
From: Telfonix Medical Consulting [mailto:fabbruzzino@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 12:05 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

For the record, I object to Petition # 14-IRZ (VICA plan), because:

1. VICA is inconsistent with the existing neighborhood along Border road. The lots along Border are currently 5-10 acres, and the VICA lots adjacent to Border are 10 lots per acre... 50 to 100 x the existing density! There is no transition in density, as required by various city codes and the Plan.
2. The city agreed to establish a wildlife corridor by 2013, and the VICA property is a natural wildlife area, which connects, without crossing any major streets, to existing preserves and the Carlton Reserve, the largest open space reserve in Sarasota county. Approving the VICA plan without establishing the wildlife corridor is potentially a "taking" from the wildlife corridor.
3. The VICA plan is incomplete, lacking details of height and placement of homes and easements. No incomplete plan should be accepted. The neighbors have a right to know exactly what will be built in this area, and the Venice land code requires complete plans.
4. Border road is a naturally established Gateway to the Preserves and should not be impacted by a large density of homes.

VICA should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Frankie Abbruzzino, Venice resident at 1139 Ketch Ln.

Best Regards,

Frankie S. Abbruzzino

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From: John Holic
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 6:50 PM
To: Cyndi
Cc: Edward Lavallee; Lori Stelzer; David Persson
Subject: RE: Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Dear Ms. Ackerland,
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.
Sincerely,
John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

Sent using OWA for iPad

From: Cyndi <brycynack@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 6:41:46 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Dear Mayor & City Council: For the record, I object to Petition #14, Ordinance 2014-16. This is due to it providing no transition of density between the southern half of VICA and the existing lots along Border road. As well as, the Wildlife corridor required by 2013 (in The Plan) is not yet identified, and the VICA property is a natural wildlife corridor. Development here is premature to say the least.

Also, the VICA Plan does not show the required detail of heights and setbacks and easements and should be rejected, according to the LDC. (land development code)

Border road is a Gateway to the Preserves and should not have homes backing up to Border frontage.

Respectfully & ethically submitted by,
Cyndi Ackerland
Venice Resident

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From: Amato Lisa <lamato93@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 8:06 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Regarding Neal development plans

Dear Venice City Council Members;

I am writing to voice my opposition to allow the Re-zoning of the land east of I-75 in Venice. We do not need more homes built, more golf courses, more of anything that continues to take away from Natural Florida. It is a terrible idea for the community and especially the environment. Not only will this development idea have a negative impact on the Myakka River ecosystem, the cost to develop another planned community will require additional tax dollars to maintain and police yet another area of housing when our county already has problems maintaining and policing the populated areas we already have.

As it is, there are many private communities in once popular and public areas that we could once enjoy, but can no longer. For myself, I am tired of paying out all these taxes just to have to find myself driving further and further every couple of years to find a relatively un-commercialized beach or freshwater recreation area. Only the few can afford to live in these new private communities and their tax money does not solely support the county and its municipalities. What about the rest of us who have been supporting our county and municipalities for decades?

Lisa Amato
Venice, Florida

From: raybarnhart <raybarnhart@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 7:37 PM
To: City Council
Subject: VICA re zoning

Dear Council Members:

Please vote AGAINST giving VICA the re zoning requested.

Please remember we the citizens of Venice want to protect and preserve the wildlife

We want to protect wetlands.

Neal Communities wants to turn Venice into Ft Myers North....Think of the additional Traffic from 1000+ homes on existing roads. What about the rest of infrastructure??? Who pays???

Neal communities is in the process of destroying what VENICE has and is.

I know you say progress...AT WHAT COST??

Please vote AGAINST VICA re zoning.

Hope to hear back from you and you listen to the "People" NOT just the DEVELOPERS....Neal Communities.

Ray Diane Barnhart 363 Turtleback Crossing Venice FL 34292 312-513-7077

Tonni Bartholomew

From: James Bennett
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 8:01 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Edward Lavallee; Lori Stelzer
Subject: Wildlife in Residential Developments
Attachments: IMG_0229.jpg; IMG_0232.JPG; IMG_0266.jpg; IMG_0279.JPG

For the record of today's Council meeting, see attached photos.

