

Commissioner Wilson's District 1 Newsletter

Take a closer look at Tuesday's
Board of County Commissioners
meeting



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Hey West Orange County,

After a very dry springtime, I'm looking forward to a week of much-needed rain! Until then, do our friends at OC Fire Rescue a favor and refrain from outdoor burning until the [drought index](#) drops back below 500.

Speaking of Fire Rescue, I want to give a special shout-out to the crew at District 1's own Station 31. Late last year, their quick action and high-performance CPR saved the life of Dr. Phillips resident Michael Babin when he experienced cardiac arrest. Thanks to them, Michael has since recovered, and he recently arranged a ceremony to recognize and celebrate Station 31.

Our first responders don't do it for the recognition, but they absolutely deserve to be seen as the heroes they are. You make us proud every day!



We've got plenty more community updates to share, so our next newsletter will be dedicated entirely to D1 news and events. Tuesday's Board of County Commissioners meeting has an absolutely packed agenda, so for now, let's dive right into the legislative side of the work we do in the District 1 office!

As always, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for daily updates on all things West Orange County, and feel free to reach out to us at district1@ocfl.net. We would love to hear from you.

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BCC Meeting Preview

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month.

- Before the meeting starts on Tuesday morning, join the OC Asian Committee and OC Board of County Commissioners to celebrate AANHPI Heritage Month. [Click here for details.](#)

ORANGE COUNTY'S 13TH ANNUAL

**Asian American,
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander
Heritage Month Celebration**

A Legacy of Leadership & Resilience

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025
7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.**

Orange County Administration Center
201. S. Rosalind Ave., Orlando, FL 32801

For details and to RSVP visit
[OCACFL2025.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ocacfl2025)

Featuring
Mayor's Welcome and Proclamation • Asian
American Cultural Performances • Cultural
Exhibition and Asian-Inspired Art Exhibition

Logos: Orange County Government, OC Asian Committee, and other local organizations.

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May 4 through May 10, 2025 as National Correction Officer and Employee Week.

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May 4 through May 10, 2025 as National Small Business Week.



- Our first-ever D1 Small Business Connection event was last month — keep an eye out for more of these meetings on the horizon!

Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May 11 through May 17, 2025 as Economic Development Week.

BCC: Consent Agenda

Item I-2: Agreement to utilize funding from Orange County's Affordable Housing Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,500,000 to preserve affordable housing by replacing the roof on The Plymouth, a 196-unit senior affordable housing complex in District 5.



Item I-3: Agreement to donate six county-owned properties in District 6 to Habitat for Humanity Greater Orlando and Osceola County, Inc. for the construction of permanent affordable housing units.

- Properties are located at 937 18th Street, 1909 S Westmoreland

Drive, 830 23rd Street, 1006 26th Street, 125 S John Street, and 1408 S Westmoreland Drive.



BCC: Discussion Agenda

Item B-1: Small Business Grantees Update.

- Small business grantees will be providing an introduction of their programs and accomplishments.

Item D-1: Commissioner Martinez Semrad would like to discuss Split Oak Forest.

- Split Oak Forest, which lies in both Orange and Osceola Counties, was promised to remain conservation land forever. Years ago, when that promise was broken by plans to build a toll road through the forest, I was part of a [group](#) that introduced a charter amendment to provide more legal protections for Split Oak. That amendment was [overwhelmingly approved](#) by Orange County voters in 2020.
- Additionally, in 2023, we were able to officially reverse the board's initial 2019 endorsement of the project.
- Still, CFX and Osceola County have utilized legal loopholes to [move forward with plans](#) to build the toll road extension without Orange County's approval. Commissioner Semrad has requested to discuss the options currently available to the county when it comes to protecting Split Oak.



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The Split Oak Forest is home to hundreds of threatened species in need of protection from the Central Florida Expressway Toll Road threatening to expand through the middle of this important forest.

