

PUBLIC HEARING  
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT  
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CAPE FLORIDA BALLROOM

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3 MR. NUNIS: By the way, I apologize. I made a  
4 mistake. The public hearing now starts. Everybody's  
5 here, so please limit your time for three minutes, and  
6 Beth, it's your show now.

7 DR. BARNES: Okay. If you wish to speak and you  
8 have not signed the speakers' list, you'll need to go  
9 back out to the table and put your name on the list,  
10 because I'll be calling the names from this list.

11 As Chairman Nunis said, you have -- we're limiting  
12 your speaking to three minutes, and there is a stop  
13 light on the table there. A yellow warning light will  
14 come on when you have a minute remaining, which gives  
15 you an opportunity to conclude your remarks, and then  
16 when the red light comes on, we'll ask you to sit down,  
17 if you will, please.

18 Mike Proctor.

19 MR. PROCTOR: May I have some assistance to turn  
20 this on, please?

21 I am Mike Proctor, resident of Carillon. I  
22 represent 606 voting age residents and petitioners of  
23 Carillon that oppose the northeast campus location for  
24 the stadium. We're an absolute majority of the  
25 residents, 90.7 percent of the homeowners dispute --

1 oppose the northeast location. This includes UCF  
2 season ticket holders, disabled vets, student athletes,  
3 and alumni. Conflicts with the Seminole County  
4 Comprehensive Plan and insufficiencies in the amendment  
5 are cited and discussed in our written submission.  
6 This includes traffic analysis, that unbelievably has  
7 no traffic on Lockwood and East McCulloch; noise  
8 concrews that overlap our homes while excluding loud  
9 speakers, tailgate party noise, and averages the peaks  
10 with lows to artificially lower the overall sound  
11 level; and additionally, in reference to off campus  
12 parking that compares this stadium on the north campus  
13 site next to residential homes to a stadium that's  
14 surrounded by either campus property or water.

15 Carillon has supported the university. He have  
16 not opposed the building on North Orion Road, the  
17 Convocation Center, the four-story -- the four  
18 seven-story 500 student dorms and numerous parking  
19 garages all in the north.

20 In March the Carillon Homeowner President, Jay  
21 Dunns spoke before this board, and proposed a  
22 compromise of the alternative southwest location.  
23 Inexcuse -- inexcusably, this stadium amendment only  
24 addresses one flawed southwest location, one that was  
25 just presented and we did not suggest and addresses

1 none of our suggested locations. You've seen one  
2 suggested location up above.

3 A southwest site between Central Florida Boulevard  
4 and Alafaya Trail does not harm intramural athletics,  
5 nor do we want it to harm them, and does not require a  
6 new on-campus road to access it. It's surrounded by  
7 facilities and parking next to commercial and high  
8 density student occupied housing. There's room for  
9 future expansion and is in close proximity to the  
10 Orange County listed Research Parkway and Woodbury --  
11 Woodbury Road roadway extensions that are needed in the  
12 future, and then -- and is located near a major  
13 intersection instead of the intersection of two minor  
14 collectives next to the northeast site which is a  
15 conflict with the Seminole County Comprehensive Plan.

16 This southwest location also uses approximately  
17 2,000 parking spaces located for the stadium to the  
18 southwest moving traffic from the McCulloch Road and  
19 Lockwood Boulevard to Alafaya Trail.

20 This southwest location is also consistent with  
21 the defense setting out alcohol outlays, such as the  
22 tailgate party area and moves it a mile away from  
23 single family residential neighborhoods. This adds an  
24 avoidance of disturbances to residents, such as  
25 vomiting, urinating on the streets, altercations with

1 neighbors, and potential deadly violence as we've  
2 recently witnessed in September at the Citrus Bowl and  
3 occurred in Jacksonville in October, and having these  
4 things overflow into our neighborhood.

5         In the words of Martin Luther King, we hope  
6 spiritual and moral forces of goodwill prevail, and you  
7 direct a closer look at all these southwest locations  
8 jointly with representatives from our communities  
9 rather than leaving it to an unchallenged response by  
10 the administration.

11         I formally request this Carillon neighborhood  
12 comments both oral and written be reported in the  
13 minutes. Thank you.

14         DR. BARNES: Jared Stout.

15         MR. PROCTOR: Beth, who do I give these to?

16         MR. STOUT: Good afternoon to the Board. Thank  
17 you for allowing me the opportunity to speak today. My  
18 name is Jared Stout, and I am the chief student  
19 advocate for the Student Government Association here at  
20 UCF. I am advocating today on behalf of the vested  
21 interests of the student body in the placement of the  
22 proposed on-campus stadium.

23         The stadium is without a doubt an anticipated  
24 stage of progression as we continue to grow as an  
25 institution in the league of extraordinary

1 universities. The goal of the university is to offer  
2 every student the opportunity to continue their  
3 education and enhance their lives. I submit to you the  
4 placing of the football stadium in the southern  
5 location of our campus damages at the very least the  
6 goals of enhancing student life.

7       To begin with, it is no secret that the university  
8 struggles to keep up with the demands on it for parking  
9 from the student body, and with the administration  
10 working to alleviate this pressure with the recent  
11 closing of the education lot to build a new parking  
12 garage, the demand has now become greater.

13       Placing the stadium at the south location would  
14 further eliminate any reasonable chance any student may  
15 have of finding parking on campus at peak hours. It  
16 effectively forces students that would normally park in  
17 these spots to instead park in the parking garages, and  
18 every other student who drives on campus to be late for  
19 class, because they were driving around for 40 minutes  
20 looking for a space, or to park outside campus and walk  
21 to school. This is certainly an undue hardship to the  
22 student body.

23       Next, it is in the university's best interest to  
24 keep programming that attracts valuable students. The  
25 intramural program is a highly popular program and

1 services thousands of students each year and enhances  
2 their campus lives, encouraging freshman retainment and  
3 continuing to add to the prestige of our university by  
4 offering the different types of programs and activities  
5 that students may not find at other schools. The  
6 program means a great deal to them, and losing the  
7 fields at the south end of the campus would essentially  
8 destroy that program's ability to operate effectively.

9       Finally, the student body has placed their trust  
10 into its student leaders to protect their interests and  
11 to invest their activity and service fees  
12 appropriately. When the student body demanded an  
13 investment into the intramural fields, its leaders  
14 responded pouring their time and energy into making  
15 this request a reality for at least the past three  
16 administrations.

17       Placing the stadium at the south end of the campus  
18 effectively wipes out all that work and the investment  
19 the student body has made into that area of campus. I  
20 urge you on behalf of the student body of UCF to place  
21 the stadium at the north end of campus.

22       Thank you for your time and consideration.

23       DR. BARNES: Laura Klee.

24       MS. KLEE: My name is Laura Klee. I'm the  
25 spokesperson for the Coalition of UCF Area Homeowners

1 Association. We represent eight communities  
2 surrounding the northern end of UCF's main campus.

3         Volunteers have collected 1283 signatures,  
4 individuals who will support UCF's plan to build an  
5 on-campus stadium if it is built on the south side of  
6 campus near Central Florida Boulevard. We decided to  
7 form a coalition because it was the only way we could  
8 defend ourselves against the current plan to locate a  
9 45,000 seat football stadium in our backyards. As a  
10 team we could share our resources, time and talents.  
11 We are clearly outmatched when you compare our assets  
12 to the resources and political power of the university.

13         Yet, UCF leaders have used those resources to  
14 refute most of our efforts. We respectfully ask that  
15 you read the information the coalition provided to you  
16 in your agenda packet. We have done our homework and  
17 made every attempt to bring you the facts as we  
18 understand them.

19         Our goal from the beginning was to support the  
20 on-campus stadium in the south for numerous reasons.  
21 We were careful to be positive, respectful, supportive,  
22 and accurate in all of our communications.  
23 Unfortunately, the lingering perspective of the local  
24 community is that UCF will make their plans without  
25 consideration of the issues we have raised, thereby

1 reducing our trust and increasing the divide between  
2 us.

3 We hope that raising the awareness will allow UCF  
4 to develop plans to handle the problems that will  
5 arise, to find solutions before it becomes larger  
6 problems and before it affects our community directly.  
7 We ask for critical thinking and responsible answers.  
8 Oftentimes we were ignored, including our questions  
9 from the first public hearing.

10 After the announcement in early January, we  
11 watched the actions of the current leadership with  
12 careful attention to the details. Many people assumed  
13 the UCF plans prepared for this project directly -- and  
14 addressed basic concerns. Yet, the amendment was  
15 determined inadequate by the State Planning Agency, the  
16 Regional Planning Counsel, and Orange County. These  
17 professionals through their comments validated issues  
18 our residents had raised.

19 Our residents cannot be held responsible for the  
20 delays or lack of intramural fields. It is solely the  
21 university's responsibility to provide for the needs of  
22 their students while still complying with Florida  
23 Statutes compatibility.

24 UCF strives for excellence, an honorable goal, but  
25 excellence is not achieved by shortcuts and faulty

1 data. Neither can excellence be achieved at the  
2 expense of surrounding communities. UCF should work  
3 with the neighboring communities not in spite of them.  
4 Universities teach students to be analytical, do  
5 research, and prepare for the future, yet adequate  
6 studies were never done on alternative sites.

7 Today I have witnessed the total disregard of the  
8 workingman's concerns for the sake of money and egos.  
9 The Golden Knights' image will be tarnished from this  
10 day forward if you ignore what we have presented.

11 Thank you, and I would like to put this on record.

12 DR. BARNES: Julie Reeves.

13 MS. REEVES: Good afternoon. I'm a graduate  
14 student in the College of Education and a graduate  
15 assistant for the sports club with the Recreation and  
16 Wellness Center. I can't say enough support for an  
17 on-campus stadium to be located on the north side of  
18 campus. As a past member of the Student Government and  
19 active in service within the Budget Committee, I have a  
20 great opportunity to represent the UCF student body in  
21 their desire to have more intramural playing fields.

22 The students have stated that they wanted a higher  
23 quality of playing area and have funded the addition of  
24 artificial turf fields with lights, which will allow  
25 students to play games later in the evening when they

1 have fewer conflicts with classes. The six million  
2 dollar expansion will give students a park like  
3 atmosphere to enjoy recreational activities where they  
4 are able to gain leadership skills, meet new friends,  
5 and become involved in student life. I feel that  
6 keeping these fields in one location on the south end  
7 of campus is crucial to the success of the intramural  
8 sports and sports club programs.

9 If the fields were spread throughout the campus,  
10 sports clubs would not be able to host tournaments. It  
11 would be more difficult for employees to manage and  
12 supervise the areas. Utility lines would have to be  
13 run to more locations, thus increasing the cost that  
14 must come from activity and service fees paid by  
15 students to keep these programs operational.

16 Keeping the fields together allows the students to  
17 develop a sense of community that would not be possible  
18 with the fields spread throughout campus. There are  
19 currently over 12,000 students that participate in  
20 intramural sports, sport clubs, and other non-challenge  
21 sports, but unfortunately with the limited field space  
22 and the water restrictions faced by UCF, there are  
23 students put on waiting lists each semester because  
24 there's not enough space for them to play.

25 With the planned expansion there could be 12,000

1 students participating in outdoor sports. UCF  
2 currently has over 45,000 students and only five unlit  
3 flag football fields. Through conducting studies of  
4 other universities we have found that East Carolina  
5 University has 22,000 students and 16 lighted flag  
6 football fields; Clemson University has 16,000 students  
7 and 12 lighted flag football fields; the University of  
8 Texas has almost 45,000 students and has 30 lighted  
9 flag football fields; and Texas A&M has just over  
10 50,000 students and 37 lighted flag football fields.  
11 This information makes it clear that UCF has a deficit  
12 of playing fields.

13       The stadium on the south side of campus would make  
14 this deficit even greater and prohibit current and  
15 future students from participating. With the addition  
16 of new fields on the south side of campus, we will  
17 still have fewer fields than all those universities,  
18 but more UCF students will have the opportunity to  
19 participate in recreation activities and enhance their  
20 student experience.