Jim

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From: charles blumetti [mailto:cab0007@msn.com]

Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2014 9:22 AM

To: City Council

Cc: pat wayman

Subject: Border Rd Development

City Council Members,

I want to be on the record in stating my opposition to the High Density Border Rd/Jacaranda Rd project.

I along with other concerned residents feel this high density plan will impact this area in a negative way, both

enviornmentally and traffic congestion.

The wildlife will be the most impacted, as well as a possible increase in crime.

Border Rd bears the brunt of this high density. The transition from 5 acre homesites to the PUD PLAN is too extreme.

Charles Blumetti
2474 Border Rd
Venice Fl

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From: Robert Daniels
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 6:48 AM
To: Edward Lavalley; Jeff Shrum
Subject: Fwd: Mayor and City Council Members

Regards,
Councilman Bob Daniels
Venice , Florida

Begin forwarded message:

From: parentsof9@comcast.net
Date: June 3, 2014 at 8:19:56 PM EDT
To: citycouncil@venicegov.com
Subject: Mayor and City Council Members

Please note that I oppose the REZONE in Venice for Neal Communities along Border Rd. between Jacaranda and The Carlton Reserve. Mr. Neal didn't do his homework before his purchase or he expects the neighbors in that area to roll over, be silent and not bring out the facts of that area. It is an area that is lowlands and prone to flooding by excessive rain and the overflowing Myakka River. Should Mr. Neal prevail and get the REZONE, he would raise the current level of each lot in his development thereby creating a barrier against the waters that would normally flow there. That would force the water onto the other local property owners. May I remind you that your job is to protect the current property owners. Do not violate their rights in favor of a developer, Pat Neal.

Sincerely,

Kathy Bolam

131 Flamingo Rd.

Venice, FL 34293

941-408-0013

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From: Hannah Boor <hannahboor2001@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 1:32 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Barry Snyder
Subject: SAVING THE ANIMALS
Attachments: SAVING THE ANIMALS.docx

Please consider the following before chopping down our oh so important woodlands;

SAVE THE ANIMALS

SAVING THE WOODLANDS FROM TOTAL DESTRUCTION IS IMPORTANT AND THAT'S WHY I AM TRYING TO DO IT!!

WHY??

Tell me, why on earth would you want to wreck something so precious? People like you keep cutting down big masses of trees like this one (151 acres), and I don't think you realize all the animals you are effecting when you do this. These animals either die from your machines or the fumes coming from them or the animals have one heck of a time trying to find a new home. I don't think you should cut down these woodlands, or any woodlands for that matter!

LETS GET TO THE POINT

I have one main question for you, do you really want you and your company to be the ones responsible for all the animals that live at the location that will be killed or will have to be relocated. Its 151 acres of land, I'm willing to bet there's a lot of animals that call that land home. I mean how would you like it if someone decided that they would destroy your home to build something else on top of it. You would also be cutting down a lot trees that are important for many reasons like they give us clean oxygen to breathe and trees are also habitats for all the animals that live there and call the woodlands there home. And don't you find it a little ironic that you're calling the new place The "Woodlands" Development and in reality, you cutting down all the woodlands. You would be wasting 151 acres of important land. Did you know that if we keep destroying

all these woodlands a lot of animals will become extinct, and if you don't believe me, think of it like this;

Woodlands are chopped down= animals move into backyards and neighborhoods looking for food and shelter= people don't like the animals there and they kill the animals= animals are extinct

If only you would ask yourself these very important questions;

- Where would all the animals go?
- What would we do if all the animals are extinct?
- What will happen once all the trees are chopped down?
- Will the animals still exist once all the trees are gone?
- **Do you want to be one of the people responsible for the extinction of living things?**



If a 13 year old girl can realize how important this land is why can't you???

Hannah Boor

Age: 13

North Port, FL

From: Vicky b <sherkinou@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 1:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: A concerned citizen

Good afternoon,

My name is Victoria Bricoune, and I, and my family have been living in Venice for 9 years.

