to abide by. We
13 cannot call to complain about rights, noise or
14 towering buildings looking over our backyards.

15 Most reviewing agencies claim they have no
16 jurisdiction over state land. This may be true. They
17 can however stand up for us by strongly suggesting
18 that UCF abide by Florida law and their own 2005
19 master plan which requires them to be compatible.

20 This is the data they provided to them which UCF
21 has controlled from the very onset. Promises made in
22 previous plans were eliminated so that they could
23 relocate fields to fit this stadium in the north.

24 Their efforts to push this through as a minor
25 amendment speaks to their intention to deceive the

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1 public. The only reason we're here now is because a
2 few individuals dared to challenge the university
3 causing the Governor and Cabinet to allow UCF to go
4 through this process.

5 The administration, however, is making a mockery
6 of the process since they are already on record
7 stating they have no intentions of moving this stadium
8 to the south. In other words, the decision is already

9 made.

10 They have already begun the process, clearing the
11 land, building the storm water pumps to accommodate
12 increase in (inaudible), and relocating (inaudible).
13 They have received a permit for the stadium footprint
14 only, no other amenities. They intend to permit each
15 portion separately.

16 They failed to address other areas of (inaudible)
17 which relates to this amendment, density ratings, car
18 cap motions, data analysis, crime, future land use, et
19 cetera. They have only addressed traffic. That's
20 incomplete.

21 UCF has never come to the table willingly. And
22 instead has been pushed into every decision to include
23 the community. They refused to include us in plans
24 and items (inaudible).

25 We are tired of being bullied, and feel that we

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1 are given few opportunities to stand up against this.
2 However, our leadership in our community do believe
3 the Board of Trustees should take the high road and
4 bring back the integrity of the university, and make
5 their words worth something. Prove that the
6 administration is not run over the homes. Hold them
7 accountable. It is your name and reputation on the
8 line here. Why does UCF --

9 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

10 George Morris. George T. Morris.

11 MR. MORRIS: My name is George Morris. And I
12 live in University Estates on Eagle Scout Drive. And

13 I have lived there since 1993. I was in the Army for
14 24 years. And I worked at Martin Marietta for 15.

15 And I used to live on Conway -- the Conway area
16 south. We had a dig tadoo about the International
17 Airport expanding. The question was, why did you buy
18 a house there in the first place.

19 Well, in deciding when I retired where I should
20 go in the Orlando area I decided that I would do due
21 diligence, and I went to the Orange County
22 (inaudible). I found this spot that had no
23 warehouses, no commercial developments. It was near a
24 great university that was going to go up there.

25 And I thought, well, you know, with some ivy,

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1 this sort of thing, bells from the chapel, et cetera,
2 great. So I bought it. And I've lived there since
3 1993.

4 The studies that I had looked at started back in
5 about 1994, 2001, and when it had ended in November of
6 2004. And there was nothing about a football stadium.
7 There was an east tributary with two lakes on the
8 eastern side of Orion Drive. But on the left there
9 was not a thing called a stadium in there.

10 Well, the ivy is beginning to grow over the back
11 fence. And the sounds of the chapel's bells have
12 turned more like 76 trombones and maybe a few base
13 drums thrown in.

14 And I can tell you right now that when the band
15 practices on the current location there you have to
16 like their music pretty well. Well, do you like the

17 fight song. Well, yes. On Illinois, on brave old
18 Army team, whatever, it's very good for awhile.

19 But then you ask yourself, well, what about these
20 other problems. What about the traffic and what about
21 the parking.

22 What about public safety. You've got the fire
23 rescue station sitting on the corner of McCulloch and
24 Orion. Are they going to be able to get in and out
25 and serve this vicinity with the traffic on game day?

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1 In summary, I think it's not a proposition of UCF
2 having on campus a stadium. I think most of us
3 support them having an on-campus stadium. What we
4 don't support is the current location.

5 And in the studies that have been done --

6 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you, Mr. Morris.

7 Appreciate it very much. Thank you.

8 Judy Simonet. Judy.

9 MS. SIMONET: My name is Judy Simonet. And I
10 live in River's Bend. And we moved into this area
11 because of the university.

12 You have said no to consideration of placing the
13 stadium in the south. You have also said that the
14 south had been identified as a possible site, and that
15 it was considered and rejected.