21       With intramural sports, sport clubs, and  
22 non-challenge sports the Recreation and Wellness Center  
23 is providing programs to students that keep them out of  
24 the community during evenings and weekends. If the  
25 stadium is built on the south side of campus, students

1 will not have a chance of this opportunity. If fields  
2 are built around the stadium as discussed earlier,  
3 there is no doubt in my mind that students will not  
4 have opportunity to play. Please support the stadium  
5 on the north end of campus. Thank you.

6 DR. BARNES: Barry Savchuk.

7 MR. SAVCHUK: Good afternoon. My name is Barry  
8 Savchuk. I represent the University Estates. I'm a  
9 board member of that association, and recently we had a  
10 petition drive, as you know, for the coalition, and the  
11 vast majority of our homeowners supported the  
12 coalition's efforts to bring to light the facts of  
13 different things that we've been taking a look at, and  
14 I'm going to talk about that in a minute.

15 I also want to restate that back in February we  
16 adopted a resolution opposing the north site for many  
17 of these same reasons, and I have presented that to you  
18 at the March meeting.

19 One of the things I also want to point out is  
20 Mr. Merck had put up a slide showing a 900-foot buffer  
21 of trees between our community and the area of the  
22 football field. I've got to tell you there's a line of  
23 sight to at least four or five of our homes. Where is  
24 that 900-foot buffer. It isn't consistent through the  
25 whole direction. We will have noise and we will have

1 light intrusion. There is no way you can get around  
2 that, and that's evidenced by the fact that last year  
3 the American Cancer Association had an all night event  
4 over here on the soccer field. I couldn't get to sleep  
5 in my own home with the windows and doors shut because  
6 the noise was drifting over and keeping me awake. I  
7 actually had to go to a different bedroom on the other  
8 side of my house and was considering getting out into  
9 the car and spending the night sleeping. There will  
10 not be a way to keep that noise intrusion away.

11 Now, granted, I know that Dr. Hitt has stated on  
12 many different occasions that it will only be weekend  
13 games and it will be at least at a reasonable hour, but  
14 just a couple of weeks ago, Hurricane Wilma came  
15 through, and you shifted the game to a weekday night,  
16 so that would have an impact on traffic. And right  
17 now, if you're on McCulloch Road between 5:00 and 6:30  
18 at night, you wait two or three traffic lights because  
19 it's just too much traffic already, and that's without  
20 a football game.

21 So the thing that I've been concerned about by  
22 attending the public meetings and trying to get  
23 information from the university is: What are we going  
24 to do about the impacts to the surrounding areas in  
25 terms of traffic, in terms of the noise, in terms of

1 the lights, and all type of thing? Plus the fact that  
2 now we have news reports on television that show that  
3 the beer drinking by minors is still prevalent even at  
4 the Citrus Bowl.

5 Now, one point I do want to make is that our  
6 association supports an on-campus stadium. I  
7 understand your concerns about the Citrus Bowl, and we  
8 all understand that, and many of our people have said  
9 that to me, but we oppose the north site because we  
10 don't believe it is in keeping with the surrounding  
11 area. And I just want to make the basic point of this,  
12 in all the different things the university has done  
13 over the years that I've lived in that community and  
14 other people have lived in that community, we haven't  
15 opposed the things you're doing, parking ramps,  
16 classrooms, dormitories, the field house, all those  
17 things, we support that. We support the university.

18 But a stadium has a far more reaching impact on  
19 the surrounding community than just the campus borders,  
20 and we'd like to see better and more definitive plans  
21 about what you're going to do and how the university  
22 intends to impact those differences.

23 And I thank you for your time.

24 DR. BARNES: Dr. Geraldine Ferris.

25 DR. FERRIS: Good afternoon. Thank you for

1 allowing me to speak to you. For the record, my name  
2 is Geraldine Ferris.

3 I have lived in Central Florida since 1971, and  
4 I've watched this university grow to the phenomenal  
5 university that it is today, and I'm very proud to be a  
6 part of it. Central Florida is very fortunate to have  
7 UCF here. One of the things that they have done is  
8 keep their academic standings as well as having a  
9 phenomenal campus life for the students, and that's  
10 also an important part of that to have that campus life  
11 as part of their education.

12 I've had the opportunity to attend two other  
13 universities here in Florida as well as two Big Ten  
14 schools, Northwestern and Ohio State, and what we don't  
15 have in common is that they have a campus stadium, and  
16 I think that makes a big difference in their campus  
17 life, for safety as well, and that's why I support it  
18 on the north side.

19 The safety of the students is very important, and  
20 one of the reasons is the north side will make it  
21 closer to the student housing. The north side will  
22 also make it closer to the athletic facilities and the  
23 practice fields, closer to the food shops, as was said  
24 when we saw Mr. Merck's presentation, so that the  
25 students as they go to and from the stadium will have

1 the facilities to enjoy. It will be closer to the  
2 Convocation Center.

3 I think it's very important that we not move the  
4 intramural fields. Not everyone is playing football,  
5 and we only go to six football games a year, but every  
6 day, every week you or your friends may be  
7 participating in an intramural program, and it's  
8 important to have them all together as somewhere that  
9 everyone can enjoy.

10 And I think we should not forget the parking and  
11 the roads that are already existing. Let's not  
12 duplicate what we don't need to. Sometimes I think we  
13 forget it's about the students.

14 Thank you very much.

15 DR. BARNES: Carole Goldsmith.

16 MS. GOLDSMITH: Thank you for allowing me to  
17 address the board today. I'm Carole Goldsmith,  
18 chairperson of the Coalition of UCF Area Homeowners  
19 Associations.

20 The coalition was started by individuals and  
21 communities in support of an on-campus stadium, but not  
22 the north location. The -- my first statement to this  
23 board was to that effect prior to the coalition being  
24 formed. I wanted to address the board on a specific  
25 topic for your consideration.

1           It is in reference to the anticipated expansion of  
2 the stadium to 65,000 fans or attendees depending on  
3 the type of event held. As you know there were over  
4 32,000 fans at the UCF game on Saturday, and that is  
5 great fan support. We were given figures in January  
6 from the feasibility study that it was not anticipated  
7 to have attendance of this number at the UCF games  
8 until after 2012. It would appear based on Saturday's  
9 attendance we can anticipate that that 45,000 mark  
10 could easily be reached prior to 2012. That means the  
11 expansion of the stadium would be taking place long  
12 before anticipated.

13           What I would like the board to consider is the  
14 fact, and it is fact, that for any stadium to be  
15 expanded it will not only go up but out. The proposed  
16 stadium currently being planned will be built to  
17 accommodate 45,000 attendees. To accommodate an  
18 additional 20,000 attendees, you have to not only put  
19 in the seats and benches, you have to have access to  
20 parking, tailgating, restrooms, vendors, and all those  
21 amenities to accommodate the fans.

22           The going up part is easy. Where are you going to  
23 find the land to accommodate the other necessary  
24 amenities needed at the north location? You have that  
25 -- you have that ability in the south. Yes, it may

1 require additional planning and restructuring, but that  
2 can be done at this present stage of development. You  
3 can't say it won't just not be easy in the north. It  
4 may not be possible.

5       Where can all of the spill over go? Or will it be  
6 impossible to accommodate the additional 20,000 people  
7 on the north when the time comes? Please consider this  
8 additional 20,000 fan expansion very seriously. It may  
9 come sooner than anyone expected. Thank you.

10       DR. BARNES: Linda Dorian.

11       MS. DORIAN: Thank you for the opportunity to  
12 speak to you today. I am a resident of Riversbend  
13 community, and I want to address also a concrete topic  
14 and that's compatibility.

15       The most fundamental tenant of development law is  
16 that you can use your property as it's own and as  
17 appropriate, but it must be compatible with the already  
18 established community that's surrounding you. That is  
19 no less true for UCF than it is for the rest of us, and  
20 the north site is glaringly and alarmingly incompatible  
21 with the established residential communities of  
22 University Estates and Carillon.

23       I don't know who -- who Mr. Merck had do the  
24 studies saying that property values rise in communities  
25 next to stadiums, but it just proves that you can get

1 anybody to say something if you pay them enough.  
2 Common sense tells you otherwise. Property values will  
3 decline, that's why stadiums are not normally built in  
4 the middle of two very well established, affluent,  
5 residential, single family communities. It makes no  
6 sense to do so.

7         The university here has a clear choice. It has a  
8 good alternative in the southern location. The issue  
9 of the intramural fields can be accommodated. Other  
10 universities do not have intramural fields immediately  
11 next to each other. Florida State, University of  
12 Florida, and Florida International University have them  
13 diversely spread about the campus and they cope very  
14 well. It's an important activity. It can be  
15 accommodated.

16         I think what I would like to ask you today is the  
17 balance of equities here -- the competing arguments,  
18 there often are in life or there wouldn't be conflicts  
19 -- and the need for conflict resolution -- but the  
20 equities here are between the inconvenience of  
21 spreading the intramural fields out versus the  
22 devastating impact on residents and neighbors. The  
23 choice should be clear here. Dr. Hitt was quoted --  
24 well, was -- had written an article recently in the  
25 Orlando Sentinel on the Hot End (phonetic) page saying

1 that he was proud to be a part of the community, for  
2 UCF to be. You can't be a proud and constructive  
3 member of the community and at the same time run  
4 roughshod over the rights of your neighbors.

5 I ask you to place the stadium in a place to prove  
6 it at the southern location. It's compatible. It's  
7 surrounded by industrial communities and commercial and  
8 well established roadways with the East West Highway  
9 and Colonial. McCulloch Road is only a two-lane road  
10 to the north.

11 Thank you very much.

12 DR. BARNES: Justin Bornaky

13 MR. BORNAKY: Hi, my name is Justin Bornaky. I'm  
14 currently a senior at UCF and a resident in University  
15 Estates. I'm a lead manager at the Recreation and  
16 Wellness Center and have devoted all four years of my  
17 collegiate life to the positive escalation of the  
18 recreation program and student loyalty to the  
19 university.

20 A growing concern of mine and ours is that if the  
21 stadium is built on the south end of campus that the  
22 existing intramural fields along with any new fields  
23 that are being built right now will be scattered around  
24 the stadium and will at one point be used for parking  
25 on game day. It's inevitable, and I have seen the

1 repercussions firsthand. On October -- on  
2 October 11th, 2003, I attended the University of Miami  
3 v. Florida State game at Florida State, and it is  
4 correct that Florida State does have recreation fields  
5 all around that campus, but let me just show you the  
6 repercussions of what happened, and I do have some  
7 photos if I could use this.

8 I have four photos here of the intramural fields  
9 at Florida State after this game. It was a rainy game,  
10 but as everybody knows in Orlando, it rains a lot, thus  
11 we have the athletics field house.

12 So if you look at this, these are not -- these  
13 were deemed unplayable for nine months, and even after  
14 that, there were students who got injured from playing  
15 on these fields. The tire ruts and damage to these  
16 fields cost a lot of money, and if the stadium is  
17 placed on the south end of campus, this scenario will  
18 become a reality with all the rain that we get in  
19 Orlando.

20 Even if they aren't torn up because of weather,  
21 the risk of playing sports on the fields that have been  
22 used for tailgating is a mess. I have also witnessed  
23 this practice after going to the South Carolina v. UCF  
24 game. I then went over to Clemson University for their  
25 game, and after -- on Sunday I noticed that the events

1 staff when trying to clean up the fields, they had to  
2 clean up chicken bones, beer bottle caps, broken glass,  
3 and charcoal, and all these debris, you know, can cause  
4 injury. And as you can imagine, that is a near  
5 insurmountable feat.

6 With that being said, I thank you for your time.

7 DR. BARNES: Kelly Travis.

8 MS. TRAVIS: Good afternoon. My name is Kelly  
9 Travis, and I am the president voted for of the 38th  
10 Student Senate. I am before you today to speak in  
11 support of the on-campus stadium on the north location.  
12 As a student senator, I am elected by the students of  
13 the University of Central Florida to be their voice.  
14 All too often their voices are conflicting, but in this  
15 situation they are united. I have yet to speak to a  
16 single student who wants the stadium placed on the  
17 south side location.