I have recently heard about the decision to destroy more of our beautiful land to build more housing in our town, from Jacaranda blvd, to Jackson rd, and I am sorry to say we do not support this decision. I have been able to obtain your email address via other citizens who are also against your decision.

Although I am doing the effort to write this message in the hope that 6 extra votes against this disappointing project will make a difference, I am also aware that I am probably perceived as another tree hugger, "whinny" citizen, complaining once again, about the rezoning of our town.

Many people, including my family, have chosen to live in Venice (full time, or intermittently) for a reason, this town is a retreat, a place where you can breathe fresh air, go on hikes in the woods, and kayak on the river. Places like ours need to exist, we just can't let it become like other modern communities composed of 800 houses that all look identical, with 3 Publix, 2 Walgreen's, and a CVS right around the corner. It breaks my heart to see this happening, and not doing anything to prevent this would weigh very heavy on my conscience (and I am surprised it doesn't impact yours...).

Of course, and as usual, the decision remains in your hands, and we, spectators, will be witnessing your final decision every time we will walk out of our house, happy that our World might not be doomed after all, or mourning over destroyed land, watching "Business" take its course, and remain the most attractive, and irresistible choice.

Please don't destroy our beautiful Wildlife... it will not make our Home a better place.

Warmest regards, and in the hope that my heart will touch yours.

Victoria Bricoune, 26

From: debbiebrown@comcast.net [mailto:debbiebrown@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:05 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Brown, Debbie
Subject: Petition #14-IRZ

For the record, I object to petition #14-IRZ VICA plan, because

1. VICA is inconsistent with the existing neighborhood along Border Road. The lots along Border are currently 5-10 acres and the VICA lots adjacent to Border are 10 lots per acre...50-100 times the existing density!! There is no transition to density, as required by various city codes and the Plan.
2. The city agreed to establish a wildlife corridor by 2013 and the VICA property is a natural wildlife area, which connects, without crossing any major streets, to existing preserves and the Carlton Reserve, the largest open space reserve in Sarasota county. Approving the VICA plan without establishing the wildlife corridor is potentially a "taking" from the wildlife corridor.
3. The VICA plan is incomplete, lacking details of height and placement of homes and easements. No incomplete plan should be accepted. The neighbors have a right to know exactly what will be built in this area and the Venice land code requires complete plans.
4. Border road is a naturally established Gateway to the Preserves and should not be impacted by a large density of homes.

VICA should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted
Debbie Brown

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From: Jane Caccamo <jgc8685@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 12:05 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Fwd: Border road

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jane Caccamo <jgc8685@yahoo.com>
Date: June 23, 2014 at 12:01:10 PM EDT
To: "citycouncil@venice-gov.com" <citycouncil@venice-gov.com>
Subject: Border road

We have property in Venice Golf and Country Club which we visit year round. On our latest visit we noticed the protect our border signs at the entrance to our property, so I researched the issue. I hope I am not too late. I definitely oppose re zoning this property. You people don't realize what treasures you have here in Venice. There are housing developments everywhere but very few native Florida wetlands so close. And so much land has been taken up already for condos that are empty half of the year. please find the strength to resist this quick money grab. More houses on scrub land is bad enough, but the river is special.
Jane Caccamo

From: LISA CALLER [mailto:biomeridian@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 5:09 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Meeting Regarding Border Rd. Development

As a resident and homeowner off Border Road and Jackson Road in Venice I am requesting that meetings regarding the development of this area be held in the evenings. This would be to allow more working homeowners affected by this development to attend.

Thank you for your consideration of this time adjustment.

Sincerely,

Lisa Caller
190 Palm Drive
Venice, FL 34292

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From: LISA CALLER <biomeridian@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2014 2:16 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Objection to VICA plan Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16
Attachments: vica.jpg
Importance: High

Dear Mayor & City Council:

For the record, I object to Petition #14, Ordinance 2014-16 because it violates the Venice Comprehensive Plan and the Venice Code of Ordinances.

