

\*We've seen this before.....\*

...There is no accountability. This 112 room, 3 story hotel is not being pushed through for the benefit of our community. It is being pushed through as a "stimulus package for the Flagler Avenue Merchants" as a favorite quote of those in favor. So you say, "Well, it won't really affect me." You better wake up. If the CRA and the Commission can push this through with no thought of the Florida Avenue neighborhood; they may come to your neighborhood next. North Beach could be experiencing another giant condo. South Beach residents, you are prime beach front property and don't forget the Causeway. Maybe your house isn't that nice, so what's the difference if a dumpster is placed right next to your window. When things are pushed through, when residents are not even considered when a very few are making the decisions that will benefit the very few; we are in trouble.

This vote Tuesday night November 10th at the City Commission building is not just about a 112 room, 3 story hotel. This vote is about taking back your rights as a citizen of this community. This vote on Tuesday represents a second stage of your vote last Tuesday. You wanted things in our community to be different and you got out and you did make a difference.

This Tuesday you need to step up and tell the commissioners "We will not support the minority group of the Board of Realtors and the Chamber of Commerce running our town. No More." And as was proven last week, our Commissioners and Mayor are our employees. We hired you and as was seen, we can fire you. But, we would rather work with you.

If anyone has any doubts about this proposed hotel e-mail [maintainthecharm@earthlink.net](mailto:maintainthecharm@earthlink.net) <mailto:[maintainthecharm@earthlink.net](mailto:maintainthecharm@earthlink.net)> to receive the response from a city economist to the hotel developer's economic forecast for Flagler Avenue (sorry Canal Street, you aren't included in the developer's forecast. This project is only for Flagler Avenue Merchants). Oh, and don't forget the CRA's prime focus along with redeveloping slum and blighted; areas (yes, they consider Flagler Avenue a slum and blighted area); is to develop parks and parking. Well, we have Florida Avenue Parking Lot on Florida Avenue along with the beautiful treed lot (both are paid for) which serves as over flow parking for Flagler Avenue events as well as storm water retention when most of Central Beach floods, but we don't. Yes, the CRA has this land, but they are going to give this (or sell very cheaply) land to the developer so that he doesn't have to spend any unnecessary monies on this project. But, not to worry, we were assured many times that they have plenty of money and will just buy more.

Hmmmmmmmmmm – now where did that money come from? Oh, yes, it came from us – the ones trying to pay our property taxes. Wonder what Mr. Dennis' taxes are in Edgewater, as it's probably too expensive to live in New Smyrna Beach. I just wish I could be appointed by my Buds and continue to get reappointed for 25 years plus and control over 18 million dollars with no accountability, except from my Buds.

Yes, the we do need to put a stop to this size hotel on the very small business district of Florida Avenue, but the bigger issue is to stop all of the under the table manner in which business is conducted. Tell this Commission and new Mayor they need to start listening to the residents and start addressing their

needs and I don't mean the Board of Realtor and Chamber of Commerce merchant/residents. Stop letting the minority ruin – opps – I mean rule our town. Stand up for New Smyrna Beach. Tell them that we will support growth, but not BAIL-OUT. And this hotel has never been marketed as anything other than the “economic stimulus package for the Flagler Avenue merchants”.

Tell the Mayor and Commissioner to vote no. If this developer is really interested in the best interest of OUR town, he will come back with a plan that enhances Flagler Avenue and our town and will be for the benefit of all not just the few in power.

And after this is voted down, you must go to the commission meetings. You know how children are, just when you think they have it all together, you realize you still have to check up on them.

See you at the meetings.