

**From:** Dick Longo [mailto:ralongo46@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 1:50 PM

**To:** John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>; Richard Cautero <RCautero@Venicegov.com>; Robert Daniels <RDaniels@Venicegov.com>; Kit McKeon <KMCKEON@venicegov.com>; Jeanette Gates <JGates@Venicegov.com>; Deborah Anderson <DAnderson@Venicegov.com>; Fred Fraize <FFraize@Venicegov.com>; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

**Subject:** Council Agenda Items re Preserves of Venice

Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing today regarding Agenda Items CC-16-03-PP, 16-01-CU, 16-01-RZ and Ordinance No. 2107-21.

I sincerely apologize that I can't be present at the Council Meeting on Tuesday, Oct 10. Unfortunately, I was infected by some waterborne bacteria clearing neighborhood drains after Irma that has had me hospitalized and now under strict Dr's care.

Regardless, I expect you will remember our opposition to the rezoning and other requests by the developer of The Preserves and that your evaluation of the overall situation resulted in your request of the developer to "work out the objectionable issues" with Fox Lea, Waterford and Sawgrass.

Unfortunately, from my perspective that has not occurred. I personally have had 3 relatively short phone calls from the developer, one meeting scheduled for September that was cancelled ( I was never informed of the reason for the cancellation. ) and one meeting that, although my hospitalization did not allow my participation, our representatives reported no resolution of any of our objectionable issues.

The Preserves development plan as it exists is not compatible with the existing neighborhoods.

The Preserves plan dramatically increases traffic in the area with no regard for any remediation - specifically turn lanes on N. Auburn Rd.

The Preserves further exacerbates the already precarious stormwater management problems associated with Curry Creek and other streams in the area.

The Preserves plan reduces the quality of life in Sawgrass and Waterford by adding to the highway noise from I-75.

The Preserves degrades the country / suburban aspect of N. Auburn and Border Rds by stacking homes as tightly and as closely to the roadways as possible.

The Preserves ignores the current zoning regulations related to lot width, setbacks and coverage percentage.

There are a number of other objections that I am sure you will hear from Fox Lea and/or Waterford as well as other independent citizens.

Approval of the Preserves plan as it exists does nothing to improve the quality of life for anyone in the City of Venice. With all due frustration at not being able to testify in person but with my deepest sincerity and respect for your good judgment I ask that you reject the applicant's requests.

Dick Longo  
295 Marsh Creek Rd.  
Venice, FL 34292

**From:** John Holic

**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 6:31 PM

**To:** Janice Wilson <janice7827@yahoo.com>; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

**Subject:** Re: Building 118 houses

Dear Janice Wilson and Mark Sojak,

On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.

Sincerely,

John Holic

Mayor, City of Venice

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From: Janice Wilson <[janice7827@yahoo.com](mailto:janice7827@yahoo.com)>

Sent: Thursday, October 5, 2017 3:40 PM

Subject: Building 118 houses

To: City Council <[citycouncil@venicegov.com](mailto:citycouncil@venicegov.com)>

Dear Sir or Madam,

It has come to my attention that another meeting will take place regarding the building of 118 homes where only eight homes were formerly allowed to be built on North Auburn Road and Border Road. We are home owners in Sawgrass and Triano, and we continue to be upset and concerned about the negative impact this decision will have on our property values, our quality of life, and most importantly on the environment.

As I stated in a previous email, we purchased in Venice because of the nature, quietness, and beauty of the area. We researched and visited many Florida areas including Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Sarasota, and Naples when deciding where to purchase, and we settled on Venice due to the above factors. This possible building will greatly decrease these three factors which make Venice an attractive and desirable area in which to live.

Building 118 homes in this area will have a detrimental effect on the Sawgrass and Triano developments as well as on Venice as a whole. There will be environmental changes to the natural aesthetics along North Auburn Road as well as to the plants and animals that live in the area. We are greatly concerned about the increase in traffic, the noise level from local traffic and from 75, and the pollution this increase in vehicles to the area will cause. We are also concerned about how this will impact the water flow from Curry Creek. In addition to the environmental concerns, which are our greatest worry, the impact of these changes will negatively effect the value of our properties in Sawgrass and Triano.

