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To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: In Favor of Pickle Ball Courts at Venetian
Date: Friday, May 13, 2022 7:39:43 PM

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Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 2:58:51 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: In Favor of Pickle Ball Courts at Venetian

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Hello,

A community wide email is circulating to express NO to the pickle ball courts at the Venetian Golf & River Club.

We are writing to say we are IN FAVOR of the three new pickle ball courts.

Our community has done due diligence to make the most appropriate decision to serve all residents.

Thank you.
Joy and Robert Wolf
114 Palazzo Court
North Venice

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Subject: Fwd: Pickle ball at Venetian
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:19:51 AM

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To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Pickle ball at Venetian

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Hello

Thank you for taking time to read this. I OPPOSE the pickleball courts for several reasons.

1. NOT fair to the homeowners that live near the courts. It is *very loud*. The mitigation will not work and will look horrible. I don't live close by, but if I did I would be so concerned about the noise and my property value. Much has been written about other communities that have struggled with this issue. Not an unknown problem.

2. Our own VENETIAN statute states that *no one* should be subjected to undue noise.

3. There is a plan to put pickleball courts nearby in an area which will not affect others. Just 5 minutes down the road.

4. Pickleball will only benefit a few residents and will negatively affect many more.

Sue Nielsen MD
476 Padova Way
Venetian
612-210-4989

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pickleball Courts at Venetian Golf and River Club
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:20:05 AM

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Subject: Pickleball Courts at Venetian Golf and River Club

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I am writing to express my **disapproval** of the building of pickleball courts in the proposed location at the Venetian Golf and River Club.

Thanks!
Sharon George
230 Padova Way
North Venice,FL

414-526-2555

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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Venetian Golf & River Club Pickle Ball Courts
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Subject: Venetian Golf & River Club Pickle Ball Courts

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I am in opposition to the addition of pickle ball courts at the River Club. Parking is already an issue with some events with people parking on both sides of Bellavista Drive and Pesaro Drive. This overflow of parking can and will hamper any emergency vehicles entering those streets. It is also my understanding that with the addition of a new park just under 2 miles away on Laurel Road there will be pickle ball courts.

Kathy Allen
190 Montelluna Drive
Sent from my iPad

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Venetian Golf and River club Pickleball
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:22:20 AM

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From: Mary Abbruzzese <maryabz47@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2022 10:52:12 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Venetian Golf and River club Pickleball

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I am a full & long time owner and resident of the Venetian Golf and River club (113 Tiziano Way). As a tennis and pickleball player I am totally in favor of adding amenities to our community. Pickleball being one which will be a popular and greatly utilized.
Cords,
Mary Abbruzzese

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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
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Subject: Fwd: PickleBall courts
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:22:57 AM

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From: Ann Wright <aewright141@comcast.net>
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To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: PickleBall courts

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I am supporting the addition of the PickleBall courts at the Venetian Golf & River Club.
Thank you,
Ann E Wright
109 Valenza Loop
North Venice, FL
34275

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
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From: Bev Donovan <bevandduane@gmail.com>
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To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Pickleball Courts

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To Whom It May Concern,

We support the construction of pickleball courts at the Venetian. Please note our support at the upcoming City of Venice hearing.

Thank you,

Beverly and Duane Donovan

330-221-1010

162 Bella Vista Terrace, Unit A, N. Venice, Florida 34275

A-L Professional Services

May 12, 2022

City Of Venice
Planning and Zoning Division
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
Att: Rebecca Paul, Planning Coordinator

Re: VGRC Pickleball Courts Site and Development Plans Amendment
Petition No. 21-38SP (Re-Submitter #1)
Response To Sec 86-23(m)

Dear Ms. Paul.

I have used the same format as Mr. Schappacher to provide professional engineering comment to their analysis. I have only included a response to the engineers statement and not included the comments :

M.1 The CDD is owner of the River Club in name only. The CDD purchased the property using the taxing authority for the property owners of the community and the property owners pay assessment to repay the bonds. In order for the CDD to purchase the River Club, a majority of the Owners of the community needed to approve the purchase and agree to be taxed for the purchase. Therefore, the property owners are the true owners and allow the CDD to maintain the property. The CDD has a current significant deficit that may become a liability to the city if the current economic environment result in a large number of owners defaulting on their payment. Extending significant monetary resources for pickleball here that will be available to the community at a public park that is the same distance as many residents must travel from their homes to the proposed location at the River Club.

This proposal eliminates portions of the common open space and does not preserve it as the engineer claims. In fact, as the engineer has brought in to this discussion the entire development, the Master Declaration, Section 9.1, requires that "open space will not be diminished or destroyed".