18 Students are concerned about the destruction of  
19 intermural fields and their planned expansion, about  
20 the loss of parking by Academic Village, and the much  
21 needed expansion planned there, and of the damage to  
22 the wetlands that make our university landscape unique.

23 In short, from the students' point of view, the  
24 south side location offers no benefit, only destruction  
25 to our future plans, some of which are already set in

1 motion. For relocating the intramural fields to the  
2 north side of the campus, the students will lose the  
3 money already invested in the new intramural field  
4 expansion. The intramural fields will bring more noise  
5 more often and for longer periods of time to the local  
6 residents than the stadium.

7         The stadium will consist of about six home games a  
8 year. Intramural fields have some sort of game almost  
9 every night until midnight. The baseball field is  
10 already located on the north side, and already has just  
11 as much noise and just as many lights as the stadium  
12 will, and has had almost no complaints from local  
13 residents.

14         The students value our local community. They have  
15 shown us great support in the past and have played an  
16 important role in the growth of our university.  
17 However, the proposed plan to place the fields at the  
18 north side and the stadium at the south does not solve  
19 the problem such as noise that they presented. It only  
20 harms the students and the growth of our university, so  
21 let me say again that I stand before you as an elected  
22 representative of the student body chosen to be their  
23 voice, a voice unanimously calling out for the stadium  
24 to be placed on the north side.

25         Thank you.

1 DR. BARNES: Michael Manglardi.

2 MR. MANGLARDI: Good afternoon, and thank you for  
3 your time. On behalf of the past presidents of the UCF  
4 Alumni Association, I'm pleased to present this letter  
5 of wholehearted endorsement of the stadium that I will  
6 submit to you. I would also like to make a few  
7 comments.

8 As a proud UCF alumni and a past president myself  
9 of the association, I support this project in its  
10 proposed location. From academics to athletics, UCF  
11 has always strived for excellence in every role that it  
12 sets, and then it tries to be better.

13 Since classes first began in 1968, UCF has played  
14 a significant role in this community. UCF has created  
15 nearly 20,000 local jobs, and has annual expenditures  
16 exceeding five million dollars. The university has  
17 awarded over 120 -- bachelor degrees, and another  
18 25,000 masters and doctorate degrees. Amongst our  
19 graduates are Rhodes scholars, NASA space shuttle  
20 management -- program managers, a Miss America 2004,  
21 the governor's chief of staff, Orange County's mayor,  
22 the President of Walt Disney World, and countless  
23 political and community leaders.

24 More importantly, an overwhelming large number of  
25 our neighbors, some 60,000 alum, like me, have chosen

1 Central Florida to be our home, a place to raise our  
2 families, a place to live, and a place to play. And as  
3 each year passes UCF has become -- to be known as one  
4 of the largest and most respected metropolitan research  
5 universities in the country. The degree that hangs on  
6 my wall grows in prominence every day, and when it  
7 comes to athletics our goals should be no less.

8         We should strive for excellence, and a campus  
9 stadium is only a part of the overall picture. It has  
10 been no secret that the leadership of this university  
11 has longed for an on-campus stadium, however, mainly  
12 because of funding reasons it wasn't a possibility.  
13 That has now changed. The benefits of having an  
14 on-campus stadium are numerous, and are part of the  
15 natural progression and development of our UCF.

16         And most businesses in this community support the  
17 plan. With all due respect, most of the small vocal  
18 group of protestors, I'm not moved by their arguments.  
19 UCF has been occupying some 1500 acres of land since  
20 its inception. It has been in the same location since  
21 the beginning, and it has always been a plan of UCF to  
22 become a major university competitive in all fields,  
23 academics and otherwise. Over the years the university  
24 has done a wonderful job of managing growth while being  
25 mindful to the environment and the effects of the

1 broader Central Florida community.

2 I wholeheartedly on behalf of past presidents of  
3 the Alumni Association support the proposed project and  
4 support it in its current location and hope you will do  
5 the same.

6 Thank you.

7 DR. BARNES: Mark White.

8 MR. WHITE: Good afternoon. First off, thank you  
9 for allowing me to speak at this event today. My name  
10 is Mark White, and I am the SJ speaker of the senate.  
11 I am here today to support the on-campus stadium and  
12 its placement on the north end of campus.

13 The north end of campus near the Convocation  
14 Center is the appropriate spot and home for our Golden  
15 Knights due to the proximity of over 2,000 residential  
16 dorms as well as UCF athletics.

17 Moving the stadium to the south end of campus will  
18 not only be detrimental to the construction of  
19 intramural fields, but also the thousands of students  
20 who will be displaced during the stadium's  
21 construction. Last year when the hurricanes devastated  
22 the Recreation and Wellness Center, many intramural  
23 sports and club sports were relocated to the education  
24 gymnasium. Due to the inadequate space and resources,  
25 many sports were cancelled or limited during the

1 reconstruction phases. I have similar concerns if the  
2 proposed stadium is moved to the south location. This  
3 will force thousands of students to relocate their --  
4 their on-campus activities, and most likely would  
5 hinder some activities from even taking place.

6         The whole purpose of an on-campus stadium is to  
7 give our students something they can be proud of, and  
8 most importantly something to enhance campus life at  
9 our university. Taking away one big part of campus  
10 life and replacing it with another would not be  
11 acceptable by the students I represent.

12         Intramural and club sports are some of the top  
13 activities on campus, and help bring a feeling of true  
14 UCF community, which is what I believe we all strive  
15 for.

16         As a senior, as a student government official, as  
17 an elected official from the College of Engineering and  
18 Computer Science, and as a representative of the  
19 Student Senate, I ask you, what does your UCF community  
20 mean to you? What does it encompass? To me it  
21 encompasses not only meeting the students' needs, but  
22 exceeding the students' needs to let them know that as  
23 a community, as a UCF community, we are here to support  
24 you in every way we can. We're here to give you the  
25 resources needed to succeed, and we're here to work

1 towards common goals.

2 Our goal is greater on-campus life and collegiate  
3 spirit. Please vote yes to the proposed stadium at the  
4 north end of campus, and don't take away our campus  
5 life which so many have worked hard to preserve.

6 Thank you.

7 DR. BARNES: Laura Young.

8 MS. YOUNG: Good afternoon. I'm here to echo all  
9 the sentiments that UCF supporters have for the stadium  
10 on-campus, as well as its location in the north end.

11 What I'm here to do on behalf of the organization  
12 that I have devoted my seven years at UCF to, and  
13 that's the UCF Marching Knights. I'm the head drum  
14 major of the UCF Marching Knights, and we are a very  
15 visible part of the UCF game day. We are obviously  
16 very excited to have an on-campus stadium, because it  
17 will improve our quality of game day and the quality of  
18 game day for all UCF fans.

19 We get bused down to the Citrus Bowl, and it costs  
20 the university money, and it creates a very long day  
21 for us. Having an on-campus stadium would not only  
22 shorten our day, but it would make it much more  
23 efficient, because we have all of our equipment, all of  
24 our uniforms here on campus, and it would allow us to  
25 take time that we would use in transportation to create

1 new traditions here at UCF, such as a parade across  
2 campus where we can get fans and tailgaters into the  
3 stadium and ready for our team to go out and win a  
4 game.

5       We're also in support of the north location on  
6 campus, because our home is something that has been  
7 uncertain for the seven years that I've been here. I  
8 joined UCF in 1999, and we have not had the same  
9 practice facility for more than two years in a row.  
10 This summer we were finally provided with a permanent  
11 location for us to rehearse. It's located down by the  
12 Academic Villages and the proposed intramural fields,  
13 and we're very excited to have this field, because it  
14 means that we don't have to worry about being displaced  
15 by other groups who need to use it. It means that we  
16 can set up our facilities, so that our rehearsals are  
17 conducive, so we can produce a show that not only  
18 represents ourselves as individuals well, but that  
19 represents the University of Central Florida the best  
20 that we possibly can.

21       In addition to having this field, we also have a  
22 trailer that we purchased that houses all of our  
23 equipment and our uniforms and our instruments, and  
24 we've spent a lot of time setting that up over the  
25 summer, so it was huge for us to have a new home.

1           Should the stadium be moved to the south end, we  
2 would be again homeless, so we are very much in support  
3 of our university and of the proposed amendment to keep  
4 this stadium on the north side. We would like nothing  
5 more than to continue to support our university, to  
6 have our community come out and join us on game days,  
7 and go UCF.

8           DR. BARNES: Roger Pynn.

9           MR. PYNN: Good afternoon. I'm Roger Pynn. I'm a  
10 1973 graduate of the university.

11           I recall very clearly the results of the series of  
12 focus groups I helped to conduct a number of years ago  
13 as a coach here, a volunteer community helping develop  
14 a marketing strategy for the university.

15           The research showed that those who visit this  
16 campus are much more positively inclined to support UCF  
17 in any number of ways. And when reviewed in the  
18 context of today's page 1 story from the Orlando  
19 Sentinel, that research only reinforces the wisdom of  
20 the decision to put the stadium on this campus.

21           Attracting our community to campus on a half a  
22 dozen Saturdays a year will no doubt have a positive  
23 impact on recruiting top notch students. It will  
24 generate community interest, philanthropic support, and  
25 a general sense of ownership of our hometown

1 university.

2 I've reviewed the proposal in detail, and I've  
3 reviewed the suggestions of those who say the stadium  
4 should be elsewhere, and having been involved with this  
5 university for more than 30 years, I continue to marvel  
6 at the outstanding master planning process that has  
7 created one of most beautiful and efficient university  
8 campuses in the nation.

9 This plan that you are looking at today continues  
10 that tradition by grouping all of the university's  
11 athletic facilities in one area. This plan continues  
12 that tradition by seeing to it that the recreational  
13 needs of all students are met in a central location.  
14 This plan continues that tradition by making maximum  
15 use of parking facilities, by utilizing the university  
16 and community road network in the most intelligent and  
17 neighbor sensitive manner possible.

18 This board should be applauded for continuing the  
19 tradition of good planning and sensitivity to natural  
20 and neighboring environments.

21 Years ago when we outgrew our home off of  
22 University Boulevard, my wife and I moved to Lake Mary.  
23 Last Saturday when we left UCF's homecoming game  
24 celebrating the victory, we said wouldn't it be great  
25 to live back near the campus again once the stadium is

1 completed. I speak as both passionate alum and admirer  
2 of good planning, and I urge you approve the planned  
3 amendment on the north side of the campus.

4 DR. BARNES: Jennifer Thompson.

5 MS. THOMPSON: My name is Jennifer Thompson, and  
6 for about the past three-and-a-half years I have  
7 volunteered my time as the President of the East  
8 Orlando Chamber of Commerce, and we're an organization  
9 working right down the road from the main UCF campus.  
10 We're made up of approximately 350 or so small, medium,  
11 and large scale businesses and community stake holders.

12 In talking to our members, many of which are UCF  
13 alum, many of which employ hundreds if not thousands of  
14 UCF alum that live both to the south of the campus and  
15 to the north of the campus. Our chamber and our small  
16 business community in this area totally 100 percent  
17 supports UCF and its plan to move forward.

18 Now, on a personal note, I grew up right down the  
19 road from this campus, and when it was time for me to  
20 go to college, UCF wasn't necessarily the place to go,  
21 and in looking back as I moved back to Central Florida  
22 roughly 10 years ago, I'll tell you that I regret that  
23 decision every day.

24 And I too was at that homecoming game this past  
25 weekend, and sure, we fight a little traffic a couple

1 days a year, but it certainly is worth it from our  
2 standpoint, both personally to support the university  
3 and also professionally, as we look at our small  
4 businesses and our business community and the  
5 businesses that are located here specifically to be in  
6 the heart of the UCF campus to be part of this economic  
7 engine, as we look forward, not only for East Orlando,  
8 but the community of Central Florida and some of the  
9 things that are on the horizon on Innovation Way.