The increased building in the Sawgrass area will be a detriment to Venice as a whole, increasing the number of people to our area and overcrowding the highways as well as the beaches. Venice Beach is a quiet retreat for those who don't want the hustle and bustle of busier beaches such as Naples and Siesta Key. This increased building will only decrease the serenity of Venice.

We are very upset that our quality of life will be severely impacted and we urge you to prevent this redevelopment. Venice needs to remain as one of the few coastal towns that retains the beauty, nature, peace, and serenity of Florida.

Sincerely,

Janice Wilson and Mark Sojak  
599 Mossy Creek Rd  
Venice, FL  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 7:18 PM  
**To:** K IB <baslerki@gmail.com>; City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>  
**Subject:** Re: N. Auburn Road

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Basler,  
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.  
Sincerely,  
John Holic  
Mayor, City of Venice

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From: K IB <[baslerki@gmail.com](mailto:baslerki@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 9:32 AM  
Subject: N. Auburn Road  
To: City Council <[citycouncil@venicegov.com](mailto:citycouncil@venicegov.com)>

Please be advised that we are OPPOSED to the build-out of land on the corner of N. Auburn Road and Boarder Road. We believe it will have a negative impact on Venice and our housing values.

We believe our quality of life would be severely impacted by the dramatic increase in the allowable housing density. We are concerned about this plan and hope that the city council realizes that it is not a good plan for Venice.

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*Will and Katherine Basler*

*526 Marsh Creek Road, Venice*

From: Robert Blazek [mailto:bjblazek@gmail.com]  
Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 7:15 PM  
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>  
Subject: Preserves of Venice

Dear Mr. Holic and City Council,

We attended the all day city council meeting about the Preserves of Venice on June 27, 2017. We were very disappointed on how The Council handled these procedures. We thought it was pretty evident that they should reject this development, of 118 units in a very small area off a very narrow county road with no room for turning lanes. Why would The Council want to disrupt a very prominent business that brings lots of visitors and revenue to our city of Venice? As a resident of Sawgrass, we have real concerns about the types of homes they are going to bring in that don't fit with Sawgrass and Waterford homes in this area. We came away feeling The Council was more concerned about squeezing lots of homes in a small area, next to a six lane interstate and a horse farm that needs to be protected. When we purchased our expensive home off of Auburn in Sawgrass, we had no idea that they would rezone it to accommodate this development. We feel a few of The Council members understood that this is not just an issue between a developer and a horse farm, but involves two prominent and established developments.

Mr. Cautera & Mr. Holic had excellent points that most buyers don't hire attorneys, they have title companies & sign everything, not knowing what they are agreeing to or purchasing. As a past real estate agent, buyers don't realize they are buying next to a horse farm or interstate because they are driven by emotion and then later when reality sets in they will realize where/what they purchased. The Council is going to get an ear full.

Mr. Frazee stated the safety issue with children on horses with noise level of the development which is a real concern. The major concern is a narrow Auburn road with no turning lane and traffic is already very fast there. We feel lots of additional accidents will happen with the number of people living in the new development and all the additional traffic from the other new developments in this area.

If this is approved, we feel this will be a major problem for The Council in the future. Why set the city up for constant complaints?

Thank you for your service and The Council members who did not support this development. In closing, we hope The Council will consider all the negatives that go with this development and realize that it is not a "good fit" for this location. You are elected officials and we hope and pray you will do what is best for ALL residents of Venice!