16 The only explanation that I have heard thus far
17 for choosing the northern site over the southern site
18 is the proximity of the northern site to practice
19 fields and an athletics complex. Since the stadium
20 presumably will only be used six or seven times a year

21 for athletic events, proximity to practice fields
22 appears to be irrelevant.

23 I would like to know what factors, other than the
24 practice field and the athletic complex, were
25 considered in making that decision. And also I'd like

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1 to know the rationalization for rejecting the southern
2 site.

3 MR. HUDDLESTON: Sarah Magann.

4 MS. MAGANN: Good afternoon -- or good evening.
5 I'm Ms. Magann -- Sarah Magann. I'm a resident of the
6 River's Bend development off of Rouse Road, secretary
7 to the River's Bend Homeowners' Association and the
8 liaison to the development committee for our
9 homeowners' association.

10 My question is in reference to goal one of the
11 university's master plan athletics to create
12 developmental patterns -- development patterns that
13 direct future growth to appropriate areas on campus in
14 a manner that promotes the education innovation of the
15 university, for protection of environmentally
16 sensitive areas and compatibility with the surrounding
17 community.

18 My question is, how did UCF determine that the
19 north location was compatible with the surrounding
20 community?

21 At the public information session on July 12th
22 Mr. Newman, who is here tonight, for the facility and
23 planning decision was asked this question by myself
24 and someone else.

25 His first answer was that the north site was the

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1 best choice because when the southwest site was
2 considered it was determined that it would -- it was
3 determined that it would not be compatible with other
4 plans that the university had for that site, such as
5 intramural fields, and the rest, of course, was
6 already there.

7 When asked again, he said that officials from UCF
8 rode around University Estates and other communities,
9 and that they did not think the stadium would be a
10 problem.

11 When pressed with the compatibility issues
12 surrounding the community he did say that the
13 southwest site would probably be better for the
14 surrounding communities.

15 The same question was asked of Mr. Merck. His
16 answer was that compatibility -- it was determined
17 that the compatibility of the (inaudible) plans of the
18 host county, which is Orange County. UCF is not
19 obligated to do likewise with Seminole County,
20 although many of the residential communities that will
21 be affected are in Seminole County.

22 Although Mr. Merck is technically correct in his
23 interpretation of UCF's legal obligations, the
24 un-flying attitude towards close permanent neighbors
25 of the university in Seminole County borders on

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1 contempt and is at the least very disturbing.

2 The southwest site is close to commercial
3 businesses and the student's temporary housing. While
4 the north site is very close to permanent housing
5 developments. To completely dismiss the legitimate
6 concerns of permanent residents about the impact of
7 the proposed stadium on their property values because
8 they chose to live there is both inconsistent with the
9 spirit of the stadium goal and simply rude.

10 There were no plans for a stadium when those
11 homes were built and purchased. The choice --

12 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you, Mrs. Madan
13 (phonetic) -- Magann.

14 Jim Spector.

15 MR. SPACH: Spach.

16 MR. HUDDLESTON: Jim Spach. Thank you.

17 MR. SPACH: Hello. My name is Jim Spach. And
18 I'm a resident on South Alafaya Trail. And I'm also
19 involved in the East Orlando Chamber of Commerce.

20 And I came here tonight to learn more about the
21 stadium. I think this is about the sixth stadium
22 presentation I've been to. And I find it interesting
23 because I think that a lot of people in this -- in
24 this room have a lot of different opinions. But in
25 the end we all have to live and work in the same

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1 place. And I think that that's important for all of
2 us to recognize.

3 Right before I came here I was at Panera Bread
4 down the street and I was reading this study called

5 the ten to nine study. And I remember (inaudible)
6 ingenuity about the condition of the corridor.

7 There is a lot of good research going on in the
8 area about how we need to live and grow in regions as
9 neighbors and as businesses and as community
10 participants. I would note, by the way, that this
11 study took place because of UCF by the Metropolitan
12 Center of Regional Studies. It was chaired by
13 Reverend Chapin (phonetic).

14 But when you look at this study what's
15 interesting about it is it talks a lot about how we
16 move around, transportation. Everyone in this room
17 knows that transportation is a huge issue for us here
18 in east Orlando.

19 And one of the things that it talks about is that
20 Orlando is (inaudible) center community. We have
21 different nodes everywhere. But nobody -- everybody
22 needs to drive in their car to get there. So it seems
23 to me to make a heck of a lot of sense to put a
24 stadium on the campus where the majority of use will
25 be from and use it.