10 UCF is the main anchor to the future of Central  
11 Florida, and bringing a campus to the stadium --  
12 bringing the stadium to the campus. We know that it's  
13 going to give us a huge benefit in attracting not only  
14 the right kind of students, the right kind of  
15 businesses, and the right kind research dollars, it's  
16 going to take us from where we are today to a community  
17 of greatness. So it's not only the chamber that  
18 supports UCF and the proposed stadium in the current  
19 location, but I now personally support the proposed  
20 stadium in the current location.

21 We have to remember that when UCF opened its doors  
22 in 1968 to less than 2,000 students on a piece of land  
23 that we're sitting on right now, the school had a plan,  
24 and the school has stuck to that plan and has never  
25 done us wrong yet. So we absolutely support UCF in

1 moving forward and that they are not going to let us  
2 down now, so go UCF and the new building.

3 Thank you, students.

4 DR. BARNES: Jim Spaeth.

5 MR. SPAETH: Good afternoon. My name is Jim  
6 Spaeth. Like Ms. Thompson, I am also affiliated with  
7 the East Orlando Chamber of Commerce, and I am an East  
8 Orlando resident.

9 I want to thank UCF for this great public process  
10 that it has gone through over the last year. I've been  
11 involved with it from the beginning, and I can tell you  
12 it's taken an enormous effort, as someone working with  
13 the chamber to create public processes all the time, I  
14 know how much effort goes into these things, and I  
15 wanted to thank you up front for that.

16 As Jennifer says, and I won't go over it again,  
17 but I remember she certainly supports this project, and  
18 from my viewpoint, as someone in the community and  
19 someone who thinks about a community building a lot, it  
20 makes a heck of a lot of sense to build the stadium in  
21 the current location. I think it's a smart plan you've  
22 got, I'm assuming, by following here, the Convention  
23 Center, the Convocation Center, parking, some wetlands  
24 issues, the placement of the intramural fields, as  
25 we've certainly heard from a lot of students today.

1           Let me also tell you that I can certainly  
2 empathize with your decision here in terms of managing  
3 tensions, and East Orlando right now is a community  
4 that is really being redefined. We started out as a  
5 series of rural residential neighborhoods, and today we  
6 find ourselves as a suburban, and near urban community,  
7 a lot of which is now mixed use. And there are a lot  
8 of tensions that go along with this. We've seen those  
9 tensions firsthand, as we've gone through some of our  
10 vision programs with the East Orlando Chamber of  
11 Commerce, and I will tell you that it's not easy making  
12 some of these decisions. Oftentimes there are just  
13 irreconcilable differences that must be just decided  
14 one way or another.

15           But it's interesting as we go through this  
16 transition from a rural to urban community that we are  
17 getting more and more dense. We are seeing more and  
18 more of these mixed used communities that are highly  
19 praised by our planners nationwide. For instance, in  
20 my neighborhood, I actually have a high school that I  
21 backup to, and six days per year I have a high school  
22 game. None of my neighbors complain about it. We  
23 truly have light pollution, we have noise pollution, we  
24 hear the band. There's no trees in our line of sight,  
25 but it's part of being part of the community. It's

1 being part of the community, and we all feel proud  
2 about that.

3 I would remind you that you have one of the  
4 largest research parks here to your south in the  
5 country, and you are the anchor, UCF, as Ms. Thompson  
6 would agree, of the high density, high intensity  
7 Innovation Way corridor.

8 I understand all the residents' concerns, and I've  
9 heard them throughout the process, but I think that you  
10 can take comfort in the fact that you are at the  
11 forefront of defining this community as a model for the  
12 rest of Central Florida.

13 I personally support this project. The chamber  
14 supports this project. I thank you for your time, and  
15 I wish you the best in your decision.

16 DR. BARNES: Kari Floyd. Kari Floyd. Rob Wolf.

17 MR. WOLF: Dr. Hitt, Chairman Nunis, board  
18 members, my name is Robert Wolf. I am President of the  
19 UCF Golden Knights Club.

20 On two previous occasions on the stadium hearings  
21 I addressed this board on the benefits to the  
22 university and the benefits to the sports program. The  
23 other one addressed on how East Orlando owes its  
24 economic growth and its development to this university  
25 and the foresight of our presidents.

1           Today my message is clear and simple. As  
2 president GKC, I see in the audience some of the fans  
3 that I represent here today, some of whom will have --  
4 will speak or have already spoken. But it's  
5 unfortunate, though, that the other 15,000 fans that I  
6 represent will be unable to attend. But here today I  
7 would like to summarize the message I believe they  
8 would want me to convey.

9           We not only endorse but applaud the courage and  
10 commitment of this board to reach for the stars and  
11 build our dream. And finally don't fragment our dream  
12 and disperse our sports across the campus and lose the  
13 inertia we're just now starting to achieve.

14           Thank you.

15           DR. BARNES: Sarah Magann.

16           DR. MAGANN: I'm Dr. Sarah Magann. I'm a resident  
17 of the Riversbend development and a retired member of  
18 the UCF community.

19           I call your attention to goal one of your  
20 university's master plan, and I quote, to create  
21 development patterns that direct future growth to  
22 appropriate areas on campus in a manner that promotes  
23 the educational mission -- mission of the university,  
24 the protection of environmentally sensitive areas, and  
25 compatibility with the surrounding community.

1           At a public information session, I asked  
2 Mr. Newman from facilities and planning about this  
3 compatibility question. His first answer was that the  
4 north site was the best choice, because when the south  
5 site was considered, it was determined that it would  
6 not be compatible with other plans that the university  
7 had for the south site, such as the intramural fields.  
8 And he said, besides, the ropes course is already  
9 there.

10           When asked again, he said that officials from UCF,  
11 Riversbend, University Estates, and other communities  
12 said they did not think the stadium would be a problem.  
13 When pressed as to the compatibility issue to  
14 surrounding communities, he said that the south side  
15 would probably be better for the surrounding  
16 communities.

17           Mr. Merck was also asked the same question, and  
18 his answer was that the compatibility was determined by  
19 the compatibility of the comprehensive plan of the host  
20 county, which is Orange County. And that UCF is not  
21 obligated to do anything with Seminole County, although  
22 many of the residences are in Seminole County. That  
23 may be technically correct, but the underlying attitude  
24 toward close, permanent neighbors of the university in  
25 Seminole County is very disturbing.

1           The south site is close to commercial businesses,  
2 and short-term student housing, while the north site is  
3 very close to permanent housing developments. To  
4 completely dismiss the legitimate concerns of permanent  
5 neighbors about the impacts of the proposed stadium on  
6 their property values, because they chose to live  
7 there, is both inconsistent with the spirit of the  
8 stated goal and I believe simply rude.

9           There were no plans for a stadium when those homes  
10 were built and purchased. The choice made by the  
11 present neighbors was at best uninformed. Had the then  
12 existing plan, master plan been followed, these  
13 meetings would be unnecessary.

14           One must wonder where the stadium would have been  
15 located had the new technology to build it not been  
16 developed for another two years and the master plan  
17 adopted in 2004 had been followed.

18           DR. BARNES: Joe MacLaren

19           MR. MACLAREN: My name is Joe MacLaren. I'm the  
20 pastor at University Carillon United Methodist Church.  
21 We are the closest non-governmental building to the  
22 proposed new stadium in the north part of the campus.

23           You also projected times when you're going to  
24 start the games. It normally would be Saturday night  
25 at six o'clock, and we have a Saturday night service at

1 six o'clock. We have about 400 people that average in  
2 attendance on that, so we are actually the most  
3 negatively impacted neighbor that -- that you have for  
4 this site, but I can tell you I'm really excited about  
5 your stadium.

6 One of the richest parts of my life was at the  
7 University of Florida and going to home stadium games.  
8 It was a wonderful, wonderful experience. My wife and  
9 I went together. I'm not sure how we're going to cope  
10 with -- your know, with the stadium games and our  
11 service at the same time, but I think, you know,  
12 somehow we'll make it out -- figure out something, but  
13 my hope and prayer is that you all keep on winning and  
14 ESPN makes you do it at 12:30, so...

15 DR. BARNES: Rusty Carpenter.

16 MR. CARPENTER: I first want to thank you all for  
17 the opportunity to speak here today. I think it's --  
18 I've been to as many stadium meetings as you all have,  
19 so I have some practice. But today I'm going to read  
20 at the risk of -- of sounding boring here for my, you  
21 know, two-and-a-half minutes.

22 But in the past year we've seen tremendous  
23 improvements to our growing campus. Not only will the  
24 football stadium further enhance the campus as well as  
25 the quality of life for all involved here -- along with

1 several members of the board, I attended the grand  
2 opening of the Fairwinds Alumni Center, when it was  
3 mentioned, the stadium received a standing ovation.

4       The first point I would like to consider today  
5 involves just that, its alumni. An important part of  
6 any university is retention. In order to have a truly  
7 great university, you have to retain alumni. You have  
8 to bring alumni back to campus, not to the Citrus Bowl.

9       Some alumni who live in the State of Florida and  
10 attend the home football games rarely get to see the  
11 campus. If you want alumni to be involved and stay  
12 connected with the university, bring them back to  
13 campus. By so doing, you're also encouraging alumni to  
14 stay connected with their respective colleges and  
15 departments, increasing the likelihood of these alumni  
16 contributing to UCF.

17       The second point I would like to discuss is that  
18 supporting our student athletes with the best  
19 facilities possible, is providing them with the best  
20 chance of success. UCF student athletes also deserve  
21 this football stadium, especially, obviously our  
22 football team. I'm sure I don't have to remind anyone  
23 in here how well they've performed this year, and keep  
24 in mind the Knights will be playing on national TV  
25 again this week. We could be playing nationally

1 televised games on campus week-to-week, giving UCF the  
2 positive recognition it deserves.

3 I find an ethical problem with those who have  
4 spoken out against the stadium, especially when you're  
5 talking about a facility that would be for student  
6 athletes who are first and foremost students.

7 College football is a base of any university. In  
8 our case here at UCF, the football team has done  
9 nothing but represent our school in a positive manner.  
10 If UCF is going to have a nationally recognized  
11 program, and it seems like we are on the way, we need  
12 to keep our alumni, students, faculty, staff, friends,  
13 and families on campus on Saturdays.

14 We need to showcase our great university. We need  
15 to retain alumni. We need to support the student  
16 athletes who represent this university so well  
17 week-to-week. We need to build a stadium. Build it in  
18 its current proposed location where it was intended.  
19 To the best of my knowledge, it's the Board of Trustees  
20 job to do what is best for UCF. Do what's best for  
21 UCF. Continue with the current plan in its current  
22 location. Build a stadium.

23 I'm also surprised that I'm the first one to do  
24 this today, but I have to call the room's attention to  
25 the USA Today article on Coach O'Leary and his 2005 UCF

1 football team. This could be happening week-to-week,  
2 and USA Today could be featuring articles straight from  
3 the UCF campus. With the momentum of the football team  
4 behind us, I would like for you to go ahead and vote to  
5 build the stadium and build it at the current location.

6 Thanks.

7 DR. BARNES: Gene Pickler.

8 MR. PICKLER: Good afternoon. My name is Gene  
9 Pickler. I live in a McCulloch Road subdivision.

10 As I've stated to you before, I'm a neighbor, I'm  
11 a patron, I'm a client of UCF and its programs. I  
12 consider living in a university community to be an  
13 asset. As I've also previously stated, I have no  
14 objections to the university building a stadium. My  
15 concern, like some of my other neighbors, centers  
16 solely on its location.

17 I'm not going to take the time today to recount  
18 all of the issues that are articulated in the  
19 homeowners coalition petition paper, but by way of a  
20 little bit of rebuttal, I would like to state that I  
21 suspect that if the university's planners had been  
22 charged with showing how the southern location was  
23 preferable, they could have done just as commendable a  
24 job.

25 Also, although I applaud you for your interest in

1 intramural and the students interest, somehow my  
2 skepticism harkens back to concern over the fate of the  
3 snail garden, as it happens to serve my personal  
4 interest.