Additionally, Section 11.4 also does not allow alternation of stormwater management system without approval of the regulating authority. If a application for a change was submitted, a notification would be sent to adjacent landowners. Such notification has not been received.

M.2 While there is no pickleball here, all the surrounding communities do not offer anywhere as many amenities as this community. The current rules of the racquetball committee allows for non-resident guests of community residents to use the courts that can have an adverse effect on nearby communities. Again there is this claim that there is an un-quantified percentage of residents wanting the pickleball courts. No community wide survey has been undertaken to see if there is major support for it.

M.3 WCI's prior application in 2010 for revision to parking requesting additional parking due to inadequate parking does not square with the CDD current claim and the historical data of insufficient parking problems. The current two driveway configuration at the 13 space lot does not have a accident history and does not effect the current round about operations. The level of service for the River Club entrance road and round about is always "A".

M.4 Same response as M.3

M.5 Numerous studies show that noise barriers do not perform to manufactures claims. Noise is a wave that upon interception with a vertical barrier, will travel up the wall and over and continue outward from the source of the noise generator. As the Multi-family units are two story, the upper level will receive greater impact from the noise. As the proposed wall is not of sufficient height and the proposed hedge against the fence is shorter then the wall it will not block the noise nor are the proposed trees configuration sufficient screening to abate the noise.

A rendering was prepared using the landscaping proposed in the Plan Sheet L-1 and the vegetation will not provide the visual barrier from the multi-family units across Bella Vista Ter. as claimed. The courts will be visual to the resident of the upper floors in the multi-unit Building.

M.6 The Plan Sheet C-02 grading shows the flow of surface water is altered. While the tennis court water flows to the drain on the northwest portion of the site, the retention area south of the existing storm drain is filled and water on the west most Pickleball court is redirected away from the existing drain to the west and the one to the east. Finally, There is a lose of retention capacity due to the filling of the swale. The engineers claim the p attren is the same is inaccurate.

M.7 No comment

M.8 Site Plan C-02 shows three court light and they have not determined if or where there is adequate power for their installation and the extent of the work to provide the power.

M.9 The closest pickleball court will be only 70' from 101 Bella Vista Ter., a four unit Condo building. The courts orientation is rotated at a 35 degree angle to the street. There will be a heavy solid screen on the fence facing onto the street. The closest tennis court to the building across the street is approximately 100'. The tennis courts are configured parallel to the street with a 3.5' high fence for most of the length along Bella Vista Terrace and no screen on the fence. Therefore, the pickleball courts are not consistent with the nearest tennis court. Additionally, tennis play does not generate the same level of noise as pickleball due to the racquet and ball differences and the tennis need for quiet to concentrate during play.

Open space is being removed on the west side of the existing parking lot to place the courts and fences. Previous comments indicate there was a survey for pickleball. There was no community wide survey undertaken.

M.10 The picleball court proximity to Bella Vista Ter. roadway, it's orientation to adjacent courts, the level of noise, and the visual inconsistency of the Accoustfence will have a depreciation in property values for each unit in close proximity to the pickelball courts.

M.11 No comment

M.12 There is a violation of the setback distance for this CN property on residential street.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arnold Weitzman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Arnold Weitzman, PE
Retired

A-L Professional Services

May 12, 2022

City Of Venice
Planning and Zoning Division
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
Att: Rebecca Paul, Planning Coordinator

Re: VGRC Pickleball Courts Site and Development Plans Amendment
Petition No. 21-56SP (Re-Submitter #1)
Response To Engineers Submittal Response to Policy 8.2

Dear Ms. Paul.

I have used the same format as Mr. Schappacher to provide professional engineering comment to their analysis:

A. Land use density and intensity. Both density and intensity will increase as you add another activity to an already congested location as numerous activities converge at the same time.

B. Building heights and setbacks. There is a fence structure that will require meeting BOCA hurricane code and need variance from setback requirement per Section 86-91. No vertical template is provided.

C. Character or type of use proposed. Other communities in this area offer pickleball but no tennis at the same location. The reason being tennis and pickleball are incompatible sports. Tennis requires quiet and concentration with minimum noise while the ball strikes the stringed racquet. Pickleball uses a hard surface paddle that strikes a plastic waffle ball and the sound made is quite strong and there is combined loud speech and yelling. Yes the space is limited and the original developer never intended to put additional courts of any kind in this area as it was designed as a child playground. There is insufficient space to put these courts at this location and maintain the setback distance used for the edge of the Tennis courts

H. Densities & intensities of proposed use as compared to existing uses. The proposed pickleball courts will draw an increased number of people to the site. I have photographs of parking issues and the River Club indicated in WCI's 2010 parking application for the 13 spaces that those spaces were necessary due to insufficient parking. The CDD now wants to remove the 13 spaces. The historic data contradicts the original calculated for required parking determined by building square footage. No consideration was given that the River Club would be open to people outside the community. There was no Tiki Bar or the number of residents use of the two resort sized pools. Additionally, most residents do not walk to the pools or the tennis courts as the distance to get the River Club can be over a mil and play is by scheduled time. The facility advertized on It's website for people from outside the community. There is capacity for 400 dining seating and 660 meeting seating as indicated on the that website.