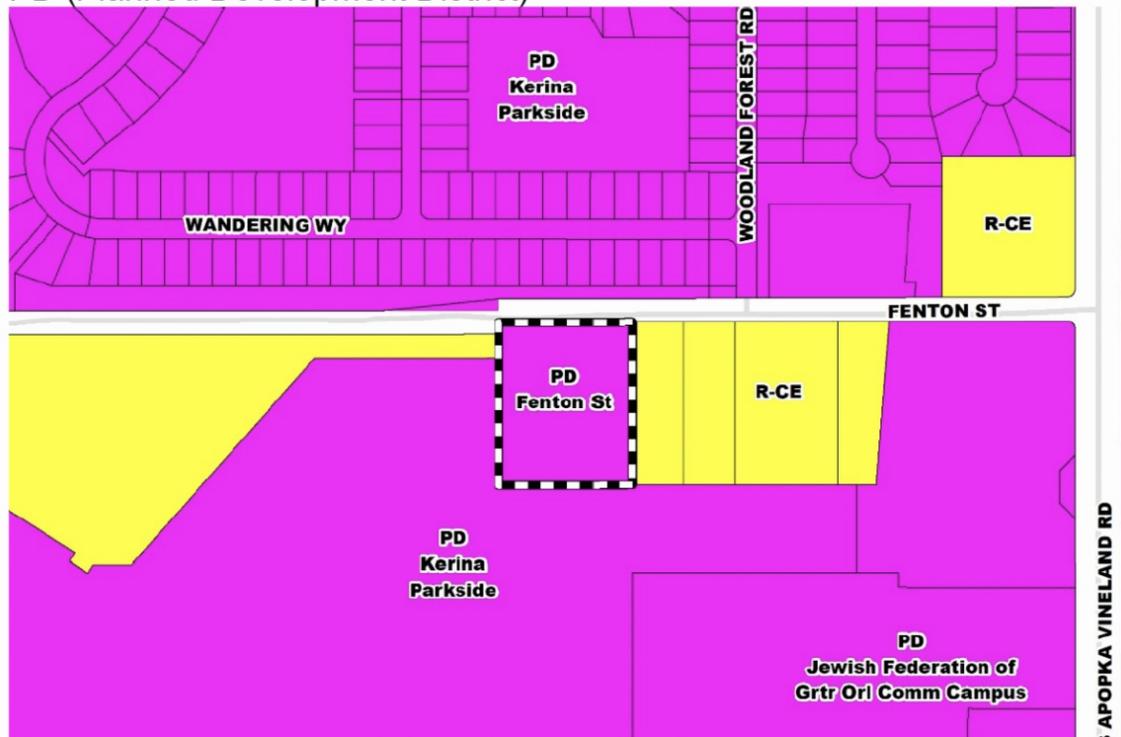
BCC: Public Hearings

Item E-8: Fenton Street Planned Development ([Click here for more info](#))

- The subject property is located on the south side of Fenton Street just east of S Apopka Vineland Road.
- Through this request, the applicant is seeking to rezone 3.22 acres from R-CE (Country Estate District) to PD (Planned Development District) with a proposed development program of up to six townhomes.

