

History: Slim shared more of his appreciation and respect in 2011

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ing law enforcement officers that persons of Slim’s era would certainly have known, regardless of ethnicity, for the cities of Apopka, Miami, and New York, state of New York and a Federal U.S. Marshal, namely, H.D. Miley, Fred Risener, J.S. Parrish, Henry Glover, Norman Betts, L.G. Nolle, George Fiall, Herman “Doc” McQueen and Earl Mott, Jr.

Previously, Slim recognized that so much information pertaining to his black achievements would have to wait until the year 2011 to include many persons of our younger generation that should be written about.

Slim wants to thank numer-

ous reputable white and black individuals, who made time and effort to supply Slim’s gray matter with such valuable information regarding Apopka’s past and present history. Oh, yes! The Honorable Mayor John H. Land of Apopka, considered the “dean” of mayors throughout this good ole U.S.A., winning his 19th term as mayor, shared invaluable knowledge. Mrs. Annie Belle D. Gilliam, whom Slim calls the “Southern Belle,” was reared in the area, thus obtaining a substantial wealth of knowledge through businesses (grocery, citrus grove management) and old timers’ oral conversations pertaining to people and incidents occurring in the 20th and 21st century

M. Gladden, Jr., longtime en-

trepreneur (grocery, citrus grove, laundromat) lived more than 55 consecutive years below the TO&A Railroad tracks. Last, but not least, Ms. Mildred A. Board was the originator and former columnist for “Bits ‘n’ Tips” in *The Apopka Chief* weekly newspaper.

They are definitely some of those individuals aforementioned Slim credits with an enormous ap-

preciation and respect for their care, concern and knowledge of Northwest Orange County (Clarcona, Piedmont, Lakeville, Apopka, Plymouth, Tangerine, Zellwood and Rock Springs).In 2011, folks, Slim will see yah!

Slim’s book, The Pennings of Perrine Slim, is sold in the Museum of Apokkans at 122 E. 5th Street , Apopka 32703.

Byrd: Five artists create graphics

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expand that vision.

Shaunte then reached out to the Creative Hub of Apopka, a non-profit art studio in Apopka that allows community members to foster their creativity in a warm setting. She also reached out to Delia Miller, a local Apopka artist who has painted beautiful community artwork around town.

They leveraged their resources and connected with another community member representing Apopka, Murals and Downtown Barbers Apopka, to issue a call to action. And, the community artists answered the call! Five, yes five, local artists joined in

to help.

Each of the five artists poured their heart into creating something truly special, transforming not just the media center, but several spaces within the school into works of art.

Delia Miller took on the main stairwell, designing a stunning feature wall with the school’s panther mascot.

This gorgeous wall quickly became a centerpiece of pride when the students returned. Several other spaces were just as amazing including an inspiring wall mural in the gym. And they are not done yet. There are more murals to come!

Shaunte said it best, “What these artists accom-

plished wasn’t just painting walls - they created a legacy. Their work not only reimaged the physical space but also uplifted the spirit and morale of the entire school community. Now Phillis Wheatley’s students have something beautiful and inspiring they can cherish for years to come.”

Most important to me is the message it sends to these students. A message of hope, that they are loved by their community. There really is no other message more important for our young people.

Thank you to our community, to Shaunte, and to all of these artists who came together to show these students just how loved they are!

Moore: Phases are near completion

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Wekiwa Springs Septic to Sewer Program. The project has seven phases with some completed, and others nearing completion. On the website you will find:

- Construction status of each phase
- General project information answered in an

easy-to-use FAQ format

- What to do if you have a broken irrigation pipe or sprinkler head, landscape/hardscape damage, or plumbing issues as a result of construction
- Answers on how to pay for your portion of the conversion
- Contact names, numbers, and email addresses

for project leaders

The website is a helpful tool for those wanting to learn more about or if there are questions regarding the Wekiwa Springs Septic to Sewer project. You may visit the web page here: Septic 2 Sewer, or feel free to contact my office at 407.836.5850 as well, if you have any questions.

