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My personal comments for the 05/18/2016 Jersey Village special council meeting special session meeting 04/18/2016 flooding event.

There have been statements made about the citizens of Jersey Village that live along the White Oak Bayou or its conveyance channels that I believe are incorrect. The first statement I am talking about is that because the plat of their property shows they own to the center of the bayou that they somehow have the ability to deny the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) the ability to do whatever this agency deems necessary to mitigate flooding. The home owners/property owners do not have this perceived ability and I believe none of these citizens/property owners would try to cause financial or physical harm to their fellow citizens by trying to stop anything that is needed to be done to eliminate the possibility of flooding in Jersey Village or anywhere else along the White Oak bayou.

I am a Jersey Village home owner that lives along the White Oak bayou and I have NEVER been contacted by the city or the HCFCD regarding ANY plans for the bayou.

I have tried to be an engaged helpful citizen during the time I have lived in Jersey Village I have provided factual information about the flooding issue and given the city possible ideas that can be part of an overall solution.

The city council needs to work with experts and the citizens and come to a solution regarding this flooding problem.

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Mark Maloy, 7803 Hamilton Circle, past city council member the city of Jersey Village Texas citizen comments for 5-16-2016 city council meeting.

I'm here tonight to talk about the severe flooding event that happened on 4-18-2016 to an estimated 187 home owners living in the city of Jersey Village Texas. I am providing documents to verify my comments that I want to be made a permanent record of this council meeting.

The Harris County Flood Control District has completed the 43 acre Jersey Meadows storm water detention basin which has an estimated maximum holding capacity of 114 million gallons of water. It has completed the Jersey Village White Oak bypass channel north of Jersey Village that is estimated to divert 30 percent of White Oak bayou flood water north of and around Jersey Village.

The Harris County Flood Control District has completed almost if not all planned flood control projects for the Jersey Village area and the estimated water level reduction at White Oak bayou where it intersects Beltway 8 will only be an estimated 8 inches lower per The Harris County Flood Control District during a 100 year storm event, which has happened at least twice in the last 15 years.

During the 4-18-2016 flooding event, a Jersey Village citizen took pictures of the Jersey Meadows 43 acre detention basin, the Jersey Village bypass channel and most of the upstream and downstream detention basins all of which were at close to if not maxed out capacity. He also saw large volumes of water pouring off the Jersey Meadows golf course onto Rio Grande Street near its intersection with Wall Street and estimates the river of water running down Wall Street to be 3 feet or more deep.

Harris County Flood Control has said it has tried to acquire additional property in the White Oak bayou flood prone area but there is very little large open space left. The Jersey Village city government in 2004 considered building an earthen berm around the boundaries of the Jersey Meadows golf course at a cost of 685,000 dollars to keep the water shed of the golf course on the golf course to prevent flooding in surrounding neighbor hoods during heavy rains but decided not to do the project which now has contributed to the increased likely hood of flooding to Jersey Village home owners.

The city of Jersey Village I believe is going to become more flood prone as the years go by because of future planned development of the Extraterrestrial jurisdiction on the south side of US290, the increased non permeable surface area run off of the US290 roadway expansion and continued development of land upstream of Jersey Village. The city of Jersey Village TX needs to work with the Harris County Flood Control District and get them to consider purchasing the estimated 122 acre Jersey Meadows golf course and use the land to construct another detention basin that can also be utilized as a city park. The capacity of the new basin would hold an estimated 290 million gallons of storm water. The citizens of Jersey Village are paying, through their taxes, for the principle, interest and operating expenses not covered by the golf course. The golf course property needs to be repurposed for the positive benefit of all the Jersey Village tax payers / citizens.

My family was somewhat fortunate because our home was not extensively damaged even though we were in one of the deepest flood damaged areas of the city. The house was built in 1987. The land

and foundation elevation were increased by the builder to the now current city code of ordinance of 18 inches above base flood level.

The problem with the White Oak bayou channel running through the City of Jersey Village Texas is all the water is converging just south of the Tahoe street bridge then travels east to the Beltway 8 Harris county tollway bridges where it is basically dammed or severely restricted causing it to flood all the homes starting at Equador street and then backing up west flooding large numbers of homes in Jersey Village.

It is very unfortunate that many home owners in the city of Jersey Village Texas as well as larger and larger numbers of property owners in the city of Houston and its surrounding areas are now facing the likelihood of flooding because of the never ending development in the area and the very lax design and enforcement of storm water detention designs by current and future land development which is going to continue in the future because big money developers have a large voice in what is decided on about land use and flood control requirements.

I talked to a neighbor recently who had a conversation with a current city council member who said it was very unlikely that the Harris County Flood Control District could come up with additional funds to do additional flood control for the area and that the citizens of Jersey Village and the city government would have to face the likelihood of flooding in the future. Hopefully this will not be what happens to the citizens of Jersey Village Texas.





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