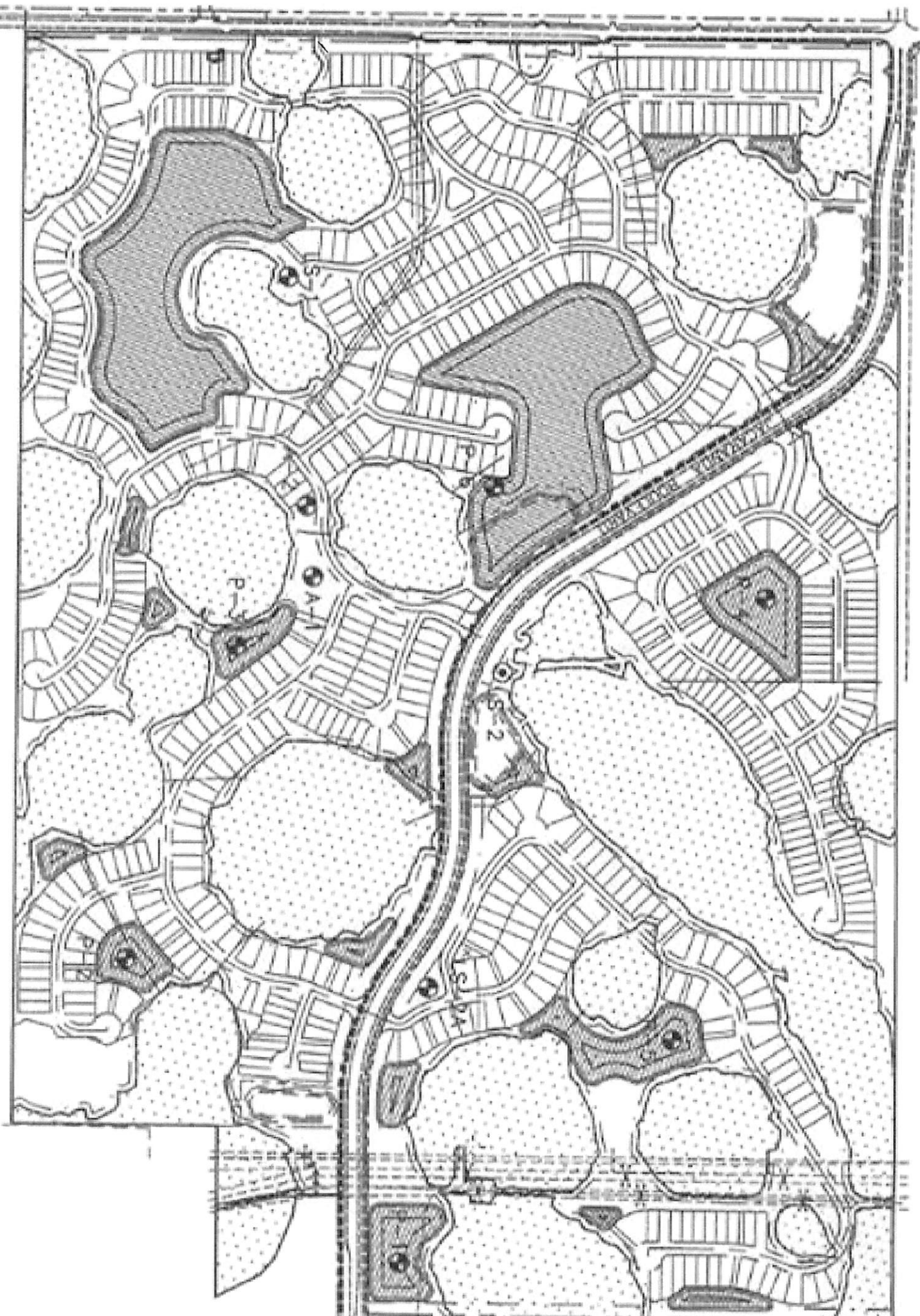
This plan provides no transition of density between the southern half of VICA and the existing lots along Border road. Lots across border road from the majority of the density of this project are zoned 1 house on 5-10 acres. While it may appear on the surface that Mr. Neal is reducing the density of the development as compared to what is potentially allowed the reality is that potential density would not be possible considering the landscape and he is maximizing density with no consideration for wildlife, the surrounding area density or buffer zones and is incompatible with zoning directly across the street. See attached proposed development VICA. The proposed development increases density 50-100x that directly across the street and this lacks any transition in density as required by city codes. Please consider increasing buffer zones and transitional density to neighboring properties. The Border Rd setback should be greater than the Laurel Road setback and in keeping with the current setbacks on Border Rd. and should provide a transition of density. Border road is a Gateway to the Preserves and should not have homes backing up to Border frontage.

