My sincerest THANK YOU goes out to all who attended last evening's ELS required to have a meeting.

With off season residents away and ELS employees ordered to prevent Freedom of both the Press and Speech, ELS and Big Money works hard to hide controversy...... or should we say just good old-fashioned fairness.

For the record, in a conversation off camera with a reporter who has been here 10 years, she stated she has never been restricted from a gated community. ANYONE who restricts Freedom of the Press or Speech is, in my humble opinion, NOT WANTING SOMETHING KNOWN OR IS HIDING SOMETHING!

What happened at the meeting was typical...we were treated like we are NIMBY's (Not in my backyard people)just complaining neighbors are resistant to change.

Yet "who owns the roads" started with them saying that a Title Attorney determined that they (ELS) owned the roads to them backing off this when questioned about why Lee County questioned the ownership as well, in their April 17 Insufficiency to them.

ELS, in its cold, only care about investors mentality and never care about their customers (except to lie to them as they attempt to sell how good our Amenities are to new people in a new development if they get their way) ...that such was the ultimate goal from the beginning of all of this when they considered buying the French Property with limited access. It is again important to note that only ELS would take this approach, since no other developer would be part of the ownership of the adjoining property and not have this ability.

So as the developer, Kimley Horn to ELS, has no better solutions? Poppycock! Kimley Horn is working for what ELS wants.

All the safety alarms are in place. A reporter meeting us outside the gate waited several minutes for traffic to clear to get to us by turn. The media sees first hand our problems.

And, just as a FYI, do you know that Golf Carts and Bike Riders have priority on our roads, according to our agreement?

Perhaps the hardest moment for me last evening was chatting with the lady whose niece was a part of the fatal crash John Houser referred to, with their traffic engineer stating DUI accidents do not count in traffic studies.

So, is this saying DUI accidents are not figured to happen??? Please treat us as the public with respect with nonsense like this and deal in reality. Twisting reality to benefit the investor insults us, the common residents and we don't care how high of a College degree you have.

Again, as to the media, they understand both the human concerns of safety, but they also caught on to the underhandedness of how we are being dealt with by ELS, particularly road ownership.

ELS also did not help themselves by preventing access. Good reporters who want to get to the news try harder when restricted from such access.

This is again another step in the process.

Many still believe we will lose. But when I ask should we quit, I am told no. You do continue to come to show our unity and I still believe we can make a difference.

Thanks again for your participation. It's the huge difference that could make the big difference.

We are all in this together! Together we can make a difference!

As Always and Sincerely I am,

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