5       What I would like to do today is emphasize to you  
6 that you have a choice in this matter. As a public  
7 body, you're in account of a rare position. For often  
8 the decisions of public representatives, the choices  
9 are dictated by insurmountable economic or logistical  
10 considerations, other times political dynamics head  
11 certain options off the table, and often decisions are  
12 governed by statutes and mandates that while unpopular  
13 must be followed.

14       In this case, you're saddled with none of these  
15 constraints. Consequently you do, in fact, have a  
16 choice. The southern site is not beyond consideration.

17       Thank you.

18       DR. BARNES: David Burns.

19       MR. BURNS: I guess that's me. All I've got to  
20 say is that I've been associated with UCF since -- when  
21 I moved from New York in '79, and I've watched this  
22 campus develop, and I think that a very integral part  
23 of this campus would be a stadium on campus.

24       I've been going to the Citrus Bowl as a season  
25 ticket holder since '79, and I'm not going to lie to

1 you, I don't exactly like the Citrus Bowl. If it  
2 wasn't for going to see UCF play, I never would even go  
3 there, so -- now, all these people who are complaining  
4 about an on-campus stadium, the location, most of these  
5 people knew that this school was here when they moved  
6 here. They should have understood that it is a  
7 developing process, things are going to happen.

8 That's all I've got to say. Build the campus  
9 stadium, and let's play it in 2007.

10 Thank you very much.

11 DR. BARNES: Robert Anderson.

12 MR. ANDERSON: My name is Robert Anderson. I'm a  
13 resident of Palm Valley. I'm the ex-president of the  
14 homeowners association, the residents association.  
15 Right now I'm just simply known as Mimi's (phonetic)  
16 husband.

17 I bought my home here 18 years ago. The college  
18 was here then. I knew where I bought and I wanted to  
19 be here. I've watched the college expand over the  
20 years, and I'm very proud to be a neighbor of UCF.  
21 Everything has been handled very well, I believe, by  
22 UCF. I've very proud to have the university in our  
23 community.

24 I'm total -- totally in favor of the stadium being  
25 built on the north side. I've heard the events over

1 here. I've slept through them. As a matter of fact --  
2 as a matter of fact, I think I slept through some of  
3 the events that were here when I was here. But I'm  
4 totally in favor of the stadium. Build it on the north  
5 side. I only have one question to ask you, sir. How  
6 come it's taken so darn long?

7 DR. BARNES: Josh Lazar.

8 MR. LAZAR: I have a hard act to follow. Okay. I  
9 am going to take a page out of a popular wide receiver,  
10 and actually not read something that I brought here  
11 today. I am going to speak from my heart. I also will  
12 not tell you how I'm affiliated with UCF, because I  
13 don't want to make a fool of myself.

14 (Inaudible comment from the audience.)

15 MR. LAZAR: I would love to. But here's -- here's  
16 a couple of rebuttals. I would like to take some  
17 information I wrote down from what you've been  
18 presented today.

19 The representative from Carillon Homeowners  
20 Association said they wanted to gather together and  
21 defend themselves against the monstrosity that is UCF.  
22 Well, that's not quote for quote, I'm sorry. But they  
23 want to defend themselves from UCF. I have purchased a  
24 house in the East Orlando area, and I've also graduated  
25 from UCF, and probably would not have been able to do

1 so would not -- since I'm a New York native -- because  
2 I went to UCF. The money that I paid for that came  
3 from partially UCF, and unfortunately I don't have a  
4 position that's -- pays me enough to purchase a house  
5 in these areas that are adjacent to UCF. So what I  
6 would ask is, if anyone would like to defend  
7 themselves, do it by please selling your house at a  
8 value that I can afford it, so I can enjoy my six or  
9 seven Saturdays in 2007 and beyond with my friends and  
10 in a safe manner.

11 I also want to say that -- that one of the  
12 homeowner association representatives said that the  
13 events that happened within the past home events, like  
14 the urination and puking and the deplorable abuse of an  
15 officer of UCF in their -- in their arguments, those  
16 are things that -- this again is going to sound bad --  
17 those are the kinds of things that happen on campus  
18 every day. People get sick, you know, it's not going  
19 to be that six days of the year the -- the influence of  
20 all the UCF students who currently are here are going  
21 to just completely go absolutely insane and do anything  
22 different than has happened on a daily basis at UCF. I  
23 mean this is -- it's ridiculous that all these things  
24 are going to happen just because we now have a stadium  
25 on campus.

1           So I would like to first say, please vote for the  
2 north side. The north side is the location that our  
3 administration seems fit -- to fit everything else out.  
4 Think of the students, think of the alumni, think of  
5 the residents that are currently in the location of  
6 UCF. There are something like 14,000 beds now. You  
7 know, there are a lot of people that are of voting age,  
8 and a lot of people that are right around UCF that want  
9 the stadium.

10           So if you want to do a numbers game, there's 1200  
11 petitions against the stadium, and there's 45,000 --  
12 well, 14,000 that live right next to it that want it,  
13 in my humble opinion. So I'm going to -- I've got the  
14 yellow here. You know, I do understand that 45,000  
15 people will be in that stadium in 2007, so there might  
16 be a problem -- that's all right.

17           Anyway, please vote for the stadium. I do  
18 appreciate it. I wanted to get a little bit of --  
19 thank you, folks.

20           DR. BARNES: Linda Flannery.

21           MS. FLANNERY: Thank you. Good afternoon, members  
22 -- honorable members of the Board of Trustees. I am  
23 Linda Flannery, and I'm proud to be a UCF card carrying  
24 lifetime alumni member and a member of the Golden  
25 Knights Club.

1           We have friends that are already circulating  
2 e-mails for planning on which ball game they are going  
3 to attend this year. Our alumni friends are around the  
4 neighborhoods here, neighboring communities, right  
5 across from the university, five miles out, ten miles  
6 out, and across the United States. But UCF also has a  
7 contingent of supporters who have adopted UCF, their  
8 Alma Mater as -- because their Alma Mater is out of  
9 state, or at least is playing out of state this  
10 weekend.

11           The surrounding community ultimately benefits from  
12 the stadium on campus, along with a positive influence  
13 of a gathering place, there are the economics of the  
14 local areas, the grocery stores that supply tailgate  
15 communities, fast-food stores and restaurants filling  
16 before and after the games, Lynx buses that have direct  
17 connections to the university. If they let us on with  
18 our coolers and sandwiches and drinks, that's the way  
19 we're coming. In addition, the gas stations, hotels,  
20 bookstores can all benefit from additional friends and  
21 families drawn to the university stadium.

22           When my husband and I met here at UCF, there were  
23 no sorority or fraternity houses on campus. The back  
24 of the university was the library. There was one  
25 engineering building, which was called the Duracell

1 building, because of its copper top, and, of course, no  
2 arena or alumni center. But thanks to our master plan  
3 being able to be reviewed and adapted, we now have  
4 several homes on campus. We supported the building of  
5 the second story home on campus, a home for my sorority  
6 sisters. We have supported Engineering II and the  
7 future Engineering III buildings, a home for my  
8 engineering brothers and sisters. We have supported  
9 the building, the awesome new Fairwinds Alumni  
10 building, a new home for our fellow alumni and friends  
11 of the university. And now we are ready to support the  
12 building of the new stadium on campus, a home for our  
13 UCF home games.

14 My husband and I have attended football games  
15 since the very early '80s and have not missed a season.  
16 I'm sure you've seen the building years, the Dante  
17 years, the rebuilding years, and this particularly  
18 predominant year.

19 At the dedication of the Fairwinds building during  
20 homecoming Dr. Hitt mentioned that the first six weeks  
21 of the students' experience at UCF was crucial to their  
22 successful tenure at UCF. If a student feels a bond  
23 with the other students or finds a kindred spirit, they  
24 are much more likely to be successful in that scenario.

25 I assure you as well we were excited at the

1 homecoming game when the entire student section was  
2 filled with cheering, happy fans. Everyone had a  
3 common goal cheering on the UCF Knights. This stadium  
4 will help enable the tie that binds every student to  
5 the university.

6         The university serves as a true home-field  
7 advantage. Today I represent UCF fans, the occasional  
8 fair weather, the steadfast and faithful, but mostly I  
9 represent the thousands of people who favor the stadium  
10 who were unable to adjust their schedules to make it  
11 here today to show you their support.

12         The master plan can be adapted to accommodate the  
13 future. When I researched information about a  
14 potential stadium and potential site, the potential  
15 disadvantages and the potential advantages, the  
16 potential community involvement, potential student  
17 pride, all I saw was potential.

18         I implore you to vote for building the football  
19 stadium on the northern side close to the arena and the  
20 -- the UCF center and give our athletes and students a  
21 home-field advantage.

22         Thank you very much.

23         DR. BARNES: Michal O'Shaughnessy.

24         MR. O'SHAUGHNESSY: Good afternoon, ladies and  
25 gentlemen, members of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Hitt.

1           My name is Michael O'Shaughnessy. I'm an '81  
2 graduate from UCF, and I'm a proud member of the 1979  
3 inaugural football team. I represent myself and the  
4 UCF Football Lettermen's Club with over 600 former  
5 athletes. That's a lot of representation today. We  
6 sincerely appreciate your patience in giving optimal  
7 time to hear all the opinions in this matter. We feel  
8 it's now a time to build this stadium where the  
9 planners say it fits best.

10           It's the best location for the entire athletic  
11 presentation of UCF. Would you take Cinderella's  
12 castle out of Disneyland? And by taking the stadium  
13 away from the north side would be separating that  
14 higher athletic presentation.

15           I sincerely hope that you'll consider all the  
16 students today, the alumni, because this stadium means  
17 so much to so many, and it's time to vote on the north  
18 side.

19           Thank you so much.

20           DR. BARNES: Hank Katzen.

21           MR. KATZEN: Good afternoon. Thanks for the  
22 opportunity. I'm trying to be brief. My name is Hank  
23 Katzen. I'm an Orange County resident and adjacent  
24 property owner.

25           I offered my support to the Board of Trustees

1 earlier this year. I stand by my commitment, and I've  
2 been pleased with the professionalism and sense of  
3 fairness that the board has displayed.

4 I'm here today to offer my support for the stadium  
5 project, and I'm convinced that the proposed northern  
6 location is the most appropriate choice.

7 The proposed stadium supports the university and  
8 the surrounding community building -- bringing football  
9 games to the north end of campus will have a positive  
10 impact on the shops, restaurants, and service centers  
11 all around the UCF trade area. UCF has been a good  
12 partner in the community in fairness to businesses and  
13 residents alike.

14 It's been my experience that UCF keeps its  
15 promises and expresses care for the surrounding  
16 community through sound policies. The proposed  
17 northern location should be approved so students, fans,  
18 and nearby residents can benefit by its adjacency to  
19 nearby retailers. The proposed northern location  
20 should also be approved so that students, fans, and  
21 families can benefit from this relationship to other  
22 athletic facilities, parking, structures, and roads.

23 The proposed northern location should be approved  
24 so that students and fans can continue to enjoy the  
25 benefit of UCF's investment in the intramural sports

1 programs.

2           The proposed northern location should be approved  
3 because of the positive attributes from the  
4 transportation perspective. UCF campus shuttle program  
5 currently allows UCF students to leave their cars off  
6 campus and travel safely to classes and other on-campus  
7 activities. These same principles can be employed to  
8 assure safe and reasonable transportation during game  
9 days.

10           In closing, the benefits associated with an  
11 on-campus stadium reaches a wide audience, and are not  
12 limited to only players and fans. In attending college  
13 football games around the country, I've seen how  
14 positive energy and the unity created by game-day  
15 activity benefits a wide range of organizations and the  
16 college as well.

17           Thanks for your time, and please vote for the  
18 northern location.

19           DR. BARNES: Gail Reeves.

20           MS. REEVES: Good afternoon. I am a resident of  
21 Palm Valley, one of your neighbors.

22           I like living in a college town and taking  
23 advantage of the many extracurricular activities and  
24 activities that the university provides to us. We  
25 thank you for last year after the hurricane for feeding

1 many of our community members.