Potential incompatibility shall be mitigated through techniques including, B ut not Limit

I. Provide open space, perimeter buffers, landscaping and berms.

A rendering was prepared using the landscaping proposed in the Plan Sheet L-1 and the vegetation will not provide the visual barrier from the multi-family units across Bella Vista.

J. Screening of source of light, noise, mechanical equipment, Plan Sheet C-02 shows lights at three locations. Numerous studies show that noise barriers do not perform to manufactures claims. Noise is a wave that upon interception with a wall, will travel vertically up the wall and over and continue outward from the source of the noise generator. As the Multi-family units are two story, the upper level will have greater impact from the noise. As the proposed wall is not of sufficient height and the vegetation proposed is insufficient to screen noise.

K. Locating road access to minimize adverse impact. There is no accident data showing that the two driveway entrances at the 13 space parking are a hazard or causes impact to the round-about. Again, the historical parking data shows insufficient parking and not the originally calculated spaces prior to the construction and operation of the facility.

L. Adjusting building setbacks to transition between different uses. They are proposing a structure that encroaches on CN zone setback required for commercial activity on street with residential zone.

M. Applying step-down or tiered building height to transition between different uses. There is a proposed structure so there should be a consideration for a step-down by increasing the elevation of the pickleball courts.

N. Lowering density or intensity of land uses to transition between different uses. Their statement contradicts itself. If the pickleball activity is as popular as they claim then intensity of land use would increase with demand for parking that is currently inadequate and they are reducing parking spaces.

Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Arnold Weitzman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Arnold Weitzman, PE

May 10, 2022

To: City Planning Commission

Subject: Opposition to Plan 21-56P Development of 3 Pickleball Courts at the River Club

Dear City Planning Commissioners:

My name is Anthony Pirrotti and I am a 60 year plus practicing attorney in New York, Tennessee, Colorado, Connecticut, and Florida who is retired now. I live at 114 Medici Terrace in the Venetian Golf and River Club.

I was very much against the plan to develop pickleball courts under the FP&L power lines on Pesaro last year for many reasons. That site was a very inappropriate site with many development and construction problems as well as contractual issues that subjected our community to litigation from deaths and injuries should they have occurred.

Being retired, I love to sit in my lanai and enjoy the sounds of nature of wildlife that come and go in the pond between our property and the Power lines. My wife and I and our neighbors were very much against building the courts there because of the noise generated by pickleball. We can hear the FP&L workers talk when they are doing line maintenance a couple of hundred feet away and the sound of pickleball everyday would have been more than we could take. It would have destroyed our peaceful quality-of-life and hurt our property values. I spoke in opposition to the CDD's Plan at City Planning and the City Council hearings.

We are happy that that plan was rejected by the Planning Commission and City Council.

We understand the plight of the adjacent homes near the River Club parking lot where the Board now wants to build 3 pickleball courts. Those adjacent homeowners will be subjected to noise that will hurt their quality-of-life and reduce the value of their homes. We support them in fighting to make sure that the courts are not built and they have to file a negligence lawsuit for relief.

We also object to paying for an amenity that we have not voted on since there has been no community wide survey to poll us on how we feel about spending over \$100,000 to fund this project. In addition, the courts will take away 13 parking spaces that are needed.

My wife and I have a handicap sticker. We park in the ADA designated parking spaces at the club. When the club is busy for popular events, we cannot park in the ADA spaces because those spots are frequently taken by others who arrived earlier. That forces my wife to drop me off at the club to find parking on a nearby street and then walk back to the club to accompany me into the Club. This is a great inconvenience for us at times. We object to the Club for taking away any parking spaces because we need all the spaces we have and more.

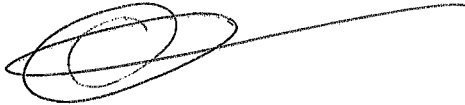
Uprooting the parking lot for pickleball will destroy the looks and esthetics of the River Club entrance and take away from the lovely Italian architecture of our community.

