

benefits of the facilities. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Johnson voting nay. The gavel was returned to Chairman Harris.

The Board considered Amendment 97-L2 by Mary Joe Packard to change 20 acres from Urban Reserve to Medium Density Residential. Planner Bitter advised that the Planning Department staff recommended the change. She stated the concerns expressed by DCA were addressed by staff. Commissioner Crestul commented on DCA's standard response.

Muriel Perry, SE Lake Weir Avenue, owner of land surrounding the subject property, stated he also represented the applicant, and that the property was under a contract to expand Ocala Meadows.

Upon motion of Commissioner Henning, seconded by Commissioner Townley, the Board approved the amendment to change the land use to Medium Density Residential.

The Board considered Amendment 97-L5 by John P. McKeever, agent for Albert Peek, Trustee, to change the land use on 716 acres from various uses to Low, Medium and High Density Residential.

There was no public comment. Upon motion of Commissioner Henning, seconded by Commissioner Townley, the Board approved the amendment.

The Board considered Amendment 97-L13 by Carol Neal to change the land use designation on 2.5 acres from Urban Reserve to Commercial.

Arnold J. Dice, 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, stated he lived across the street from the subject property.

Chairman Harris out at 2:12 p.m.; Vice-Chairman Townley assumed the chair.

Mr. Dice questioned who would maintain the roads and where access to the property would be provided. He presented photographs of his home, graded roads and the neighborhood, as well as a copy of deed restrictions. Planner Rison stated that staff originally recommended denial, but the Zoning Commission and Board of County Commissioners approved transmittal to DCA.

Chairman Harris returned at 2:19 p.m. and assumed the chair.

Planner Massey commented on traffic studies. Attorney Randy Klein, representing the applicant, stated that a commercial designation was the best use at the location. Commissioner Johnson stated it was not the best use of the property

Upon motion of Commissioner Townley, seconded by Commissioner Henning, the Board approved the amendment changing the land use.

The Board considered Amendment 97-L23 by Hubert Pinder and Thomas Struzzieri, agents, for Castro Realty, Theresa Castro and Thomas Struzzieri, owners, to change 42.91 acres from Urban Reserve to Commercial. Planner Rebecca Bitter commented on existing uses in the area and the subject property. Mr. Pinder discussed the reason the existing theater was included in the application.