

**From:** [Deborah Davies](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theatre  
**Date:** Sunday, June 4, 2023 7:22:19 PM

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I/we would like to express our support for the reconstruction considered re: the Venice Theatre at the June 6, 2023 meeting.

Thank you,

William & Deborah Davies  
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Osprey, FL 34229  
248-505-8805

**From:** [kathrynjoeladu@aol.com](mailto:kathrynjoeladu@aol.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theatre  
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We know how important the Venice Theatre is to the Venice area and to the downtown businesses. We are aware that construction is held up by the approval process so hope the request to build taller to support the stage lighting, sound, backdrops, etc. can move forward in its construction. We hope you will vote positively on this request.

Kathryn & Joe LaDu  
11809 Altamonte Court  
Venice, FL. 34293  
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**From:** [joe.lancastermcginty.com](mailto:joe.lancastermcginty.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theater  
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Both my wife, Judith McGinty and I want to express our absolute support for the Venice Theatre requests to be discussed on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Both requests should be approved by city council.

SITE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUEST (23-25SP): TO RECONSTRUCT THE AREA OF VENICE THEATRE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IAN ALONG WITH EXPANSION AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS.

HEIGHT EXCEPTION REQUEST: (23-26HE): TO RECONSTRUCT THE VENICE THEATRE FLY LOFT TO A HEIGHT OF APPROXIMATELY 70 FEET.

Venice Theater is recognized internationally as the cultural “Crown Jewel” of Venice and we should enthusiastically support rebuilding the theater as quickly as possible.

Joe Pokorney  
Past President Venice-Nokomis Rotary Club 2008/2009  
941-544-7272

Judith McGinty  
Past President of Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County  
941-544-9797

**From:** [Sharon Rugh](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theatre  
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Please consider approving the request for the renovation of our Theatre. It is one of the gems of our community

Thank you, Sharon Rugh

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**From:** [Hal Wilson](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Theater construction request  
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We support the request by the Venice Theater to reconstruct the main theater. Harold and Carol Wilson, residents of Venice

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**From:** [Jim Amling](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theater  
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I'll keep this short.

Venice Theater has been a “fixture” in this community for a VERY LONG time. It draws a tremendous amount of people to the area and is good for business. Were it not for the theater, many of the downtown businesses would see a decrease in their patronage. Also, the theater is a “star” on a much larger scale – repeatedly being singled out for its greatness, nationwide.

I'm not saying that the requests being made by Venice Theater will make the difference between it shutting down or continuing, but without the changes, the theater will not be able to continue to become even more than it was before the hurricane Ian destruction.

Thank you for hearing me out.

James R. Amling  
91 Anne Bonny Cir S  
Nokomis, FL 34275-2200  
(941) 485-0154

**From:** [Susan Ash](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice theatre request  
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As a member of the Venice community having lived in Aldea Mar for many years and having attended and supported the Venice Theatre we would like to encourage the Venice City Council to support the increased building height for the theatre this provides the theatre with additional theatrical options. We are very proud of our theatre and our thrilled for it to be rebuilt in our theatre.  
Susan and Gordon Ash

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [dennisrehoboth@aol.com](mailto:dennisrehoboth@aol.com)  
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**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theater  
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**VENICE THEATER IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS I KEEP RETURNING TO VENICE. I HAVE DEVELOPED A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE THEATER.**

**MURRAY HAS ACTUALLY BROUGHT TWO PRODUCTIONS TO MY TOWN REHOBOTH BEACH DELAWARE.**

**DURING THE ACCTWORLD FEST. I HAVE HOUSED THE SOME OF THE ACTORS FROM ENGLAND.**

**I HOPE YOU APPROVE ALL THE ISSUES THE THEATER IS ASKING FOR DURING THIS REBUILDING PROJECT.**

**THANK YOU.**

**DENNIS CHUPELLA  
REHOBOTH BEACH, DELAWARE**

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**From:** [Charlotte Crowley](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Theatre support  
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My name is Charlotte Crowley, and I am a volunteer actress and student. Venice Theatre and all involved from the staff to the volunteers to the teachers to the friends I've made are the reason I am the person I am today it became a safe haven for me and a place I along with many others are proud to call my second home. Seeing it in the state that it is right now is still a gut punch, but knowing that it can still be fixed is what matters without Venice Theatre. It is a beacon of hope for everyone please grant this proposal. Please keep our lights on. Please let us keep doing what we do best, let us put out great stories well played.

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**From:** [Shirley Danko](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theatre  
**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023 5:03:54 PM

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While I am not available to attend the meeting on Tuesday, I want to put forward my support for the Venice Theatre. The theatre is so important to the community of Venice and surrounding communities. It's productions are top quality in staging, costuming, production, sets and acting. I hope the council supports their need for expansion in the rebuilding process. Thank you,

Shirley A. Danko  
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**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theatre Reconstruction  
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Both my husband and I have been attending the Venice theater for years and have enjoyed watching the theatre grow and improve. This reconstruction project will afford amazing support for the downtown area.