There is absolutely no need for us to build pickleball courts at this time because the newly approved and funded park on Laurel Road is only 1 mile from our entrance and will serve the needs of those wanting to play pickleball. It will also have a dog park for those wishing to unleash their dogs.

The precedent for denying pickleball courts near adjacent housing was set last year when you denied the pickleball courts on Pesaro by a 5 to 2 vote for the rezone and a 6 to 1 vote for the plan. You correctly cited Admin code 86-23 m, (2), (5), (9) and (10) and for the affected homes. The decision dated February 2, 2021 should be used as precedent.

I urge you to use that set precedent when voting on the River Club plan.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Anthony J. Pirrotti, Esq (retired)
114 Medici Terrace
Nokomis, FL 34275
(914) 523-2330

5-9-22

Planning Commission

Dear Members of the City Council of Venice and

The proposed pickleball court at the Venetian Golf and River Club is ill advised.

Property values of those in the condos will decrease. Why would you buy a Condo at today's prices to be bombarded by the constant flipping noise of racquet and ball.

- The CBD has not even hired a professional architectural study. Mistake!
- Exposure to law suits: Since there is a drain in the middle of one court causing potential erosion, dangerous turf.
- The "River Club" monument will have to be removed - again decreasing the luxury country club look and decreasing property values.
- Aesthetically speaking to have an ugly court about the attractive circular entrance to the River Club decrease value and downgrade the luxury look.
- People booking weddings etc. will be

turned off by the ugly approach.

I am also tired of the COD addressing serious changes that affect our way of life when the snowbirds are not here. It's a deliberate plan to ignore their points of view.

at the September 13th meeting.
resident's questions were ignored & not addressed.

City of Venice is building an amazing public park featuring people ball.
Why would we need courts here.

Please Vote No! No! Thank You.

Respectfully

Lee Perotti
Resident

May 10, 2022

City Planning Commission
401 West Venice Ave.
Venice, FL 34285

Subject: Plan 21-56P – Development of Three Pickleball Courts at the Existing River Club Site.

I am a resident of the Venetian Golf and River Club and I am opposed to the building of any pickleball courts in the River Club parking lot. I am not opposed to the game of pickleball but the location chosen is problematic and will not enhance the looks or value to our club. Our own pickleball committee and CDD said the site wouldn't work in 2 meetings. Now they have revived the plan.

- The CDD has never done a community-wide survey to gauge the popularity of building pickleball courts in the parking lot, but I can tell you that from all the folks that I have talked to there are very few that approve of the idea.
- We who oppose the courts have collected over 1,000 signatures from those who oppose the courts in that location. The CDD said that maybe only 50 would play pickleball when the plan was sent to City Planning.
- The CDD and the pickleball committee concluded that the parking lot was not a good location in 2019 and 2020 because the sound testing and geography wasn't right and the loss of 13 parking spaces would not be good for the club. One CDD member said it was not "feasible" to build there. Another Board member said that the pickleball committee had worked for a year to find a site for pickleball courts but they couldn't find one, so they chose the Pesaro site under the FP&L power lines instead. The Parking lot site was dead. You are reviewing the dead plan today on the calendar in plan 21-56P. It's a dead plan now revived.
- New construction pickleball courts are 34 feet wide, and 64 feet long according to USA Pickleball and the International Federation of Pickleball. There is a storm water drain in the middle of the parking lot that measures 7 feet across. Three side by side pickleball courts plus the drain would be 109 feet across. Four of us cut pieces of rope to that size and tied the ends together. We could not fit our roped 3-court envelope in the space indicated on the plan. The courts drawn on the plan are too small!
- The storm water drain to be left "in place for drainage" on the plan is a trip-hazard and a liability and the subject of a possible negligence lawsuit.
- The courts have cut off corners for gates. The space that is being cut off is in the required setback for the courts. The striped court on each side is 22 feet long with a 10 foot setback. That 22 feet striped + 10 feet for setback + 22 feet striped + 10 feet for setback on both sides totals 64 feet long. When players chase balls in the backcourt they are playing outside the striped court area in the required setback. When you cut off required setback with a fence you create a crash hazard because the players frequently chase balls in the back court to hit them back across the net. By cutting the corner off, you are creating a crash hazard in the back courts. This is a liability and may be the subject of a negligence lawsuit.