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1 That way people aren't driving and using our
2 expressways. People aren't driving and using roads.
3 Putting it near where the most -- and that's the
4 students and the fans and the spectators here in the
5 area.

6 And the second thing that I would note that I
7 found interesting with the study is it talked a lot
8 about protecting the environment. Which everybody in

9 this room, I think, pretty much agrees is a tremendous
10 burden to us. And one of the ways you can do that is
11 that by building in densities. (Inaudible) what you
12 dumped the last 60 years here in Orange County and in
13 our neighboring counties.

14 We need to figure out ways to put people in areas
15 where they can move around in multiple situations,
16 such as in the suburbia. One of the ways to do that
17 is to put the stadium in the area where it is embedded
18 with other uses -- like uses -- that people can move
19 about.

20 And it seems to me just from my study of the
21 campus plan as presented in the last -- I don't
22 know -- 10 meetings that I've been to, it makes a heck
23 of a lot of sense to put that in the northern part of
24 the stadium -- of the campus.

25 Now, with that being said, I would like to say

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1 that I think that UCF has done a good job in opening
2 up this process to the community. I thank them for
3 that. I think that this public discussion we've had
4 has been fantastic.

5 I think everybody here has some valid points.
6 And I think we just need all to be civil to each
7 other, to work together because we all live here, we
8 all work here, and we're going to have to find a way
9 to make it happen.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

12 Amanda Simon.

13 MS. SIMON: Hi. I'm Amanda Simon. I'm a senior
14 here at UCF. And I'm actively -- actively involved in
15 campus life as well as the UCF Greek life. I'm not
16 speaking on behalf of Greek life, however.

17 I have been to football games over the past years
18 at the Citrus Bowl. I don't feel safe attending the
19 games Downtown with my sorority sisters. I would feel
20 safe if I could attend football games on campus.

21 I think the proposed location will make it easier
22 for fraternities and sororities to support our
23 football because we can walk through Greek Park to the
24 stadium.

25 I do plan to stay in the Orlando area after

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1 graduating, as well will attend football games on UCF
2 campus.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

5 Samantha Waters. Samantha Waters. Samantha
6 Waters.

7 MS. WATERS: Hi. My name is Samantha Waters.
8 I'm a biology student at UCF. And I'm also involved
9 in UCF activities. I'm a member of the UCF
10 Environmental Society.

11 And I would like to take this moment to say that
12 I am not (inaudible) football team, although I do not
13 currently attend football games. But I am against the
14 location of the stadium on the north quadrant of the
15 campus. And I think it should be on the south.

16 UCF has an obligation to discern (inaudible) to

17 the students. However, there is need for
18 environmental impact studies that would reflect the
19 effects of the proposed stadium on local waterways and
20 species.

21 Also, the comment that many students will walk
22 seems to be a bit optimistic. I don't want to say
23 anything bad about my fellow students, but on school
24 days I've never seen a mass group of students walking
25 to campus. In fact, most students I know drive around

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1 campus from class to class instead of walking through
2 campus.

3 In regards to (inaudible) methods, yes, the land
4 is cleared, but it was cleared recently. What did UCF
5 do about the residents gopher tortoises of that area?
6 If they were relocated with proper blood tests done to
7 make sure that tortoises (inaudible) any possible
8 contamination (inaudible).

9 The Gerber Tortoise in nature's architect is the
10 key to most species. This means that survival
11 directly affects the survival of other species. The
12 Gerber Tortoise's wellbeing affects endangered species
13 such as the gopher cricket.

14 On another note, I might be a bit confused on the
15 subject, but how does the football stadium elevate the
16 academic rating of UCF? I mean, football seems to be
17 associated with beer and barbecue. So how does beer
18 and barbecue fortify UCF's academic program?

19 UCF and Penn -- UF and Penn State are top 10
20 academic universities, I saw them mentioned earlier,

21 because they have football teams. But this isn't
22 true. UCF doesn't even rank in the top 50 compared to
23 them.

24 It seems UCF cares more about the potential and
25 not the guaranteed money maker than its academic

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1 program in this community. And I think that's wrong.