The Wildlife corridor required by 2013 (in The Plan) is not yet identified, and the VICA property is a natural wildlife corridor. Development here is premature and should be postponed until the required 2013 ordinances have been enacted or amended. A wildlife corridor should be established prior to approval of VICA.

The VICA Plan is incomplete and does not show the required detail of heights and setbacks and easements and should be rejected, according to the land development code, until all required elements are depicted in the plan.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Caller
190 Palm Drive
Venice, FL 34292
(941) 928-9584



From: James Bennett
Sent: Thursday, May 22, 2014 11:08 AM
To: Diana Cao
Cc: Lori Stelzer; Dave Persson - Persson & Cohen
Subject: Re: A wildlife corridor

Ms. Cao:

Thank you for this link. I have read the material with interest.

Since the subject of your email is likely to come before Council as a quasi-judicial matter, I can't comment further, but will make sure the item in the link is made part of the public record.

Kind regards,

Jim Bennett

On May 21, 2014, at 9:50 AM, "Diana Cao" <sissy4m@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear councilman Bennet,

The planet belongs to all species that inhabit it, not just to greedy developers and their friends. Please say NO to rezoning Border Road and Jackson Road. This area is a wildlife corridor for hundred of Florida native species, and their lives and habitat must be protected.

<http://education-portal.com/academy/lesson/wildlife-corridors-definition-lesson-quiz.html>

sincerely,

Diana Cao
Venice

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From: Diana Cao [mailto:sissy4m@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 4:43 PM
To: Lori Stelzer
Subject: Objection to VICA plan Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

From: sissy4m@hotmail.com
To: citycouncil@venicegov.com
Subject: Objection to VICA plan Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16
Date: Tue, 27 May 2014 14:37:01 -0600

Dear Mayor & City Council:

For the record, I object to Petition #14, Ordinance 2014-16

Because it provides no transition of density between the southern half of VICA and the existing lots along Border road.

Because the area of VICA is a wildlife corridor and the JPA requires a wildlife corridor must be maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Cao
Venice
(941) 496-4036

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From: Diana Cao <sissy4m@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 9:55 AM
To: City Council
Subject: No rezoning, save Venice

<http://www.protectvenicefl.com/>

Diana Cao
Venice

From: John Holic
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 4:05 PM
To: Diana Cao
Cc: Lori Stelzer
Subject: RE: No more development-STOP Neal

Dear Ms. Cao,
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.
Sincerely,
John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

From: Diana Cao <sissy4m@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2014 2:28 PM
To: City Council
Subject: No more development-STOP Neal

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I just got this information from the Sarasota Foreclosure web site
As of 6/23/14 we have 23,020 Sarasota foreclosure properties listed!
To these foreclosures add the houses listed for sale by realtors and by owner.
With so many houses available it is obvious that there is NO need for more and more new development. Our town is getting run down, the infrastructure is falling apart. It is common sense that there is need to maintain the current neighborhoods, improve roads. Stop the destruction of our area.
NO development on fragile lands like Jacaranda, Border, Laurel and Jackson. Protect our rural areas and stop giving the land away for destruction.

Sincerely,

Diana Cao
Venice

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Tonni Bartholomew

From: Lori Stelzer
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 4:48 PM
To: Tonni Bartholomew
Subject: FW: Protect Border Road--Stop Neal

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
941-486-2626, ext. 23001
941-480-3031 (fax)

From: John Holic
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 4:36 PM
To: Diana Cao
Cc: David Persson; Lori Stelzer; Robert Daniels
Subject: RE: Protect Border Road--Stop Neal

Dear Ms. Cao,
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.
Sincerely,
John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

Sent using OWA for iPad

From: Diana Cao <sissy4m@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 12:54:58 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Protect Border Road--Stop Neal

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

This from the 2050 plan about the area of Jacaranda, Laurel, Border, and Jackson
The Sarasota 2050 RMA Policy had already clearly depicted ecologically sensitive lands with the Greenway RMA,
however any ability to preserve and protect such lands is primarily the responsibility of the jurisdiction that has
enforcement capabilities, which is now the municipality.