- Taking away 13 parking spaces in the River Club is not a good idea because the parking lot gets full today when there are popular events at the club. In addition, the club is seeking outside attendance for functions such as weddings to increase revenue. Every spot we have is needed.
- Pickleball courts were not in the original PUD when homeowners bought here. It is unfair to add them now. Many adjacent homeowners would not have bought with pickleball courts so close.
- It is a well-documented fact that the game of pickleball is louder than tennis. Tennis is a lower sound, while pickleball is a higher “pop” that affects the ear in a different way. It is annoying to those subjected to the noise. This is well-documented in writings on the subject.
- There are too many condos and single-family homes around the parking lot where the courts are planned. These properties will become noise-battered. The noise will negatively affect their day-to-day quality-of-life and cause a depreciation in the value of their homes. Noise affected home are always valued lower than an exact home situated somewhere without the noise.
- In spite of numerous requests, the CDD did not hire a professional acoustical engineer to evaluate our conditions for a noise assessment report.
- Our CDD used our landscaping engineer, Mr. Rick Schappacher, for noise evaluation. He is not an acoustical engineer and did not use widely accepted methodology to obtain a scientific conclusion. For example, you cannot say “pickleball is 55 decibels” as a conclusion. Sound is measured over a period of time since sound travels in sound waves like ocean waves. They have highs and lows, and peaks and valleys. When you quote a number like 55 you don’t know whether that number comes from the high or the low or somewhere in between. You must quote sound measurement in averages such as “the decibels measured an average of 55 over a time period of 10 minutes”.
- Our engineer does not have the knowledge, equipment or the training to do a scientific noise study and his conclusions are false and misleading. Only an acoustical engineer with extensive pickleball court experience and many cases studies would be qualified to make expert noise assessments that would be useful to us.
- We have never seen a report about noise evaluation from Mr. Schappacher, nor has he ever presented one at any of our meetings, nor did he include one in his submission to City Planning. His quoted numbers only come from his memory.
- I would not like to see my money paid to the CDD used in this way when much-needed repairs are continually neglected.
- This amenity is just another amenity that does not produce any revenue but has to be maintained at an expense to all of us.
- The CDD did not hold the required “Public Workshop” on September 13, 2021 according to the rules in City Code 86-41 Public Workshop. “Workshops” imply collaboration and working together. The CDD did not hold the meeting that way. They held it as a public hearing, where they talked, we only had public comment time, and our questions and concerns were not answered in spite of us raising our hands and calling out questions. There was no collaboration. There were 5 of the 6 items missing in section (1) of 86-41. We were only shown an engineering drawing with no court dimensions on it. The workshop was held when 75% of the condo owners (those most affected) were not here to attend, nor were they ever consulted when they came

down for the season in later months. They were told the matter was in the hands of the City Planning and they should take their concerns to City Hall when the item was on the addenda. In short, they were denied due process.

- The City denied the Pesaro Plan for pickleball courts under the power lines twice. Once by the Planning Commission (5-2 for the rezone, and 6-1 for the plan), and by the City Council (6-1) after an appeal. That decision set a precedent for siting pickleball courts near residential units. There are more housing units in the Parking Lot Plan than there were in the Pesaro Plan.
- The Planning Commission must use the already set precedent to deny this plan.
- The Venetian Golf and River Club is unwise to try to build pickleball courts in the parking lot when the new park just 1 mile down Laurel Road has been approved and funded.
- Many of the tennis players are against putting pickleball courts in the parking lot next to the tennis courts because they know that the noise generated by pickleball play will interfere with their tennis game concentration.
- Many tennis players fear that pickleball courts next to tennis courts will jeopardize their play in leagues with other clubs because other clubs may find our courts too noisy to play here.
- Putting noise dampening material only on 2 sides will not cut down on the noise generated. Acoustical engineers say the noise reduction by barriers, dampening materials, softer paddles and balls only reduce a minimal amount of noise even though advertising claims are higher.
- The condo owners and single-family homeowners that surround the site are very worried about the pickleball courts being approved and the affect it will have on their quality-of-life and home value. Some are thinking of selling their homes if this plan is approved. Many of us are older people who find it very disrupting to uproot ourselves and start over after living here for a number of years.

As you can see, there are a lot of reasons why this plan should be denied.

Please use the precedent you set when you denied the Pesaro site to deny the Parking lot site.

Thank you,

Tyler D. Cassell
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**BARBARA FELTQUATE
105 Bella Vista Terrace, Unit D
N. Venice, FL 34275**

May 17, 2022

Venice City Planning Commission
Council Chambers
City Hall
401 West Venice Ave
Venice, FL 34285

Dear Members of the Planning Commission,

I am an affected resident and vehemently opposed to the location of the proposed Pickleball courts being petitioned by the Venetian Golf and River Club CDD.

I have lived in and enjoyed this community for 18 years. The proposed site is 90 feet, a stone's throw, from my home. I will be affected by the continuous annoying raucous noise generated by PB play, 7 days a week, and 9 hours a day. The quality of my life will be significantly impacted if the courts are built there.