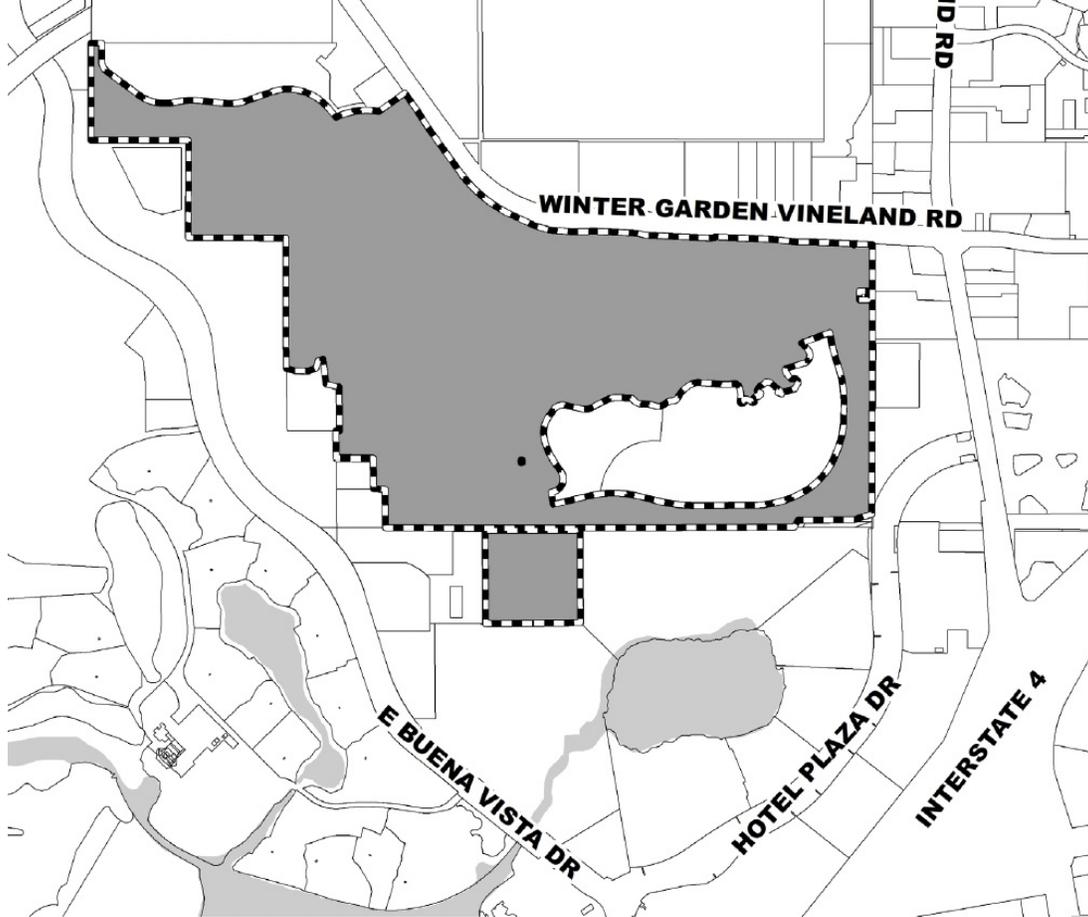
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PD (Planned Development District)



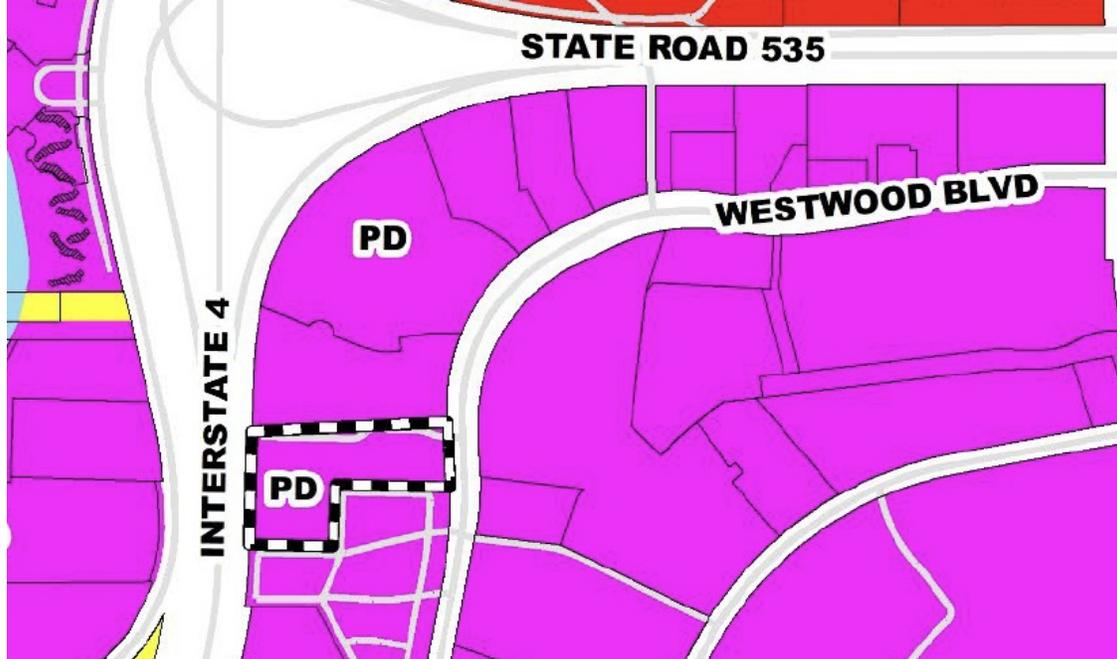
Item F-9: Grand Cypress Resort Planned Development Land Use Plan Amendment ([Click here for more info](#))

