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Hello Bonnie,

Thank you for your help in bringing us up to speed so that we can jump into the review process. Mark Mollica (one of the family members) and I enjoyed watching the group interact and conduct business. There seems to be much collaboration in working for the good of our community. We look forward to seeing more of you and participating in the review process.

Here is a copy of the statement that I read during the public comment portion.

Thanks again for your help and for your service to our community.

Best regards,

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My name is Bob Alm. I am representing my family who owns the agricultural property at 5295 Shoreline Drive. We didn't have the opportunity to engage in discussions or interact at the July 11th workshop so we would like to express our thoughts here.

My father in law Dean Lowrey wanted to be here but he couldn't make it, so he sent me here with this short statement. We are late in entering this planning process but we would like to be heard.

Our family purchased the land in 1950. It is about 33 acres and we have grown palms and other ornamental container stock through our family nursery called Delgaard Nurseries.

The Nursery container business is significantly off in the last several years and not sustainable. Our soil on the Mesa will not support in-ground crops. It's hard to hire at a reasonable rate due to housing and other costs. This makes us non-competitive with other areas. Agriculture requires a lot of water and we have seen limitations on water availability in the past.

Over the years the early agriculture in a rural setting has changed and housing has been added. We think that the subject should be opened to consider residential re-zoning for this area. The adjacent property to the east is a 20,000 square foot per residential unit zone and is built out with single family homes.

We believe a contiguous use would be appropriate and would like to see zoning on our property similar to that which already exists to the east.