Hayden: Americans stand together

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policemen and all first responders need to know we support them, and we do not want to live in a community without them. I have been pleasantly surprised to see an individual jump in to help protect an Officer of the Law when that officer was being overpowered by a criminal.

Where are the men that used to be the protectors of justice?

Have we given up the privilege of being the daddy (a little girl’s first love, and a boy’s first hero), the provider, the family uniter, and the example of leadership for daily living?

It is time to promote the General Welfare by standing up to those who will disparage policemen and first responders and then we will insure domestic tranquility.” Let all of us be lovers of the “Blessings of Liberty to ourselves

and our posterity.” Love is not the tingling that comes from an emotional encounter, but a solid, unconditional commitment that is a choice we make. Once made, that commitment may waiver, but it should never fail.

Are emotions involved with a commitment? Ask me that when I see “Old Glory” being raised to the “Star Spangled Banner” and the tears start flowing when I think of the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in defense of what that banner stands for.

Is our love of nation being tried? You bet it is! Look at today’s headlines and listen to the newscasts that promote progressive ideals and woke attitudes that will bring our nation to its knees.

We must be ready to stand in the gap and not back down when we are faced with those forces.

The Marine motto, “Semper Fidelis” (Always Faithful), should be the beat of our hearts. Our national motto, “In GOD we trust” should sustain us when we feel we cannot do this by ourselves. As I said in the beginning, it is not the “flash in the pan” that makes a difference, but the one who, when being tested, holds his or her head up and stands solid in the freedoms given to us by our Creator.

Keep on keepin’ on. Start with your neighbors. Let them know you are concerned for them and you are willing to defend them and your neighborhood.

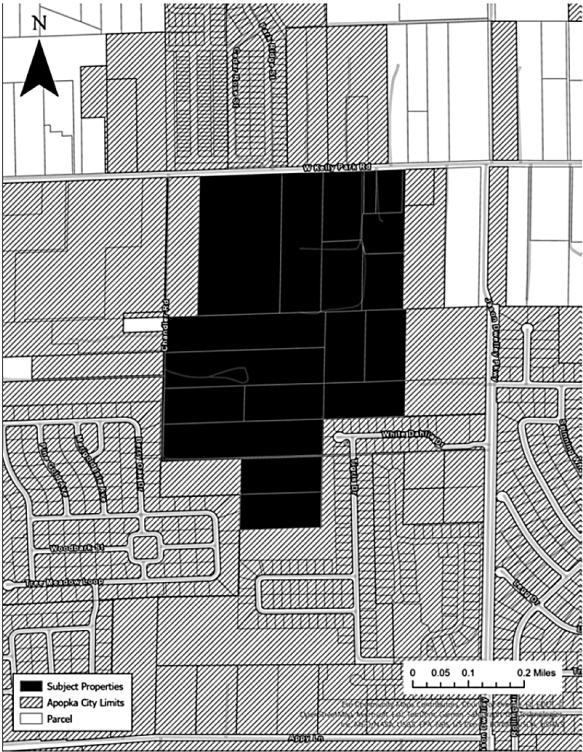
Race or different nationalities should have nothing to do with our decisions if we stand together as Americans, blessed to be together in the greatest nation the world has ever experienced, the United States of America.

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CHANGE OF ZONING

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Sec. 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **Jonathan Huels, Esq.** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3093

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY A-1 (CITRUS RURAL DISTRICT), COUNTY A-2 (FARMLAND RURAL DISTRICT), CITY T (TRANSITIONAL), AND RESIDENTIAL SINGLE-FAMILY ESTATE (RSF-1A) TO KPI-MU (KELLY PARK INTERCHANGE MIXED USE) WITH AN ASSIGNMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD OVERLAY, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTH OF W. KELLY PARK ROAD AND EAST OF CHANDLER ROAD; OWNED BY KELLY PARK ROAD PROPERTY, LLC; COMPRISING 117.16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