- The 10-acre subject property is located in the Lake Buena Vista area, south of Winter Garden Vineland Road and west of South Apopka Vineland Road (S.R. 535).
- The property is designated Planned Development, Rural, and Commercial on the Future Land Use Map and is zoned PD (Planned Development) and R-CE (Country Estate District). Through this request, the applicant is seeking to rezone 10.02 acres from R-CE (Country Estate District) to PD (Planned Development District) and add the property to the existing Grand Cypress Resort PD.
- The request is also to revise the overall PD development program resulting in an increase in short-term rental units and retail/entertainment space.



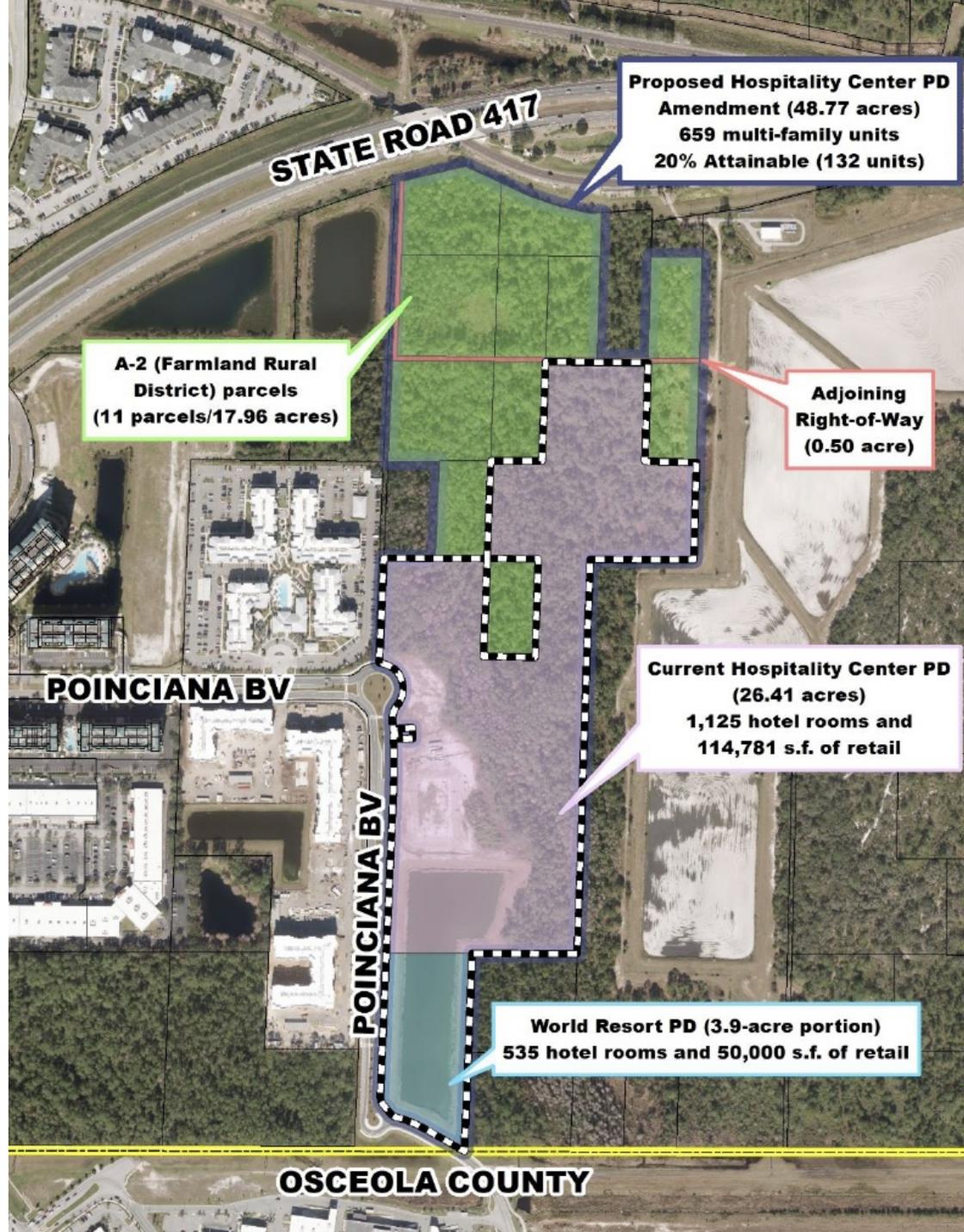
Item G-11: Orangenwood PD (continued from 3/11 and 4/8) ([Click here for more info](#))

