

6 Moon Shell Road  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
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The Hon. Mayor and Council  
Town of Hilton Head Island  
Palmetto Parkway  
Hilton Head Island, SC

Gentlemen:

The 31 August 1990 letter from the Town's Attorney to Folly Field property owners resulted in my seeing for the first time the Town's projected design for turning this quiet residential area into a police-state, Coney Island-type development to which I must object. I cannot surrender my freedom to have my family and friends freely visit me at their convenience, to sit in my garden which I have cultivated for 37 years.

When I bought my home in 1953 from Cousin Olin McIntosh's Southern States Naval Stores Corporation, he repeatedly assured me that the field between Sand Dollar Road and the Atlantic would never be developed, being dedicated "for the exclusive use of residents of Folly Field and their guests". I am distressed to learn that the Town proposes "taking" the use of part of this restricted property under a "lease" to pave a parking lot with meters at which I will have to look the rest of my life. Even so this project is too small to be practical. Who will force beach-goers to "feed" the meters? Who will clean the rest rooms? New Town employees? Half the revenue from fifty meters will not fund a minimum wage salary since visitors crowd the area only June through August.

Worse still, the police-system of parking permits and towing away of cars is proposed for quiet Moon Shell Road which has never had any trouble from parked beach-goers. The best efforts of planning "experts" inevitably produce unintended results.

Please, let's re-think these plans for Folly Field which will affect the rest of my life so adversely. I would welcome opportunity to discuss my concerns with you.

With all good wishes I have the honor to remain

Faithfully,

*Robert E. H. Peeples +*

Rev. Dr. Robert E. H. Peeples