2           It's very exciting to see the university growing,  
3 and I am in favor of the stadium being built in the  
4 north end of the campus. I would like to also ask you  
5 when you consider your shuttle service, that you would  
6 include a stop in Palm Valley, so that those of us  
7 between Tiverly (phonetic) and I think it's River Wind  
8 Apartment Complex, we would like to join you as season  
9 ticket holders and ride the bus to UCF and hear 40,000  
10 plus fans screaming for victory.

11           Thank you.

12           DR. BARNES: Bill Hyde.

13           MR. HYDE: Good afternoon. My name is Bill Hyde.  
14 I'm one of your neighbors just to the north. I don't  
15 represent anybody here but myself and my wife, but we'd  
16 like to support what -- the work that's been done by  
17 the neighborhood coalition in opposing the stadium.  
18 I'd also like to take it a step further by opposing any  
19 stadium that this school would want to build.

20           This school has been a bad neighbor for a long,  
21 long time. We're not exactly Johnny-come-latelies  
22 here. My father-in-law, John Cross came to this  
23 community about 50 years ago, built a couple of houses,  
24 and we live in one of those homes today.

25           UCF has -- has done nothing but brought in traffic

1 and crime to our area since day one, and instead of  
2 choosing to work with our neighbors, it's been a bully  
3 and decided to use political will and political might  
4 to get its way for all these years since 1966 or 1968,  
5 whenever the school, you know, was officially first  
6 brought here.

7         You know, it's unimaginable that the UCF, you  
8 know, can -- can promise to control what goes on in  
9 such close proximity to our neighborhood. You know,  
10 we're being asked to -- we're the ones who are being  
11 asked to make sacrifices, not somebody that's a -- you  
12 know, wants to play football on the intramural field.  
13 We're the ones that live here, you know 24/7, and we've  
14 been here all these years.

15         You're going to control the noise, you're going to  
16 control the traffic, you're going to control the crime.  
17 Well, UCF doesn't seem to be able to do a real good job  
18 about controlling the crime, because according to what  
19 I've read in the Orlando Sentinel, UCF led other  
20 Florida colleges in the number of violent crimes for  
21 the second consecutive year in 2004, ranking 18th among  
22 colleges nationwide. Congratulations. Good job.

23         Your tailgates are out of control. All you have  
24 to do is pick up the newspaper and read what goes on at  
25 the tailgate parties, and what's the solution? Oh,

1 we're going to eliminate beer bongs. What kind of a  
2 solution is that? And that's what you're going to  
3 bring to our community here. You know, I can't be as  
4 eloquent, and I certainly don't have the backup and  
5 everything that these folks have had, but it's hard to  
6 imagine the level of frustration that my wife and I  
7 have with dealing with UCF all these years. It's just  
8 -- it's beyond what I think should be considered to be  
9 a good neighbor.

10 At this point, I guess, all the deals are done,  
11 and all the promises have been made, and all the backs  
12 have been slapped, so all that's going to be left to do  
13 is do a little song and dance and make a few more  
14 promises and then get on with it and build the stadium.

15 In closing I would like to say, I -- it's hard for  
16 me to -- not to notice that each of the board members  
17 have received a little gift, I guess, in celebration of  
18 what's going to happen. Well, you know, I might  
19 suggest that you return those gifts. At least Judas  
20 got 30 pieces of silver.

21 DR. BARNES: Matt Bethon.

22 MR. BETHON: My name Matt Bethon.

23 I'm here to support the stadium on the north side  
24 of campus. I live and work in the student Academic  
25 Village. I work as a grad assistant for the Department

1 of Housing and Residents Life. As part of my job, I  
2 deal with the students who live in the community on a  
3 regular basis. I regularly hear from them and take  
4 their input on any issues and concerns they have of  
5 their living experience.

6 Over the past year and a half that I've lived  
7 there, one issue continues to be brought to my  
8 attention on a fairly regular basis, parking.

9 For as long as I've worked here, the parking has  
10 always been a problem. Plain and simple, we just don't  
11 have the number of spots for the students. In the  
12 Academic Village there are approximately 1600 students  
13 who live there. About 800 of them in the Nike  
14 community and 800 in the Hercules community. There is  
15 far less parking spaces on the Nike side, and  
16 therefore, many of those students are forced to park on  
17 the Hercules side, creating a log-in (phonetic) many  
18 days a week. To top that off, we share our parking  
19 with other departments on campus during certain times  
20 of the day. From four o'clock to 6 p.m. during the  
21 week the band practices on the fields behind Hercules,  
22 and it's really hard for us to find parking there  
23 during that time.

24 What makes it so frustrating for the students that  
25 I've spoken to and myself included, is that we pay a

1 premium to park in the Academic Village lots, for a  
2 three-semester decal it costs a little over 50 percent  
3 more to buy in that community for that decal rather  
4 than a regular student decal. We feel that since we  
5 pay more, we should be able to have the luxury of at  
6 least knowing there will be a parking spot there when  
7 we need it.

8         If the new stadium is chosen to be built next to  
9 the Academic Village, many of our parking spaces, if  
10 not most of them, will have to be paved over for the  
11 new stadium, and any walkways or paths that may lead  
12 there. The lack of parking we currently experience  
13 will be multiplied tenfold. There will also be a road  
14 cutting through the Nike community parking lot, which  
15 would reduce their already limited number of spots.  
16 Those students in Nike will no longer have the backup  
17 plan of parking on the Hercules side, because those  
18 spots will be gone.

19         Not only will our students have to compete with  
20 each other for whatever spots are left over, but they  
21 will have to compete with whatever construction crews  
22 are working on the stadium. These crews need to park  
23 as close to the construction site as possible, and the  
24 most obvious spots would be whatever is left over --  
25 whatever Academic Village parking spots are left.

1           On game days and any other days when UCF is  
2 hosting events the situation will be worse. Since  
3 students and any other visitors from the community will  
4 be looking for parking spaces as close as possible.  
5 The most obvious and logical choice will be the  
6 Academic Village block and possibly even the grass that  
7 lays around the residence halls and parking --  
8 apartment buildings of Hercules.

9           Students and staff I have spoken to are concerned  
10 that the large field that lies behind Building 110 of  
11 Hercules that directly faces the parking lot will  
12 become a huge target for students looking to tailgate.  
13 And we'll be facing a potential health hazard, glass  
14 bottles and other trash that is left behind there after  
15 the games, as many students use this field regularly to  
16 walk to and from the community. We simply don't have  
17 enough residents/staff to get that cleaned up in a  
18 timely manner, and frankly, it should not be our job.

19           With limited parking spots being taken over by  
20 fans and tailgaters, the situation could be one big  
21 mess that could ruin one of the most attractive student  
22 housing communities on our campus. The students and  
23 staff of the Nike and Hercules communities have worked  
24 hard to create a community that encourages incoming  
25 freshmen along with other classes who live on campus.

1           Students are excited about having a stadium on  
2 campus on the north end, but not if it's put in a spot  
3 that would add more stress and headaches to the living  
4 experience on campus on the south side.

5           These obvious parking problems that the stadium  
6 would create for the Academic Villages would greatly  
7 hurt the image and quality of the on-campus living  
8 experience, and I hope that you consider the  
9 ramifications and consequences that such a situation  
10 would create.

11           Thank you.

12           DR. BARNES: Brandon Woodward.

13           MR. WOODWARD: Good afternoon, ladies and  
14 gentlemen. My name is Brandon Woodward. I am the  
15 president of the Hercules Area Council, and I'm a proud  
16 second generation UCF student.

17           I would like to start my speech a little  
18 differently. I would like to thank these two gentlemen  
19 here, these police officers, because I actually feel  
20 safe on campus. I'd like to thank you for telling the  
21 truth when the paper asked about our crime rate. So  
22 thank you very much for keeping us safe for so long.  
23 Could we get a round of applause for them.

24           I can't ignore the issue a couple weeks ago when a  
25 resident of Hercules came to our council. He said that

1 parking was an atrocity at Hercules, so we put together  
2 a committee and started to petition the Hercules area  
3 to get parking services to remedy our problem. About  
4 an hour into this, I reached the door or a resident who  
5 said, even if you can remedy the problem of parking  
6 services, what happens if they build the stadium on top  
7 of Hercules? I was taken aback by this statement,  
8 because although I had seen the Central Florida Future  
9 Article about it, I hadn't put two and two together on  
10 the location.

11 So I took the information back to the council and  
12 we convened and brainstormed about this for a little  
13 while. And one of my floor representatives brought up  
14 an excellent point. She said, the Academic Villages  
15 has a certain connotation to it, and I have to agree  
16 with her.

17 When I moved to UCF, I wanted to move on campus so  
18 I had the experience, and the Academic Villages gives  
19 you the dorm room hijinks and the fun experiences of  
20 living on campus, but at the same time you're detached  
21 from the central part of -- the hustle and bustle of  
22 UCF. And by placing the stadium right next to the  
23 Academic Villages, it kind of negates that connotation.

24 So today I come to you with a rather unbiased  
25 opinion, in that by the time you've completed

1 construction of the stadium, I will gone. I will have  
2 moved off campus, and I won't have to live next to it.  
3 So I appeal to you today for the future generations of  
4 UCF students and the future residents of Hercules, who  
5 will not have a say whether or not the Academic Village  
6 is right next to a stadium.

7 I myself would be less likely to return to the  
8 Academic Villages if it was next to the stadium. And  
9 to give you a little idea of the passion of our  
10 Hercules students, we heard about this recently, if I  
11 could speak for the Board of Trustees, so I started a  
12 petition at Hercules, and in 48 hours we collected 10  
13 percent of the signatures in Hercules. So although the  
14 north site may have 2,000 residents and homeowners who  
15 are against it, the south has almost 2,000 residents in  
16 the Academic Villages alone that are paying UCF  
17 students.

18 So I thank you all for your time, and I wish you  
19 good luck in your decision making, and have a nice day.

20 DR. BARNES: Michael Townes.

21 MR. TOWNES: Hello, I'm Michael Townes. I'm a  
22 1986 graduate of the University of Central Florida.

23 My mom, my brother, and several cousins all went  
24 to UCF. My mom moved out to move to Orlando in 1954  
25 before I-4 was built, before anything was out here. We

1 moved to Oviedo in 1972, and that's before Carillon and  
2 several other communities surrounded the university.

3         We did not get a vote on whether Carillon was  
4 built, but UCF was here prior to Carillon being built.  
5 The proposed north site -- north site for the on-campus  
6 stadium fits well within the campus plan, because it's  
7 next to a 50 -- 10,000 seat Convocation Center. The  
8 baseball stadium has more games in it than the football  
9 stadium would have. The girls softball field, the  
10 Alumni Center, and at least four or five dorms that I  
11 know of. The north side campus also goes well with  
12 traffic because University and Alafaya and all the  
13 traffic coming in on the other side.

14         Athletics is a very important part of the  
15 university experience. I've spoken at several of the  
16 meetings for this stadium, and I've mention that I've  
17 interviewed and hired a lot of recent college graduates  
18 and alumni. When I interview students from other  
19 universities, they have name recognition because they  
20 come from Clemson or they come from Florida or they  
21 come from Florida State, and what gives them that name  
22 recognition is their -- for better or worse, their  
23 football program.

24         When the University of Central Florida decided to  
25 put a football stadium on campus, I about jumped out of

1 my chair. Build this stadium and build it in its  
2 proposed site.

3 Thank you very much.

4 DR. BARNES: Vicky Marano.

5 MS. MARANO: Good afternoon. Thank you for  
6 allowing me to speak today. My name is Vicky Marano.

7 I do live in Carillon. I know that sounds like a  
8 bad word here today, but I'm on the board for Carillon,  
9 and I don't represent all of Carillon, but I do  
10 represent those that want a stadium in the north  
11 location.