- The subject property is located north of Central Florida Parkway, south of State Road 528, east of Interstate 4, and west of Westwood Boulevard.
- The PD currently allows tourist commercial uses and is currently developed with an office development. The request is to add a development program to the subject portion of the PD consisting of 160,000 square feet of office use and 300 multi-family dwelling units to the subject site.
- This case was continued twice to further discuss vesting and concurrency requirements.



Item H-12: Poinciana Multifamily PD ([Click here for more info](#))

- Request is to expand the 26.41-acre Hospitality Center Planned Development (PD) to 48.77 gross acres by rezoning 17.96 adjacent acres from A-2 (Farmland Rural District) to PD (Planned Development District) and adding this acreage, a 3.9-acre portion of the neighboring World Resort PD, and 0.50 acre of adjoining right-of-way to the Hospitality Center PD.
 - The proposed use is a multi-family residential community with up to 659 dwelling units, with 20 percent of those units (132 units) to be leased at Attainable Rents of 120 percent of Area Median Income (AMI) or less.
 - LOCATION: Generally located east of Poinciana Boulevard, south of State Road 417, and north of the Orange County-Osceola County line.
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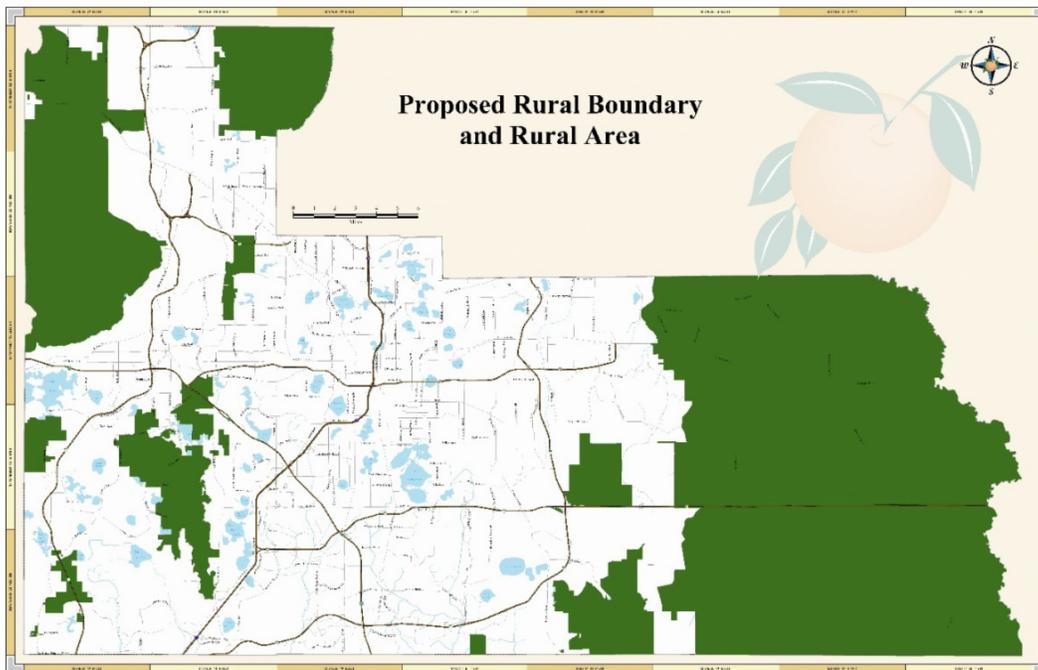