It is YOUR responsibility to preserve and protect these lands. What do you want your legacy to be? Do you want to be remembered as an IRRESPONSIBLE council that gave away precious, fragile lands for the short term gain of a few greedy, power-thirsty individuals? Or A RESPONSIBLE council that protected rural Venice, the wetlands, the river, the environment, and the required wildlife corridor?

Sincerely,

Diana Cao

Venice 34293

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From: mandrcecil@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 9:21 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Building

I am writing to voice my opposition to allow the Re-zoning of the land east of I-75 in Venice. We do not need more homes built, more golf courses, more of anything that continues to take away from Natural Florida.

Let's fill the empty homes first. Let's improve the infrastructure to handle what is here already. Let's worry about the medical facilities that can not handle the population now. Let's worry about the water supply. Let's worry about the wildlife. Let's stop trying to become Naples.

From: mandrcecil@comcast.net [mailto:mandrcecil@comcast.net]

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:52 AM

To: City Council

Subject: Petition # 14-IRZ (VICA plan)

Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

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VICA should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Cecil

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From: Pixiexie@aol.com [mailto:Pixiexie@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 10:49 AM
To: Lori Stelzer
Subject: Don't Put the Developers First

Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

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2. The city agreed to establish a wildlife corridor by 2013, and this property is a natural wildlife area which connects without crossing any major streets to existing preserves and the Carlton Reserve, the largest open space reserve in Sarasota county. Approving the VICA plan without concern for the wildlife corridor is potentially a "taking" from the wildlife corridor.
3. Border road is a naturally established Gateway to the Preserves and should not be impacted by a large density of homes.

VICA should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Name
: Nancy Chang
Brentwood Drive
Venice, FL

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From: happytrls@juno.com [mailto:happytrls@juno.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 2:59 PM

To: City Council

Subject: Objection to Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Dear Mayor & City Council:

For the record, I object to Petition #14, Ordinance 2014-16 because it provides no transition of density between the southern half of VICA and the existing lots along Border road. This will have an adverse affect on the bicycle friendly nature of the Border Road corridor to the open spaces east of Venice.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Christian

580 705-0011

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From: Bob Clark [mailto:rlwc4787@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 9:58 AM

To: City Council

Subject: Neal Developments

As I sit here in Indiana preparing to sell my house so that I can move permanently to Venice, I feel compelled to write to you regarding the proposed Neal developments at Border & Jackson and on the new Jacaranda extension. I'm moving to Venice because it is a special place. I know you believe it is a special place as well, and I know you honestly care where the community is headed and are motivated to serve so that you can help shape a future Venice that remains a special place.

What I fear is that some of this new development activity is coming too quickly, before there is really a clear vision of what Venice's future should really "look like." I fear that while some of the basics were known, e.g. new housing along both sides of what I'd say is a very attractive Jacaranda extension, that a lot of the details, details that can really impact the future, had not really been worked out. Details such as how you appropriately work the transition from higher-density housing to the low-density housing in the area. Details like how you take care to protect special parks and preserves so that they do not become totally isolated "zoos" bounded by high-density development on all sides.

Yes, you want to attract quality builders to the area, and Neal appears to be the right kind of builder. But please, please, please make sure YOU are the ones that call the shots on the details. Pat Neal wants to build homes. YOU are charged with shaping the community, taking into account all that is special about the Venice area, taking into account the interests of all of the citizens of the community, including a good number of citizens who chose to invest in homes on larger lots in the more rural areas of the community.

Growth is coming, no question about it, and it allows people like me to have the opportunity to move to Venice. But I didn't choose to move to Venice because it has HOUSES. I chose to move to Venice because it is a special COMMUNITY, and with care, can remain a special COMMUNITY.