Please approve this project,

Glenn and Sandra Demetriou  
17 Savona Ave.  
Englewood, FL 34223

**From:** [rosemarie hofferbert](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice theatre  
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Att: Venice, FL City Council

Please do whatever is necessary to expedite the reconstruction of our Venice theatre. It has been a wonderful attraction to this town for many years and brings in talent, excellent entertainment and money.

Thank you, Rosemarie Hofferbert

**From:** [emckee3110@aol.com](mailto:emckee3110@aol.com)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Planning Commission Venice Theatre Public Hearing  
**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023 1:06:53 PM

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Dear Venice Planning Commission Members:

I am writing to the members of the Venice Planning Commission in support of the requested construction plans/variances to bring Venice Theatre back even bigger and better than what this fine institution was prior to Ian and request that each of you support and approve Venice Theatre's rezoning application.

Each of you on the planning commission are charged with the very important assignment to maintain and improve your community for the greater good, mindful of the numerous code rules and regulations you have comply with. At the same time your commission has the ability, after careful consideration, to recommend code variations if a proposed construction project warrants it. I submit that these plans and whatever code variances Venice Theatre is seeking will build upon what very important building blocks that made the city of Venice a very desirable destination for those that vacation and live here. In addition, this community theatre company is arguably one of the best troupes of its kind in the country and this fact should be taken into consideration in arriving at your decision.

In reference to the height requirements for this project, I always thought the elevation could be, with a little thought, the canvas for an artistically designed landmark.

Respectfully, from every every angle I view this project, that this rezoning application be approved, I view its approval as a win-win economically, culturally and for the overall quality of life for those that make their livelihoods and established residents here.

Sincerely,  
Edward F. McKee  
Venice, Florida

**From:** [Sally Meyers](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theatre requests  
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I fully support the Site and Development Plan (23-25SP) and the Height Exception (23-26 HE) requested by Venice Theatre. The Theatre has proven to be an exceptionally valuable community resource and these changes will enhance its contributions to the local community. Thank you for your support.

Sally Meyers  
410 W Rossetti Dr  
Nokomis

**From:** John Morse  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** I would like to affirm that I am strongly in favor of the site development planment plan and height exception requested by representatives of the Venice theater  
**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023 4:50:10 PM

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and height exception request proposed by representatives of the Venice theater.  
John Morse, [cjmorse46@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorse46@gmail.com) <<mailto:cjmorse46@gmail.com>>

**From:** [William Saro](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Support for the redistricting of Venice Theater  
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Dear Venice City Council,

I am writing to the City Council to offer my support for the redistricting of the Venice Theater to allow it to rebuild its Fly Loft to a new height of 70 feet. A **fly system**, or **theatrical rigging system**, is a systems of ropes, blocks (pulleys), counterweights and related devices within a theater that enables a stage crew to fly (hoist) quickly, quietly and safely components such as curtains, lights, scenery, stage effects and, sometimes, people. Systems are typically designed to fly components between clear view of the audience and out of view, into the large space, the fly loft, above the stage.

Allowing the VT to expand beyond its previous height and size footprint will help the staff to expand and continue to provide excellent entertainment for the community at large. The new design would also provide a safer environment for hanging stage sets and the moving in and out of them as the show progresses. It would bring the theater into the 21 century with the new and advanced technology which can be employed to keep Venice Theater on the cutting edge of providing Broadway level shows for all to enjoy in this beautiful community. I am sure that all of you have at one time or another, attended a show at the VT and marveled at the choreography of moving the rigging onto the stage and setting up the next scene/act. Think of how much more we could do with the expansion and improvements in safety and efficiency.

As a matter of fact, the Venice Theater was one of the main reasons we settled here 17 years ago. My wife, Pat and I have been volunteers at the theater for 16 years and love what it means to the thousands of people who visit it yearly whether they are Snow Birds, year round residents or vacationers. **The Venice Theater is a powerful focal point of Venice as you drive over the KMI Bridge** and enter a town known for many positive offerings, including its entertainment value.

I ask you to approve the request as quickly as possible so that reconstruction can get under way in earnest, so that we can once again, enjoy the world class entertainment on the main stage, the Jervey Theater and the Pinkerton Theater.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Best Regards

William and Patricia Saro  
130 Medici Terrace  
No. Venice, Fl 34275

**From:** [Candace Artim](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Cc:** [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)  
**Subject:** Venice Theatre Supporter  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 6, 2023 10:11:18 AM

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To Who It May Concern,

We request that the city consider approval of “Site and Development Plan Request (23-25SP)” and “Height Exception Request (23-26HE)”.

We have been long-time supporters of Venice Theatre and their community Outreach Education Programs. Venice Theatre is vital to the community and has proven time and time again it’s valuable services to all walks of life.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Craig and Candace Artim