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1.	07 15 10	Dan and Carolyn Seckinger 487 Rovino Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		<p>Jul 14 10 06:26p Seckinger 3056665325 p.1</p> <p><b>CITY OF CORAL GABLES PLANNING DEPARTMENT</b> <b>2010 JUL 15 AM 9:51</b></p> <p>Dan and Carolyn Seckinger 487 Rovino Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156</p> <p>We object to the proposed new project at Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Fairchild is located on historic Old Cutler Road. Old Cutler is a two way road. It is also one of the only eastern roads that runs north south. As of now, whenever there is an event at Fairchild the road becomes a bottleneck of traffic. With the addition of construction vehicles and traffic due to the educational building and the party facility the traffic will become impossible and the safety of those living nearby will be jeopardized.</p> <p>This is a residential neighborhood. The intrusion of a multi story facility for classrooms, research and the restaurant is altering the quiet residential neighborhood to a commercial neighborhood.</p>

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2.	07 14 10	Daniel Seckinger 487 Rovino Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		<p>From: Daniel Seckinger Resident, City of Coral Gables 487 Rovino Ave Coral Gables, FL 33156</p> <p>RE: Fairchild Tropical Gardens Application No. 11-09-095-P</p> <p>Date: July 14, 2010</p> <p>I am writing to oppose the Fairchild Tropical Gardens request for a zoning change, to oppose the amendment to the Fairchild Master Site Plan and to oppose the addition to the Science Village as outlined in Mr. Riel's staff report: <a href="http://coralgables.com/NR/rdonlyres/09EB47A8-BEEB-4C8D-9526-BDEF50543061/2024/fairchildstaffreport.pdf">http://coralgables.com/NR/rdonlyres/09EB47A8-BEEB-4C8D-9526-BDEF50543061/2024/fairchildstaffreport.pdf</a></p> <p>Fairchild Gardens was established by Mr. Robert Montgomery in 1936 to provide a location for Dr. David Fairchild to introduce and grow exotic plants he collected world wide to the United States; the climate of our great city appropriate for tropical plants. My neighborhood, Hammock Oaks was a swamp then, but our neighborhood was built and has for the most part co-existed peacefully over the years with Fairchild Gardens immediately to our north, late night parties and fireworks notwithstanding.</p> <p>Fairchild Gardens has become a prime tourist destination and local favorite in part due to the great plant collections, but also in part due to it being a beautiful garden with wide green spaces, something seldom seen in our urban environment. While I appreciate the desire for Fairchild Gardens to build research facilities and a Science Village, I oppose their desire to cover more of the grounds with concrete and buildings.</p> <p>Please keep our green spaces green. And if Fairchild wants to build research facilities and a Science Village, perhaps they could do so just up LeJeune Road on some of the already covered land near US 1. If that is not an option, please at least make Fairchild modify their plans to locate the new buildings on the north side of their property, so as not to be right next to our neighborhood.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention - I urge the City of Coral Gables Planning Department to deny the application as submitted by Fairchild Gardens. This has always been residential property; the Fairchild founders were comfortable with that, the current Fairchild administration needs to appreciate that and not try to build commercial style buildings so close to their neighbors.</p> <p>Sincerely, Daniel Seckinger</p>
3.	07 08 10	Norman & Carolyn Segall 495 Campana Ave Coral Gables, FL 33156		X	

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4.	07 08 10	Alan D. Savitz 11094 Paradela St Coral Gables, FL 33156		X	
5.	07 02 10	Daniel U. Ligman 480 Rovino Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		We are happy with this commercial area as is. Expansion with buildings is not wanted. Keep it as is.
6.	07 02 10	Kristy Rodriguez 480 Campana Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		Because it will change the look of our entrance. We are not happy about a building structure.
7.	06 28 10	Noemi Wasmer 11065 Marin Street Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		Traffic increase on Old Cutler R. We have bumper to bumper traffic on weekdays during rush hour and also on weekends anytime Fairchild Gardens has an event, making it very difficult to get in/out of our subdivision (Hammock Oak).
8.	06 28 10	James G. Schwade 10201 Sabal Palm Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		Too much traffic and noise!!! They are turning our area into an amusement park. This is a residential neighborhood & should remain SO!!
9.	06 28 10	Gerardo & Mercedes Polanco 11050 Marin Street Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		Hammock Oak "is a residential zone". Why change? Fairchild has 82.5 acres. Why not building on the other side? Why damaging our neighborhood? It does not make sense!!!
10.	06 24 10	Alex & Flora Marrero 341 Campana Avenue Coral Gables, FL 33156	X		Totally object . No more construction for any purpose other than current residential status. Currently when functions occur, traffic is a nightmare. Also more construction other than residential will create additional negative environmental problems.  (Do not congest our neighborhood anymore. <u>Enough</u> is <u>enough</u> . TOTALLY OBJECT NO WAY!)
11.	06 22 10	Joseph Hoffman 9385 Balada Street Coral Gables, FL 33156		X	