I turn to this Planning Commission to conform to codes. The prospect of your pending decision has stressed me beyond my limits. I plead that you base your decision on the truth and with compassion for my plight. You have access to accurate, scientific evaluations of the noise levels produced by PB and recommendations for distances from courts to abutting properties. If you allow the PB courts to be built at that site, the toxic environment will destroy me. You will be forcing me to do what was unthinkable until now...move. You will take away my human right that says people are entitled to the peaceful enjoyment of their property. I am fighting for my life.

Sincerely,



Barbara Feltquate

To: planningcommision@venicegov.com

citycouncil@venicefl.gov

From: your name HARVEY FELTQUATE

Cc: capefeltquate1@comcast.net

Subject: Opposition to location of proposed Pickleball courts at VGRC

I am against the construction of the 3 PB courts proposed by the CDD to be built adjacent to the 6 tennis courts on the corner parking lot at the entrance to the River Club. These courts are a waste of money which could be better spent on our aging infrastructure. Additional rational for my objection is the following:

- The noise level emanating from these courts is excessive and will be a nuisance to those living close by.
- Three standalone tournament pickleball courts including allowances for catch basins, fences, and shrubs will not fit in the allotted space.
- The two drains located in this area represent an environmental hazard and a code violation which could flood the area in heavy rains and surges and run off from the adjacent tennis courts. Changing the topography and drainage to code will significantly increase construction costs.
- The stately Italian motif entrance to the River Club will be forever destroyed.
- There will be a 10% loss of much needed River Club parking.
- We cannot justify the expense of building and maintaining these courts to satisfy a few (approx. 50) at the expense of over 2500 residents.
- The solution to our community problem lies in the recent approval by the City of Venice to build a state of the art park on Laurel Road. It will feature 9 PB courts, a dog park, a children's playground, a walking trail, bathroom facilities and parking for 45 cars. Furthermore it is FREE.
- This plan by the CDD must not be approved.



HARVEY FELTQUATE

105 BELLA VISTA TERRACE, UNIT D

N. VENICE, FL 34275

From: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#); [Kelly Fernandez](#)
Subject: FW: Opposition to Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball Courts
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From: Robert Sweeps <RobbieSweeps@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 1:08 PM
To: Mercedes Barcia <mbarcia@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Opposition to Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball Courts

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Hello Mercedes,

My wife Toni and I write in strong opposition to the proposed building development of three pickleball courts on the Venetian Golf & River Club property near the River Club amenities.

The proposed site of the Pickleball Courts will eliminate numerous parking spaces where parking is already scarce. There is no ability to create more parking and therefore cars will either park on residential streets nearby, a nuisance for those living in these neighborhoods--or cars will double park illegally on the drives leading into the river club. The directors here do not seem to have any concerns about this--but I have seen many instances of elderly people needing to cross the main drive at the River Club when parking is full (which is frequently during season and at other peak times. The elimination of parking that benefits virtually all to benefit a select few pickleball players is unacceptable.

Second, the proposed site is very close to several residential units and will create further noise pollution. When originally proposed, the pickleball courts were planned for a vacant lot that was far from other homes and that would not create a parking shortage. In its current proposed location, it will be wedged in a tight space that will encourage people to congregate in close proximity to homes--something buyers would not have been able to contemplate when purchasing a home here. The Directors seem determined to squeeze these pickleball courts into what is by all measures a very tight and inappropriate space. I've heard the Directors comment about this--and it is more of an ego driven determination to build the pickleball courts at all costs, not matter what.

I believe that if put to a vote in the community, which it hasn't, the overwhelming majority of homeowners would vote no on these pickleball courts.

We would urge you to also vote NO and decline the petition to build these pickleball courts.

Sincerely,
Robert & Toni Wardlaw
143 Sevilla Place
The Venetian Golf & River Club

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pickelball
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 1:13:39 PM

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From: Jeff Auerbacher <jeffauerbacher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 12:05:16 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Pickelball

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For it. 121 Palazzo Court.
Venetian Golf and River Club

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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Pickle all courts at Venetian River Club
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 1:14:20 PM

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From: Janice Stewart <j.m.stewart80@att.net>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:56:22 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Pickle all courts at Venetian River Club

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We object to the pickle ball courts, because it will adversely affect the residents living nearby and even residents trying to enjoy the pool area. The noise is also a concern as it affects property values. Let the few residents that enjoy pickle ball use the proposed park down the street.