2 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

3 Stanley Steven. Stanley Stevens.

4 MR. STEVENS: Hi. My name is Stanley Stevens.

5 I'm a neighbor of yours. I live across the river.

6 And my problem is you scare the hell out of me really
7 with your expansions.

8 But creating a stadium as proposed where you're
9 locating it on the north side there will eventually
10 call for a crossing of the Econol hatchee River
11 because there's going to be pressure on us to come in
12 from that side, I'm sure.

13 Destroying the wildlife corridor did not exist
14 from the St. Johns River to the state -- East State
15 Road 50. There's a state -- there's cars all the way
16 down there. We have state parks. We have everything
17 else all the way down -- all the way down the river.
18 But put -- all right.

19 Seminole County a few years back purchased 220
20 acres as a natural lands wilderness area on Lockwood
21 Road. Orange County has already compromised that area
22 by allowing an extension on McCulloch Road into the
23 wildlife reserve. That road destroyed a large part of
24 the wilderness by blocking the natural flow of

25 water -- water.

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1 On the east side of the river all lands are zoned
2 for five-acre estates in Seminole County. To open
3 this area to extend McCulloch Road certainly creates
4 pressure to develop as has been done westward of
5 Lockwood Road. Eventually we will have little of our
6 rural lands left. We do not want huge apartment
7 complexes used as dormitories for UCF.

8 It's been pointed out that only a few games would
9 be played that are creating large traffic problems.
10 It seems like an awful lot of money for so little
11 usage. I believe I heard \$47,000,000, or more than
12 that. And they could be used someplace else to a
13 better advantage, I'm certain. But that's all I have
14 to say.

15 If they open up McCulloch Road, and you people
16 say you're not going to do it, but the pressure is
17 going to be there if you put the stadium on the
18 northern part of the county -- on the northern part of
19 the campus.

20 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

21 Wes Lineberry. Wes Lineberry.

22 MR. LINEBERRY: My name is Wes Lineberry. And I
23 live in University Estates as well.

24 And one thing I've noticed on your traffic
25 studies is that I think you're grossly underestimating

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1 the traffic traveling east on McCulloch because Tanner
2 Road has been vastly improved, it's hard surface now,
3 and traffic is going to pick up exponentially on that
4 road as well as the development that is occurring on
5 Tanner now. And it will create a problem of traffic
6 on McCulloch by University Estates.

7 But my single biggest complaint with the stadium
8 is the noise. We have these political rallies -- and
9 I don't care whether it's Michael Moore or Sean Yantee
10 (phonetic) or any others -- as well as the video
11 relays they had sometime ago, as well as the Relay for
12 Life, that it seemed like I had a speaker in my back
13 patio focused on my bedroom window that I could hear
14 everything that everybody was yelling at all three of
15 these events. And I feel like it's going to get much
16 worse when the stadium goes up.

17 You said you'll mitigate it by building the
18 speakers where they're focused down. But if these
19 speakers are 200 feet up I'm going to be looking up at
20 them. I'm that close to the stadium that they're
21 going to be focused down on our neighborhood.

22 Also, something that would mitigate the noise are
23 trees that when we moved there we were under the
24 impression that all the trees east of Orion were going
25 to stay there, that it was the natural area, that they

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1 wouldn't have to be disturbed.

2 But 50 percent of those trees have been destroyed
3 in the past year between the proposed stadium and

4 University Estates when the new lake was built. And
5 they were doing a good job in mitigating the noise.

6 And the lighting also, it seems to me that if
7 it's 200 feet up, it's going to be looking down as
8 well on the neighborhoods close by.

9 And, finally, the University of Miami happens to
10 have one of the best football programs. I went to
11 Virginia Tech, by the way. Miami has one of the best
12 programs in the United States. And they never had a
13 stadium on campus.

14 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

15 Hank -- Hank Katzen.

16 MR. KATZEN: Thank you. My name is Hank Katzen.
17 My family lives in Orange County. I'm a taxpayer.
18 And I spoke before the Board of Trustees once before
19 earlier this year endorsing the stadium.

20 I understand the project needs our continued
21 attention and support. The stadium is important not
22 only to the university, but also to the community at
23 large.

24 It's been my experience that the university does
25 care about the community at large. UCF has taken the

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1 safety and transportation very seriously. The campus
2 shuttle program currently allows students to leave
3 cars off campus and travel safely to classes and other
4 on-campus activities. And that minimizes local
5 traffic.