Sincere Wishes,  
Robert & Julie Blazek  
542 Sawgrass Bridge Road  
Venice, FL 34292

Sent from my iPad

**From:** Lee Repinski [mailto:larepin@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Monday, July 03, 2017 8:16 PM

**To:** City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

**Subject:** 118 Homes on 39.5 Acres (NOT)

I'm a resident full time resident of Waterford. I'm not a snowbird. I'm actually a Florida native. I spent 26 years in the Navy and when I retired I came back to my roots, only to find devastation everywhere. You only have to look a mile down Border Road to see what Neal Communities has done to our neighborhood. There used to be deer that roamed the area. Not any more, they are not forced to move and seek food and shelter elsewhere. It's a shame. And there has been no improvement on infrastructure other than paving of the two lane roads. That is nice, but it doesn't help the traffic. If anything it's made it worse due to the speeders. Now you want to tear down another area that will make it even more congested. That new neighborhood will be way too dense for the area. There will be at least 200 more cars and no where to go but two lane roads (and that's not counting the cars from the Neal Community). And if you think the two four way stops (Jacaranda and Border/Edmondson and Capri Isle) are dangerous now, just wait. It will be so backed up that people will become irate and when someone gets killed there, it's too late to back up and take away that dense development. I'm asking you on the city council to start thinking about if you lived next to this new proposed development how you would feel. Give the neighbors and the local wildlife a break. Leave that piece of land alone. That developer doesn't care about the people or the wildlife, all they care about is how much money they can make on this deal.

Lee Repinski  
1688 Valley Dr

**From:** Peri Hoebeke [mailto:phobe73@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 9:19 AM

**To:** City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

**Subject:**

In order for this development next to Fox Lea Farm to go through the Farm should be granted all the protections it requested. FOX LEA FARM is a good asset to the Venice community. Frank & Peri Hoebeke 1416 Turnberry Dr. Venice Fl.



**From:** Bill Brewster [mailto:wjbbiz63@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 30, 2017 9:03 AM  
**To:** City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>  
**Subject:** The Preserve of Venice

As Waterford residents, our main concern is traffic on Edmonson and Auburn roads. I would guess that most people in the new addition would choose to grocery shop at the Publixs at Laurel and Pinebrook. That would result in a tremendous increase in traffic at the Edmonson and Capri Isle intersection along with the Pinebrook and Edmonson intersection.

We are at the Western edge of Waterford. During Fox Lea Farm we can easily hear the PA system. I can't imagine how noisy it would be for people in the new addition.

Will there be an entrance to the new addition off both Edmonson/Border and Auburn?

Thanks,

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

-----Original Message-----

From: DONALD D DAVIDSON [mailto:betty.dond@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 8:46 AM

To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Auburn road subdivision

As a resident of Waterford I'm not in favor of it Sent from my iPhone

From: Ruth Trepanier [mailto:rktrepanier@comcast.net]  
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:12 PM  
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>  
Subject: Info

I am totally against Preserves at Venice. That area is already crowded & the impact from new building in that area will have a detrimental impact in so many ways. Please do not approve this project.

Sent from my iPad  
Ruth Trepanier  
1436 Turnberry Drive  
Venice, FL 34392  
941-485-8726

From: Eileen Healey [mailto:ilean99@juno.com]  
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:35 PM  
To: City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>  
Subject: 118 homes corner of N Auburn and Border

City council members,

My husband and I own a home in Sawgrass on 633 Misty Pine Rd. We are against the building of 118 homes on that property. Venice is becoming so congested with traffic in the last ten years. Since paving of road connecting jacaranda Rd to border the exiting from Sawgrass onto Edmeston Rd is an accident waiting to happen. That's without the extra traffic that the addition of more homes. Why isn't their thought put into the expansion with respect to traffic.

Too much new construction in this area with new development Milano just around the corner. We bought a place in Venice for the quaintness and easy accessibility to beaches, restaurants and downtown shopping. Just this past January to April we had difficulty getting into sharky's and downtown. Roads in Venice right now can't handle the traffic now during those months.

Please don't destroy the paradise that Venice is and make it like Naples or Sarasota.

The noise will also increase with the destroying of vegetation that is habitat for many animals. That property should have large lot size requirements for building so less houses could be built.

Sincerely,

Eileen Healey