Janice Stewart
342 Cipriani Way

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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Venetian Golf and River Club pickle ball courts application,
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 1:15:33 PM

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From: William Saro <oras18@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 10:45:09 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Venetian Golf and River Club pickle ball courts application,

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To, City of Venice Council and Planning Commission,

My name is William Saro and my wife and I are full time residents of Venice, residing in the Venetian Golf and River Club. For 16+ years we have had a peaceful and enjoyable existence in a community which host a wide amenities for all to enjoy at their pleasure. Unfortunately, pickle ball courts were never in the Master PUD. But in the early part of 2021, our CDD attempted to place four (4) pickle ball courts in the FP&L easement which bisects the community north to south. Their applications for an amendment to the PUD and approval of the site plan were overwhelmingly denied by both the Planning Commission and the City Council. There were several residents who spoke in person and via Zoom call, who were not in favor of this effort. There were also a hand full of residents who spoke in favor of the applications but in fact, in a community of 1330+ homes, the majority did not want the CDD's plans to be approved. Thanks to

both the City Planning Commission and City Council for their wisdom and fore site in their denial of the VGRC's application.

I find myself again, asking for the City Council to stop and deny the current VGRC's application to now place three (3) pickle ball courts in an area which is currently providing 13 parking spaces for the River Club and Tennis participants to use. This new location is only approximately 20 yards away from the closest residence which will be adversely affected by noise, on street parking due to the loss of the 13 parking spaces, along with the loss of much of the mature landscaping already in place. Our CDD has been attempting to placate a very small minority of residents in the community, who want the have their own pickle ball courts on property at the expense of their neighbors peaceful coexistence and enjoyment of the outside environment which was paramount when the residents, who will be directly affected negatively by another ill advised plan, purchased their property near the River Club.

You have heard and will hear from many people who are for and who are opposed to the new application by the VGRC CDD to place these three (3) pickle ball courts in an area which will require some very creative and unusual placement of the courts. The Venetian's own engineer will say that he has done a sound study to mitigate the concerns of excess noise. But a small hand held **decibel meter** that hasn't been decelerated to professional standards is hardly a reliable source for

credible statistics to refer to. The study was done with one ball and one pickle ball paddle. In reality, there may be as many as twelve people, twelve paddles and 6 balls in play thus resulting in a far greater noise nuisance to the surrounding residents and tennis ball players. The CDD has refused to hire a certified professional acoustic engineer to do a proper study.

I am certain that the **City of Venice** would perform due diligence by hiring a true acoustic professional, for a sound survey if they were planning to build amenities which could adversely affect surrounding dwellings if the noise was going to be an issue. The **VGRC DID NOT** do their due diligence in the previous application which was denied or in this present case before you. The CDD has consistently turned a deaf ear to the majority of the community they are sworn to represent and instead bowed to the pressure of a small vocal segment of the community. This small segment is not satisfied to wait until the planned park to be built on Laurel Road East comes about. There will be more than enough courts in this park and there will not be the community divide which is currently present in the Venetian Golf and River Club.

I ask you once again to find in favor of the majority of our community and deny this application. It's the same as it was when the first application was filed and denied, poorly planned, ill conceived, wasted money, inconvenience to neighbors in both decreased property values and noise nuisance and just not a good idea.

Thank you in advance for your consideration

Sincerely

William A. Saro

130 Medici Terrace, No. Venice, Fl, 34275

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Fwd: Venetian pickle ball courts
Date: Monday, May 16, 2022 1:16:36 PM

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From: Monica Renkens <mrenkens@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 9:51:01 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Venetian pickle ball courts

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I would like to add my name to the list of those Venetian residents who oppose the construction of the pickleball courts.

Monica Renkend
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Monica Renkens
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From: Margaret Palmer <meglpalmer7@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 3:23:09 PM

To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Venetian River Club pickle ball court proposal

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Dear City Council,

I am a VGRC resident and am writing to you to urge you not to approve the pickle ball courts. The noise from such courts will adversely affect nearby homeowners. They deserve to have reasonable quiet! I don't live nearby but at one time these courts were proposed near my home, and I appreciated the support of many homeowners who weren't directly affected.

Adding those courts will also negatively impact the amenity area of the River Club, making it look cramped and parking spaces will also be sacrificed.

I feel that residents should be patient for awhile longer until the public courts on Laurel Rd. are built.

Thank you!

Peggy Palmer,
113 Treviso Ct.