12 I am an alumni here. I've spent six years going  
13 to school here, and since then we've had tickets,  
14 football tickets, baseball tickets, basketball tickets.  
15 We love UCF. We love sports, and we can't wait to be  
16 able to walk to a game. The stadium is less than a  
17 mile from my house, so, again, I just want to say,  
18 please vote for the north location.

19 Thank you.

20 DR. BARNES: John Warbington.

21 MR. WARBINGTON: Hi, John Warbington, and I'm a  
22 charter class graduate of UCF.

23 And I want to first thank the pastor for saying  
24 something very important today that we should all keep  
25 in mind. And he said that we're going to work it out,

1 and that's what good neighbors and good communities are  
2 going to do. Whether we have no stadium, a stadium  
3 north or south, we are going to work it out.

4 That being said, I would very much like to support  
5 the stadium concept. I believe I've waited 33 years to  
6 finally have a complete home for homecoming. I think  
7 it should be the north side, because it would be  
8 adjacent to a portion of the Wayne Densch Center, the  
9 Convocation Center, the Nicholson Center and others,  
10 and I still have some football voice. Excuse me. And  
11 I think anyone that would assert their quality of life  
12 and the value of their homes is going to diminish  
13 because of this may not be thinking accurately. The  
14 university's academic programs, the art and culture  
15 programs that are available here, and the athletic  
16 programs, both men's and woman's, are certainly an  
17 asset and will increase the value of anyone's home.

18 Thank you very much for your time.

19 DR. BARNES: Laurie Knepper.

20 MS. KNEPPER: President Hitt, members of the Board  
21 of Trustees, and honored guests and the paparazzi. My  
22 name is Laurie Knepper. I live on Merritt Island. I  
23 work just a few miles from this campus. I'm a UCF  
24 alum, and proud parent of two UCF alum. I would like  
25 to encourage the Board of Trustees to vote in favor of

1 the stadium in the preferred north location.

2       Build the stadium. It will provide fantastic  
3 opportunities to build school spirit, pride of  
4 ownership, and establish school traditions not possible  
5 in a rented stadium 20 miles away. There's like  
6 on-campus game day activities to pump up the students,  
7 alumni, and fans.

8       Build the stadium. It will make the game very  
9 local to a large portion of the student population.  
10 Many of these students will be able to walk or shuttle  
11 to the stadium. This provides two big pluses. It  
12 should increase student attendance at the game, and it  
13 should lower the number of students driving 20 miles  
14 often under the influence of alcohol.

15       I heard that the Citrus Bowl is referred to often  
16 as Crack City, the slums in that depressing area  
17 resembling a demilitarized zone. An on-campus stadium  
18 provides a safer and more appealing location to  
19 encourage family participation and local team  
20 participation in the games.

21       Build the stadium. It will put advertising  
22 income, parking income, and concession income for the  
23 UCF coffers rather than going to the City of Orlando.  
24 UCF has the most well-planned and beautiful campus in  
25 the state. An on-campus stadium gets potential

1 students and football recruits on campus, rather than  
2 having them tour the ageing Citrus Bowl. During game  
3 broadcasts, we'll also have the opportunity to showcase  
4 the campus on national TV.

5 Build the stadium. Get the alumni back on campus.  
6 The more often alumni return to campus, the more  
7 connected they feel; and the more connected they feel,  
8 the more likely they're going to open their wallets and  
9 contribute to the school.

10 Build the stadium. It will provide opportunities  
11 to establish cooperative efforts with local schools,  
12 community, and non-profit groups in helping sell  
13 concessions, helping with parking, et cetera. Local  
14 businesses will benefit. We may even end up with a  
15 couple of new places to eat with the new stadium and  
16 Convocation Center in place.

17 Build the stadium. It will reduce the cost and  
18 hassle of transporting equipment and game participants  
19 from campus to the Citrus Bowl. Remember it's not only  
20 the team and coaches we need to get Downtown. We're  
21 also transporting the band, the cheerleaders, their  
22 equipment, instruments, tents and supplies for groups  
23 like the Alumni Association, the Golden Knights Club,  
24 fraternities, and campus clubs to set up displays and  
25 activities for the games.

1           Some of the naysayers said that the funds should  
2 go to something more important than a football stadium.  
3 However, no tuition or educational funds will go  
4 towards the stadium and the state funding goes towards  
5 the stadium. The stadium is built with contributions  
6 from donors, from big pocket corporations, the little  
7 guys like me, so don't tell me how to spend my money.  
8 It's my contribution, and I want it to go to an  
9 on-stadium -- on-campus stadium.

10           I've other things, but I'm going to run out of  
11 time here. Basically, folks, we're talking about a  
12 half a dozen games a year. I live over in Brevard. I  
13 deal with the beach traffic, surfing festival traffic,  
14 and shuttle traffic. It's just part of what you put up  
15 with to live in a cool place with cool activities.  
16 Please build the stadium.

17           DR. BARNES: James Rhyne

18           MR. RHYNE: Dr. Hitt, Mr. Chairman, Board, I'm an  
19 alumni of UCF. I'm an instructor with UCF now, and I  
20 live in Brevard County also, and it's well worth the  
21 ride to come over here to the main campus to take part  
22 in the facilities.

23           I would like to make sure that you know that  
24 myself and my wife, who is also alumni, support an  
25 on-campus stadium in the north location. I also would

1 like to ask the reverend from Carillon Methodist that  
2 at about six o'clock Saturday night, if they just kind  
3 of get on their knees for us and think about Coach  
4 O'Leary and the crew, we could use all the possible,  
5 divine intervention that we could use.

6 I would like to waive the rest of my time. Thank  
7 you.

8 DR. BARNES: I can't read this last name. Is  
9 there a Jim Wilkinson here?

10 MR. WILKINSON: I'll work on my writing.

11 Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Jim  
12 Wilkinson. I'm the associate director of the  
13 Recreation and Wellness Center. Also in 1989 I  
14 graduated from UCF.

15 My job is to promote the various recreation  
16 programs for the students of the university. One, we  
17 fully support building a new football stadium on the  
18 north end; two, please, don't devastate the recreation  
19 program and the fields and space and take it away.  
20 Deficit is where we are now, and we're working towards  
21 reducing that deficit to the benchmark studies, through  
22 our guidelines, through our national organization,  
23 through current conditions of our playing fields.  
24 We're currently working on accommodations to remove  
25 those problems.

1 Accommodations for our programs do include  
2 intramural sports, 150 to 200 days a year playing to  
3 midnight. For intramural flag football, 150 teams;  
4 intramural soccer, 130 teams; and that's in our current  
5 state with the current number of fields we have. Sport  
6 clubs, currently 32 active members of the Sport Club  
7 Council, with eight that currently use our outside  
8 fields, such as rugby, lacrosse, ultimate Frisbee,  
9 baseball, and soccer, outdoor adventure program through  
10 our challenge course. Our challenge course is a  
11 relatively new program. This fall semester alone we've  
12 taken 69 groups through that -- through that course  
13 including groups such as the ROTC, the LEAD Scholars,  
14 the Rosen School Student Leaders, the DeVos Sport  
15 Management Program.

16 Current plans that have been planned through the  
17 last several student government leaders, the student  
18 body presidents, Mark Modenia (phonetic) Brian Battles,  
19 Kevin Peters have helped work by me or staff and our  
20 student leaders to provide for this program to advance  
21 and improve.

22 Our field plans currently are put into three  
23 phases. Phases one and two are funded at this point.  
24 Phase one currently under construction allows for three  
25 artificial turf lit intramural playing fields. We have

1 been very involved in following all the rules of the  
2 environment. We are well in tune and the students are  
3 well in tune to Wetlands 13, Pond 3-A, Ponds 4-K and  
4 4-L. We have used this in our consideration to make  
5 sure we're meeting the demands of the environment.

6 Our fields were stopped by some groups from folks  
7 in the Carillon Park community. They filed a petition  
8 against our permit, and when I spoke to Laura Klee  
9 about the reason for that, she said she has no problems  
10 with our fields. She just wanted to stop the progress  
11 of that project, to try to stop the other projects  
12 going on.

13 Carillon community is one of several that I do  
14 receive complaints from that our students go off  
15 campus, use their rec centers, and by us building more  
16 fields, we will help alleviate that problem.

17 In conclusion, UCF stands for opportunity, and I  
18 ask for that opportunity for these programs to  
19 continue. Thank you.

20 MS. KLEE: I would like to refute what he just  
21 said. He did not contact --

22 MR. NUNIS: You're out of order, please. Thank  
23 you.

24 DR. BARNES: Brent Boostrom.

25 MR. BOOSTROM: Hello. My name is Brent Boostrom.

1 I'm the President of the Sport Club Council here.  
2 Michael Bowman and myself and Stephen Anderson helped  
3 us get -- put together a letter we submitted to you --  
4 and they gave their support for us. I'll go ahead and  
5 read some highlights out of that.

6       The impact of intramural sports will affect a  
7 large number of students. Intramural sports have  
8 approximately 12,000 participants each year,  
9 approximately half of them use outdoor facilities. The  
10 Sport Club Council currently has almost 250 dedicated  
11 students in the club to use the two outdoor fields on a  
12 weekly basis, practices and competitions. About four  
13 clubs practicing at one time. Because of the limited  
14 field space for club growth, our capabilities of  
15 hosting tournaments are restricted.

16       Both the facilities available and facility times  
17 were rated below average for the Sport Club Council  
18 survey conducted in June 2005. The same survey,  
19 facility potential plans are rated above average.

20       Special events are an alternative to going out,  
21 and allows students the opportunity to participate in  
22 unique programming. Some of these endeavors, in  
23 addition to intramural sports and sport clubs allow  
24 students the ability to recreate and participate in  
25 many worthwhile causes, such as green (speaker

1 inaudible) events while (speaker inaudible).

2           Outdoor challenge course has been operational  
3 since October 2004, and we've had over 1,000 students  
4 participate in that activity. The challenge course is  
5 designed a create and improve team and enhance  
6 communication skills for students in campus  
7 organizations. The challenge course has potential  
8 impact on many future students and also has helped  
9 further and have students test their own personal  
10 limits on the course. There have been many  
11 organizations that have used the challenge course  
12 including many fraternities, sororities, ROTC, the  
13 O-Team, Honors College, the Rosen Student Organization  
14 Officers, and many student employees of the university.

15           Currently the new field expansion project was  
16 approved to build artificial turf and lights. SJ and  
17 students contributed 3.2 million for the lighted field  
18 artificial turf complex. Six million will be the total  
19 spent on the field projects, including the baseball,  
20 softball fields, shelter, water fountain, storage  
21 space, equipment, additional playing fields.

22           The new field project boasts much more than the  
23 current fields in the ability to accommodate our  
24 student body. UCF intramural sports, sport clubs plan  
25 to host tournaments for students from around the

1 country to participate to come to UCF to participate in  
2 contests which ultimately saves in travel costs to UCF.  
3 The support aspect of the expansion project will  
4 improve the safety for participants by improving the  
5 facility's condition, save money by reducing irrigation  
6 and maintenance costs.

7 So in conclusion, you're not just affecting  
8 intramural. It's affects the sport clubs as well as  
9 the outdoor recreation challenge course, so please  
10 let's build the stadium in the north end.

11 Thank you.

12 DR. BARNES: Wes Lineberry.

13 MR. LINEBERRY: I'm coming here today to express  
14 my objection to the stadium. I kind of feel like a  
15 Chihuahua at a dog fight. I would like to have the  
16 projector turned on for one moment to show one  
17 illustration here.

18 Thank you.

19 No, sorry.

20 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: One more time.

21 MR. LINEBERRY: One more time. Okay. We've got  
22 it now.

23 In coming here when we first moved here in the  
24 early -- middle '90s, we were under the impression that  
25 there was going to be 1,000 feet of trees between us,

1 University Estates, and the campus, and it shows here  
2 that clearly half of these trees have been removed to  
3 build this pond, and it's only about 500 feet of trees  
4 between us and the campus now.

5         And I would also like to refute one of the  
6 comments about the stadium not being able -- you can't  
7 see it from University Estates or the lights, but  
8 however, that was a best case. There are numerous  
9 places in University Estates that the campus can be  
10 seen.