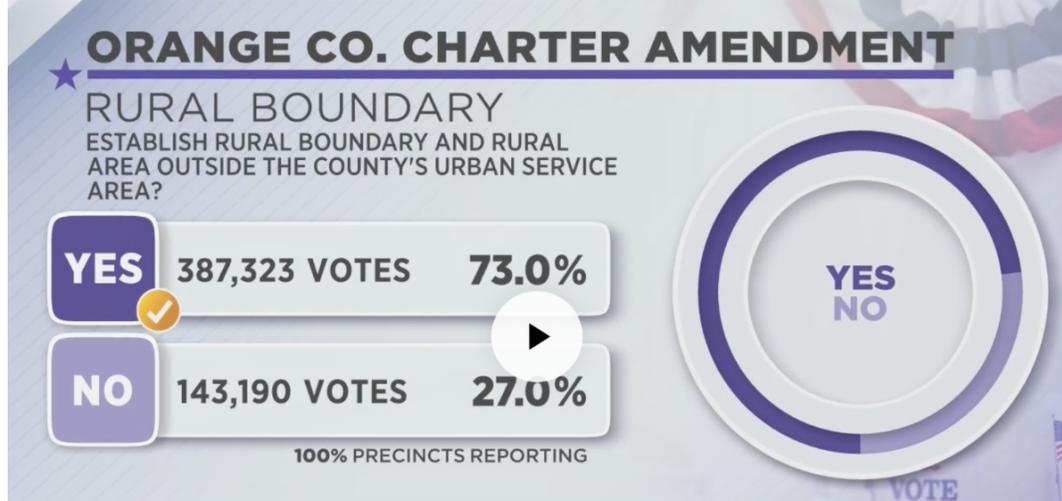
Item H-8: Text and map amendments to create the Kilgore Road Rural Residential Enclave. (continued from April 22)

- Our office brought this issue to the board last year, after residents of this D1 neighborhood expressed the desire for more rural protection.
- The resulting recommendations of this process are now being enacted. Thank you to the many residents who have taken the time to participate in this process!



Item K-20: Text and map amendments to reflect the adoption of the Rural Boundary and Rural Area, as approved by voters in November 2024.





Items L 21-24: Enacting Orange Code and amending existing Orange County Code in order to reflect the standards outlined in Vision 2050, Orange County's proposed new Comprehensive Plan.

- County staff has spent years collecting public input in the creation of [Vision 2050](#), a long-needed set of updates to Orange County's Comprehensive Plan. Those updates, and the subsequent amendments and additions to Orange County's code, will be presented for Public Hearing.
- **NOTE:** This is the second of three public hearings regarding the adoption of Orange Code. The 3rd and final Public Hearing is scheduled for June 3rd, at the end of which the Board of County Commissioners will vote on whether to adopt or not adopt Orange Code and Vision 2050.





Encouraging Affordable Housing



Preserving Rural Spaces & Natural Places



Promoting Walkability & Mixed Land Uses



Protecting Established Neighborhoods

ABC's of the BCC

**The Board of County Commissioners meets every other Tuesday.
Come on down!**



Board of County Commissioners meetings occur every other Tuesday with a morning agenda and an afternoon agenda.

The early agenda allows public comment on any topic at 9:00 a.m., where a constituent may come to the Orange County Administration Building in person and give your thoughts on any item except for a public hearing, which is later.

Work Sessions or items on the Discussion Agenda are up for debate by the Board and are not voted on.

Public hearings begin after 2:00 p.m., which include zoning variances, public appeals, ordinances, and more. This is where constituents can submit public comments in person on a specific issue.

To attend the BCC, please find information [here](#).

As always, do not hesitate to reach out to our office with any questions or concerns at district1@ocfl.net

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