6 The shuttle is efficient and convenient. And
7 it's good for the community. Based on the experience

8 we've had with the shuttle -- the shuttle -- excuse
9 me -- I'm confident that the university will manage
10 game day transportation as smoothly and as efficiently
11 as possible in the manner as needed.

12 The benefits associated with an on-campus stadium
13 reaches wide elements, much wider than just a player
14 (inaudible). In attending college football games
15 around the country I've seen the positive energy and
16 unity which is created by the game day activities on
17 campus. And I've seen how they have benefited a wide
18 range of organizations and businesses and residents of
19 the community that surrounds the university.

20 I appreciate the opportunity to speak. And
21 leadership has my thanks and encouragement.

22 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

23 Judith Behrman.

24 MS. BEHRMAN: Good evening. My name is Judith
25 Behrman. And I live in Twin Rivers. I would not be

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1 impacted as much as some of the folks here. However,
2 this is the first hearing that I've attended. And I
3 just wanted to give you a little background.

4 I've done a lot of volunteer work with UCF. I've
5 been (inaudible) of these students. Are literally --
6 our family literally attended every single game from
7 1993 until 2000 or 2001, basketball and football.
8 We're very much in favor of the stadium. But I have
9 to agree that the location does not seem appropriate.

10 And when I say that I attended every game until
11 2001, I happened to be riding my bicycle on the UCF

12 campus. And I was mistreated terribly by the UCF
13 police. Consequently, I became like Dr. Hitt and I
14 stopped attending the football games. I understand he
15 didn't attend a game from 1996 to 2004, which I think
16 is deplorable.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's incorrect.

18 MS. BEHRMAN: Okay. Well, maybe the press --
19 maybe the Orlando Sentinel was wrong.

20 However, I feel as though the university has
21 become somewhat imperious and does not listen to the
22 community, and does not -- is not really friendly to
23 the community.

24 This was not the case back in 1993 when we first
25 moved down here. I just loved the university. But it

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1 has changed a great deal. And that disturbs me.

2 And the fact that the case that the homeowners
3 from the Caroline area and I believe it's River Bend
4 have brought to this meeting tonight has been very
5 convincing to me. And I don't understand why the
6 university is not considering much more seriously this
7 other site.

8 Thank you very much.

9 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you.

10 Carlton Vaught.

11 MR. VAUGHT: Hi. I'm Carlton Vaught. I'm a
12 resident of Oviedo. A couple of issues that I want to
13 bring forward.

14 Number one, I used to be a resident of a
15 subdivision called River Walk. We sold our house just

16 after the apartment complex was built with all the
17 residents in the area screaming about what's going to
18 happen to the property values. That house just
19 recently sold for an additional 200,000 more than we
20 sold it for. So if you're talking about values going
21 down, what happened? That one went up.

22 The other issue that I want to go on is I am not
23 a graduate from UCF. I was at the University of
24 Florida. But in the past 10 years I've been become
25 very interested in UCF, and a very good supporter of

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1 UCF. I believe that this stadium needs to be built.

2 One of the things that brings me to this point is
3 that when I chose a college one of the things I looked
4 for is what was going to be involved community wise
5 and student wise.

6 One of the things that will bring top students to
7 this university will be a football field. We're
8 missing out on getting some top students here because
9 we don't offer some of the things that they're looking
10 for. And one of them is a football field on campus
11 that they can get involved in.

12 One of the things I remember very much in the
13 community at the University of Florida is the
14 community, the students, everybody got involved when a
15 game was coming. All the retailers, they had banners
16 out. They would sell T-shirts. They would get into
17 it.

18 We're in a community of Oviedo. It's a small
19 community. We need to get behind this. We need to

20 support this. And I for one will support it 100
21 percent.

22 MR. HUDDLESTON: Thank you, sir.

23 Bill Ford. Bill Ford. I believe Mr. Ford left
24 the room.

25 That concludes the public comments tonight.

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1 As indicated earlier, there will be those
2 individuals who spoke earlier that will be available
3 in the foyer if someone has a specific question, if
4 they can answer that question at that time, I'm sure
5 they will.

6 Continue to look on the -- is something going on
7 that I don't know about?

8 Continue to look on the web sites of the
9 information that we publish tonight. And we thank
10 everyone for coming. Your comments have been noted.
11 And thank you and have a good night.

12 (THEREUPON, the proceeding is concluded.)

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