Sent from my iPad

From: Michael <millermichael121@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 6:07:03 PM

To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Pickelball courts

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Three main reasons to not having the 3 pickle ball courts. 1. Very loud and unpleasant to neighbors , guests , and friends . 2. Area is too small and crowded for this activity . 3. Property values could certainly decline . 4. Very few residents will benefit from this noise activity . The city of Venice is going to build 2 new parks off of Laurel road. With a total of at least 9 pickle ball courts , 5 min .from the Venetian Thank you . Mike and Barb Miller. 305 Savona Way. Venetian.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Meg Escue <megescue1@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2022 6:55:41 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Pickle ball courts

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We live at 102 Savona Way and DO NOT Want a pickle ball court!!!!

Meg Escue
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May 16, 2022

To: Venice City Planning Commission via email

Re: 1) Opposition to Change Residential Planned Unit Development (PUD) for developer Mr. Neal to build a regional shopping center at the corner of Laurel Road and Jacaranda Boulevard

2) Opposition to 3 pickle ball courts within the Venetian Golf and River Club

From: Anne R. and Hudson C. Smith

16-year permanent residents in VGRC, 101 Medici Court,
North Venice, FL 34275

We are in total OPPOSITION to both above referenced proposals currently being considered by the Venice City Planning Commission.

We are NOT willing to make any negotiations with Mr. Neal on Item 1. We do not need a commercial development in-between quiet neighborhoods in this area along county roads. The proposal is larger in total development than the existing commercial development now at the corner of Laurel Road and Pinebrook Road, where there exists a Publix, of less square feet than what this proposal proposes. We have plenty of grocery stores nearby, including two Publix stores each approximately 1-1/2 miles away. Mr. Neal clearly stated there would be NO commercial development on that corner as recently as his sales began at his nearby Milano development. Negotiations with Mr. Neal have suggested the possibility of a round about at our VGRC main entrance, perhaps moving our entrance or making entry/exit changes to our existing main entrance and the exit only for residents onto Laurel Road. It is Mr. Neal's intention to have no light at our entrance but add one at Laurel Road and Jacaranda Boulevard. Traffic nightmares!!

For many obvious reasons as you have clearly heard from many residents, it is I-N-S-A-N-E to "slam upon" our 18-year, established community as well as surrounding new communities which are mostly developed by Mr. Neal, to even consider this proposed commercial corner!!! There is currently a commercial strip-mall property

at the corner of Knights Trail and Laurel Road and is **still 90% vacant after approximately 10 years!!!** Really!!!! Plus, commercial property is currently being developed at the east corner of Knights Trail and Laurel Road. There seem to be **PLENTY OF COMMERCIAL FACILITIES** available to VGRC and other new community residents, nearby!

Mr. Neal currently has TEN developments on-going as is shown in the Sarasota Herald Tribune most weeks, advertising all housing developments in our area. He needs to be responsible enough to guarantee more open space and wetlands in all, rather than stuffing more in his pockets!!!!

Regarding **Item 2**, we are in total **OPPOSITION** of our community building three pickle ball courts which would also eliminate an existing River Club parking lot. We are currently budgeting costly upgrades to our outdoor spaces and function around our tiki bar area. We are currently experiencing very difficult operations at our River Club, consistent with the results of pandemic and employee availability. Residents are not supporting our River Club dining opportunities and until, and when, "the world environment" corrects itself, **it would be unwise to budget further monies for much of anything beyond what we currently are committed.** Additionally, there are plans to build a small park on Laurel Road which is planned to include pickle ball courts.

Thank you for reading our **OPPOSITION** to both items currently being considered by the Venice City Planning Commission.



Hudson C. Smith



Anne R. Smith

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: FW: ***Pickleball***
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 4:36:54 PM

From: exrsize168 <exrsize168@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2022 12:06 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: ***Pickleball***

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Hello Ms. Michaels,

Would like to voice my support for pickleball in the Venetian Golf & River Club. This sport is way overdue in our community as we have numerous people here that play. As you probably know, Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country and participation is up 39% in the last 2 years and 20% from 2019 to 2020. Pickleball is leaping past tennis with a variety of ages flocking to the game and players clamoring for more venues. It's here to stay and we need to secure some room in our community for courts. It will quickly take over as the dominant sport in Venetian with even more residents wanting to play and learn this incredibly addictive sport!

Thank you!

Carrie Palmer
VGRC

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: FW: Pickleball Courts
Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 1:55:26 PM

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From: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 4:27 PM
To: Planning Commission <PlanningCommission@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Pickleball Courts

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From: Pamela Pratt <ppratt5011@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 11:49:52 AM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Pickleball Courts

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Good morning. I live in the Venetian Golf and River Club. I am truly against the placing of the pickleball courts within the VGRC. They would be nothing but an intrusion on those living close to the courts. Please vote no. Thank you.

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Pamela Pratt