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Dear Mrs. Travis,

As president of the Lake Morton Neighborhood Association, I'm writing to express LMNA's tentative support for Florida Southern College's purchase and use of the former St. Joseph's School site on Frank Lloyd Wright Way. Our membership discussed the issue at length at our recent meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Our prime concerns are as follows:

1. Florida Southern follows through on its plan to use the site for its graduate nursing program and not housing or undergraduate programs.
2. Florida Southern preserves the sanctuary building and not alter it beyond some reasonable branding.
3. Florida Southern preserves the athletic field green space along Riggins as a green space and that FSC not be allowed to use that space now or in the future as a parking lot.
4. Florida Southern preserves the butterfly garden on South that sits between two parking lots, and that FSC not be allowed to pave that space and use it for parking.
5. Florida Southern does not enter into a lease agreement for parking with a potential commercial user of the Deen House.
6. Florida Southern makes landscaping improvements to the existing parking lots.

To the extent these concerns can be written into the conditions, the neighborhood would like to have these included. We would certainly see it as an expression of good faith.

I have met with FSC representatives to discuss these concerns as well and they were met with no objection. All in all, we think the college's plan is consistent with existing use and provides the site with a bright future.

Thank you,

Billy Townsend
LMNA President

Cc: Terry Dennis, FSC
Matt Lyons
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