Parcel Identification Number(s): 18-20-28-0000-00-132, 18-20-28-0000-00-031, 18-20-28-0000-00-105, 18-20-28-0000-00-050, 18-20-28-0000-00-049, 18-20-28-0000-00-061, 18-20-28-0000-00-048, 18-20-28-0000-00-052, 18-20-28-0000-00-106, 18-20-28-0000-00-035, 18-20-28-0000-00-034, 18-20-28-0000-00-032, 18-20-28-0000-00-033, 18-20-28-0000-00-037, 18-20-28-0000-00-051, 18-20-28-0000-00-080, 18-20-28-0000-00-119, 18-20-28-0000-00-046, 18-20-28-0000-00-047
Contains: 117.16 +/- acres

Notice is given that the **City of Apopka Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025 beginning at 5:30 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

FURTHER NOTICE is given that a public hearing will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, February 19, 2025 beginning at 7:00 P.M. AND Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 1:30 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Rezoning Application can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk’s Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka, Florida 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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The Apopka Chief is published every Friday and entered as Periodicals, postage paid at Apopka Post Office, under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879. The Apopka Chief newspaper is published by Foliage Enterprises, Inc., every Friday at 400 North Park Avenue, Apopka, Fla., 32712-3417. An annual subscription is \$25 in Orange County and \$30 outside Orange County. Phone 407-886-2777. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, Fla., 32704-0880.

The Apopka Chief is a consistent award-winning community weekly newspaper and a member of the Florida Press Association. The newspaper won the group's award as its best newspaper in 1982, 1987, and 1988, the only three-time winner. Letters to the editor are welcome, but must be signed and include a daytime telephone number, address, or email address for verification. Management reserves the right to edit letters.

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City of Apopka Telephone Numbers

City Hall	407-703-1700
Mayor's Office	407-703-1701
City Administrator	407-703-1649
City Clerk	407-703-1704
Community Devel.	407-703-1712
Code Enforcement	407-703-1738
Finance Dept.	407-703-1725
Fire (non-emerg.)	407-703-1756
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-703-1741
Police Chief	407-703-1769
Police (non-emerg.)	407-703-1771
Job Line	407-703-1743
Solid Waste Collect.	407-703-1731
Street Maintenance	407-703-1731
Utility Billing	407-703-1727
Medical, fire emergency	911
The city of Apopka was chartered in 1882. It is located at 28°30 north latitude and is 150 feet above sea level. Its population is about 48,000 and its total area is more than 30 sq. mi. www.apopka.net	

Orange County Telephone Numbers

Animal Services	407-836-3111
Auto/Boat Tags	850-617-2000
Building Dept.	407-836-8550
County Mayor	407-836-7370
County Commission	407-836-7350
County Attorney	407-836-7320
Clerk of the Court	407-836-2065
Elections Supervisor	407-836-2070
Fire/Rescue	407-836-3111
Solid Waste	407-836-6601
Garbage Collection	407-703-1731
Health Dept.	407-836-2600
Hunting/Fishing Lic	888-347-4356
Parks and Rec. Dept.	407-836-6200
Property Appraiser	407-836-5044
Sheriff Administrative	407-254-7000
Non-Emerg. Complaint	407-836-4357
Utilities	407-836-5515
All other departments	407-836-3111
Medical, fire emergency	911
www.orangecountyfl.net	

Other Area Numbers of Note

U.S. Senators	
Rick Scott (Rep.)	202-224-5274
Marco Rubio (Rep.)	407-254-2573
U.S. Representative	
Daniel Webster (Dist. 11)	352-241-9220
State Representatives	
Doug Bankson	407-476-6787
Carolina Amesty (Dist. 45)	unknown
State Senators	
Geraldine Thompson (Dist.11)	407-297-2045
Orange County Commissioner	
Christine Moore	407-836-7350
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Pupil assignment	407-317-3233
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Superintendent	407-317-3200
School Board	407-317-3200
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The Apopka Chief	407-886-2777
Museum of the Apokkans	407-703-1707
Chamber of Commerce	407-886-1441