



**OLDE POINT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
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September 13, 2016

Mr. Chad Kimes
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North Carolina Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Kimes:

As the President of the Olde Point Property Owners Association I want to take this opportunity to express to you my appreciation for the time you have taken to listen to and to attempt to address the many issues involving the serious problems on Olde Point Road,

However, in our continuing efforts to mediate an appropriate and sustainable solution to the dangerous conditions on Olde Point Road, and to properly inform both employees of the Department of Transportation and our membership of those efforts, there is one issue that has not properly been addressed to date.

During the DOT's review of the petition submitted by Olde Point residents requesting to have speed calming devices installed on Olde Point Road, David Hancock of your office sent an email to numerous DOT employees and at least some members of the Olde Point community on July 21, 2016 that, in part, stated "...there have been request from property owners requesting to have their names removed from the petition for a variety of reasons to include that they did not understand or were misled on what they were signing to reports that they did not sign the petition and their signatures were forged."

As I believe you are now aware there has been no credible or substantiated information to support any instances of people claiming that they did not sign the petition and/or their signatures were forged. The only allegation of this misconduct, to our knowledge, was made by Dr. David Rockwell and his wife earlier in the petition review process, and when subsequently confronted with copies of their signature from a previous document, they finally admitted that they had signed the petition.

Because Mr. Hancock's email went to many DOT employees and members of our community, including Dr. Rockwell, and has not been corrected, it has left a lasting insinuation against the petition organizers and on our board of directors that we engaged in and/or abetted or ignored potentially illegal or unethical conduct.

Mr. Hancock's email is a public document and in the future could be obtained by any person to attempt to further discredit the petition organizers and our board of directors, and, in fact, was used by those leading the efforts to stop the speed calming devices from being installed. In addition, it is a record in many DOT files that could be seen and used by DOT employees not familiar with the actual facts to look unfavorably on or more cautiously with our members or board of directors on future issues.

In the interest of fairness and insuring that a complete and accurate record is maintained by both DOT and our community I would request that an appropriate public records communication be sent to all the recipients of Mr. Hancock's original email informing them that there were no credible instances found of petition signers claiming they did not sign the petition and that their signatures were forged. I would also request that you send me a copy of this communication so that it can be inserted in our files.

Thank you for your expeditious handling of this request.

Sincerely,

Paul Godridge
President, OPPOA

Cc: State Representative Chris Millis

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Olde Point Subdivision

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Mr. Godridge,

I wanted to provide a few updates regarding the discussions we have had in reference to the subject subdivision. It was our hope to install the no passing pavement markings on Olde Point Road last week; however, the weather has held us off. We have this on our schedule and intend to get it completed as soon as the weather permits.

Also, in regards to the previous email, we have no reason to believe that there was any forgery on the original petition. To serve as documentation, we have asked for written requests from the property owners that wish to have their name removed. Lastly, as discussed, if you want to proceed with the petition for the speed humps the attached petition will need to be used, which includes the area of Saw Grass Road.

Please let us know if there are any questions. Thank you!

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