11         And as a resident of University Estates, I must  
12 express my objections to the location. Primarily, I  
13 think the traffic studies commissioned by UCF were  
14 based on a flawed premise -- flawed premise. Incoming  
15 traffic is concentrated in a two to three hour window  
16 prior to the game, and a second window lasting two to  
17 three hours after the game. Ample proof of my position  
18 is evidenced by game day traffic jams on the East West  
19 Expressway. The very same expressway is access to the  
20 proposed stadium.

21         I cannot fathom UCF's department believes the  
22 stadium will be self-supporting in five to six -- for  
23 five or six games per year. Revenue enhancement such  
24 as outdoor rock concerts, entertainment venues,  
25 political rallies, et cetera, will be overwhelming

1 enticements to the university in future years.

2           In the recent past noise originating from the  
3 proposed stadium vicinity has been well in excess of  
4 legally allowable limits in the neighboring  
5 subdivisions. These events have included Walk For  
6 Life, Michael Moore, and MTV. The PA system from these  
7 events has been so powerful, that it seemed someone was  
8 yelling in our bedroom when it was at 11 p.m. There  
9 are residents who must arise at 5 a.m. to go to work.  
10 Is this being fair to these residents? And I have  
11 called UCF security to complain.

12           Thank you.

13           DR. BARNES: Jason Meeks.

14           MR. MEEKS: Thank you for allowing me to speak.

15           I am a retired resident living near the campus. I  
16 only care about my opinion and no others. I do not  
17 care about the students, and could care less about the  
18 future of UCF. Because I am older than the university,  
19 I have the right to inhibit progress in any way I see  
20 possible.

21           The extra traffic would make me late to my bingo  
22 game -- my bingo tournaments that have been at the  
23 exact time of day six times of the year because of the  
24 stadium on the north side. The extra noise and light  
25 will disrupt my backyard tea parties with my friends,

1 and force me to go inside to sip my tea in silence.

2 I do not care about the band building, intramural  
3 sports, or financial or environmental impacts that the  
4 stadium will bring on the south side of campus.

5 We should build the stadium on the most  
6 inconvenient spot possible, and hold meetings forever  
7 to postpone the building of the stadium.

8 If the Golden Knights have a winning season this  
9 year, first in our conference and bowl eligible after  
10 winning this season, then maybe that will encourage me  
11 to turn my energies away from UCF to its football  
12 opponents.

13 DR. BARNES: Rich Bradley.

14 MR. BRADLY: Thank you for the opportunity to  
15 speak. I've spoken before here as a local resident and  
16 as a single father of four children.

17 First, I would like to congratulate where we are  
18 in this process, even though it's been a long time, but  
19 Dr. Hitt saw this the vision. Mr. Rossini (phonetic)  
20 structured it, and Coach O'Leary has certainly come and  
21 put the final touches on the future here.

22 In watching this process, it's been interesting.  
23 You know, to ensure the right to speak our own  
24 conscience, we should always listen to others. I feel  
25 as a resident, as someone who has watched this process,

1 that UCF had done -- and it doesn't mean that we're all  
2 in agreement, but I do feel that even within Seminole  
3 County where there was no legal obligation to listen to  
4 the residents, that there was a moral and a social one,  
5 and I think you've done that, and I thank you for that.

6       There have been some people here, good people,  
7 fine people who were afraid of this process, because  
8 they didn't understand it. I hope they have a better  
9 understanding now.

10       Change is here. Even if it's for good, a change  
11 is still scary. It's one of the constants. In fact,  
12 it's the only constant in life is change. And I  
13 realize also that we can only embrace a better future  
14 individually and for UCF if we grow and change. And I  
15 hope that through this process there's been a greater  
16 comfort to where the university needs to go and why  
17 this is such an important project.

18       I've heard some crazy stuff the other times I've  
19 been here, and as I've talked to neighbors and friends  
20 about this. You know, and my kids heard it too. We  
21 heard about, you know, all the extra people coming  
22 around here, and there are going to be people driving  
23 through yards and the dangers, and some of that was a  
24 little nuts. A few weeks ago, the circus came to town,  
25 and my daughter said, but won't the giraffes get out

1 and trample us. We need to go in the house, so it was  
2 a little nuts.

3         When I moved to our neighborhood, and I live in  
4 the Riverwalk neighborhood, there was a vacant lot next  
5 to us. We knew at some point someone was going to  
6 build a home there, but we still wanted to live where  
7 we live, and likewise, I do have to challenge without  
8 the risk of offending some of my neighbors, to say that  
9 there would -- you would move to this area and not  
10 expect a stadium might have been somewhat naive. In  
11 fact, I would agree with one of my other neighbors that  
12 I'm sorry it has taken so long to bring that amenity to  
13 our community.

14         I was at Trick or Treat on Greek Street about a  
15 week ago, which is a wonderful give back to the  
16 community by the Greeks here. And I was thinking at  
17 that time, what if we were discussing putting a Greek  
18 neighborhood into the north part of the UCF campus, and  
19 the outrage that would be coming here, and yet the  
20 Greeks have done wonderful things for the community out  
21 there. In fact, my guess is that we wouldn't even be  
22 talking about the south part of the campus, we'd be  
23 talking about the Greeks having to go down to Osceola  
24 County. We can't have that kind of stuff here near us.

25         I just want to close, again, in saying I'm

1 thrilled that this is on track, and hope that there's  
2 certainly going to be a vote to move forward with the  
3 stadium, and it seems clear that the north site is the  
4 best place for us.

5 As a resident, what I have noticed is that --  
6 well, our property values have actually gone up with  
7 all the improvements in this area, so...

8 DR. BARNES: Ronald Brooke.

9 MR. BROOKE: Can I have the light on, please?

10 Good day, board of Trustees. We are not here  
11 today to say yeah, for a team. We're not here to play  
12 cheerleader. We're here to think intelligently. If  
13 we're only here -- that will need to come off please.  
14 If we're only here to do cheerleading, then there is no  
15 question that having a stadium is super.

16 If we're here to look at the facts and not be  
17 preconceptual scientists, let us not dismiss the  
18 comments in the papers that are presented by people  
19 such as myself today.

20 Please include in your thought patterning all of  
21 my comments, not only from today, but from all the  
22 other times that I have made presentations to you.

23 As another -- this is what's approved on your 2005  
24 Master Plan. Those softball fields are up there.  
25 They're not down there, and it leaves an awful lot of

1 wood in between us, and it doesn't have the extension  
2 to Pond 2-H. That is a good plan.

3 When you approved your 1995 and your 2000 Master  
4 Plans, you committed a contract with us. In your two  
5 dash -- 2.12, your coordination, you committed a  
6 contract with the local communities that you approved  
7 that University Estates, Carillon, and all of the other  
8 surrounding communities be developed, and that all the  
9 citizens that go there have the right to, in fact,  
10 occupy their houses.

11 In your '95 and your 2000 Master Plan, you also  
12 said of your 1415 acres, 990.5 of that could not be  
13 changed, could not be developed. I took you at your  
14 word. I thought you actually represented people that  
15 believed in your own bylaws and actually believed in  
16 the UCF creed, Number 1 saying honesty.

17 This is your pond 2-H, one and two, and as you  
18 know, this picture, which happens to have been taken  
19 yesterday, it is full. This is a picture that shows  
20 the drainage line going out of one of those ponds. It  
21 is currently overflowing. The only good thing on this  
22 picture is the Red-tailed Hawk. That is also  
23 overflowing, and it's from the other pond. This is  
24 your emergency overflow in case of storm. It is full.  
25 This is your drainage. And the future magical drawing

1 -- you see that crane up in the sky. That's the top 50  
2 feet of the crane that is currently building your  
3 student housing. It's 150 yards further from my house,  
4 which is that to the left, than your stadium is to be.  
5 Would you be a direct line of sight? You bet you are.

6 You cannot if you're -- in all honesty, build the  
7 stadium or allow it to be built, because your amendment  
8 doesn't even include the other sections of your own  
9 Master Plan that have to be changed too.

10 Thank you.

11 DR. BARNES: Cynthia Sucher.

12 MS. SUCHER: Good afternoon. My name is Cynthia  
13 Sucher. I'm a UCF alum and active in the community in  
14 various UCF organizations.

15 I live near Oviedo high school. I used to live in  
16 Riverwalk. I belong to University Carillon United  
17 Methodist Church, and I've got lots of friends who live  
18 in the neighborhoods. I work at Blue Cross and Blue  
19 Shield of Florida, but up until about six weeks ago I  
20 was helping UCF with community outreach. They set up  
21 meetings to gather public input on the proposed  
22 football stadium. I've listened to the same people  
23 speak against this stadium saying they speak for the  
24 area residents and the homeowners. I've heard  
25 individuals claim to represent the homeowners

1 associations, but let me respectfully suggest that that  
2 is not the case. They are rather a loud vocal but  
3 relatively small sampling of neighbors.

4       Whether in church, Publix, visiting friends and  
5 neighbors, or attending a Taste of Oviedo event, I  
6 encountered many more people in this community who are  
7 for the stadium in the north location than against it.  
8 They trust the university, and they believe that UCF is  
9 a good neighbor.

10       More than that, they've chosen to live here  
11 precisely because of the benefits of living close to a  
12 world-class academic institution. We're proud of our  
13 hometown university. My friends know -- they live in  
14 Carillon, Little Creek, Riverwalk or Twin Rivers, and  
15 be within walking distance of such an education from  
16 pre-K to postdoctoral studies.

17       They know their housing values are going up in  
18 large part because they're close to good schools. A  
19 realtor that lives in Carillon recently told me about  
20 selling two houses there after a bidding war to see who  
21 could get the house. My friends know they've got  
22 access to seminars, paid speakers, the UCF library,  
23 recitals, basketball games, baseball games right here  
24 at UCF.

25       We want to be able to walk over and watch great

1 Division 1-A football games like the one last weekend,  
2 Steve, and enjoy the kind of athletic experience that  
3 top university campuses offer on campus, not 30 minutes  
4 away.

5 A few minutes ago the wife of a board member of a  
6 nearby homeowners association said they actually asked  
7 homeowners whether -- they hadn't asked them whether  
8 they were for or against the stadium, because she said  
9 too many UCF residents live there, and she knew they  
10 would have to be for the stadium.

11 Yeah, UCF staff do live near the university. A  
12 lot of them perhaps in this room, and they may not  
13 speak up, because they don't want to be discounted, but  
14 I can tell you there are far more people living around  
15 the university who are for the stadium at the north  
16 location than against it.

17 People who oppose something tend to show up and  
18 speak up, others tend not to. They trust that people  
19 like you, the Board of Trustees, will do the right  
20 thing and vote in your best interest. They are  
21 counting on you to vote to approve an on-campus  
22 football stadium in the north location. Thank you.

23 DR. BARNES: Colleen Thompson.

24 MS. THOMPSON: Good afternoon. I would like to  
25 say the man who spoke against the stadium is not part

1 of the homeowners coalition. My name is Colleen  
2 Thompson, government liaison for the Still Water  
3 Homeowners Association. Since Mr. Merck and several  
4 speakers referred to the petition, I want to make this  
5 point. Still Water Board of Directors voted to oppose  
6 the north location on behalf of 521 homeowners;  
7 therefore, we did feel it necessary to sign petitions.

8 Still Water is in favor of building a stadium in  
9 the south location. Why is it fans can drive to the  
10 Citrus Bowl, but the argument given today is the south  
11 side for students was too far to travel?

12 Let us remember one thing we do agree on, UCF  
13 needs a stadium which we all support.

14 Thank you.

15 DR. BARNES: Mr. Chairman, that's the last of our  
16 speakers.

17 MR. NUNIS: Thank you. We will now reconvene our  
18 meeting, and because of the audience, I think we will  
19 deviate from the scheduled program, and go right to  
20 finance, finance one approval and then the 2005 Campus  
21 Master Plan.

22 (The public hearing was concluded at 3:50 p.m.)

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