Sincerely,

Bob Clark
805 Montrose Drive
Venice, FL
rlwc4787@yahoo.com

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From: John Holic
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 3:59 AM
To: Bob Clark
Cc: David Persson; Edward Lavalley; Lori Stelzer
Subject: RE: Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

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

From: Bob Clark <rlwc4787@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2014 9:50 PM
To: City Council; lstelz@venicegov.com
Subject: Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

As a member of the board of directors of the Venice Area Audubon Society, I must object to proposed plans for high density housing along the Border & Jacaranda extension. You are being asked to approve the plans of a builder before the required planning by the city has even been done. You have not accounted for wildlife corridors. You have not adequately planned smooth transitions from very low density housing to the high density housing being proposed. You have no survey before you of the wildlife in the area and the advice of experts on how high density housing will impact that wildlife.

I'm sure there are some who have absolutely no idea what a "wildlife corridor" is and probably laugh all of this off as something some "tree hugger" came up with. Well, fact is there are many who chose to move to the city of Venice because it DOES -- currently -- have nature preserves with meaningful populations of birds and prey; it DOES -- currently -- have areas of much lower density housing that allow for the movement of wildlife and the attraction of birds; it DOES -- currently -- have some semblance of balance between high density housing and low density housing

and it currently appears to be a special community, a unique community that does not just allow sprawl, sprawl and more sprawl.

Some may think that a few retaining ponds along a paved road provides a meaningful area for wildlife. Not true (and hopefully these retaining ponds are not property owned by Neal or I'd suggest someone should be investigating whether or not the building of those retaining ponds using tax dollars was appropriate and legal.) Some may think that this land is "no Oscar Scherer State Park," as if, therefore, one should conclude it can all just be paved over, bull-dozed and packed with houses. What must be considered is exactly what was outlined in earlier planning documents -- planning on your part....before letting the builders have at it.

I am not opposed to having Neal build homes in Venice. What I oppose is having any builder get out in front of the planning that should be done -- and is required -- of the people responsible for this community.

Sincerely,

Bob Clark
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From: Robert Daniels
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 11:47 AM
To: Jeff Shrum; Edward Lavalley; jjaspernc@gmail.com; John Moeckel
Subject: Fwd: Median Signage on Jacaranda Extension

Regards,
Councilman Bob Daniels
Venice , Florida

Begin forwarded message:

From: John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>
Date: June 4, 2014 at 11:38:28 AM EDT
To: Bob Clark <rlwc4787@yahoo.com>
Cc: Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>, Robert Daniels <RDaniels@Venicegov.com>
Subject: RE: Median Signage on Jacaranda Extension

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

Sent using OWA for iPad

From: Bob Clark <rlwc4787@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 4, 2014 9:37:42 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Fw: Median Signage on Jacaranda Extension

Re: VICA Petition #14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

Dear Mayor and City Council,

There should be absolutely NO signage in the public median on new Jacaranda extension between Laurel and Border Roads unless it is PUBLIC signage for PUBLIC benefit, such as "Welcome to Venice." A public median is not an appropriate place for signage promoting a PRIVATE enterprise, be it a business, a development or anything else of PRIVATE nature.

Signage for other developments, e.g. The Plantation, is on Plantation property and is NOT in public medians. Unless the county is creating an entirely new incorporated community, such as "Villages of Milano," that is not part of Venice, then it would be entirely inappropriate to use public space to promote private developments.

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From: Phyllis Confer <ppc336@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 8:15 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Rezone

I'd like to go on record as opposing the rezoning of the Jacaranda Rd area to accommodate a new Neal Community. What's the purpose of a healthy zoning ordinance if we change it at will.

Phyllis Confer
Lynbrook Circle
Venice.

Sent from my iPad

From: John Holic
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2014 5:32 PM
To: cacowles44@yahoo.com
Cc: Lori Stelzer
Subject: RE: Disregard previous emails

Dear Ms. Cowles,
On behalf of Venice City Council, thank you for your comments.
Sincerely,
John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

Sent using OWA for iPad

From: cacowles44@yahoo.com <cacowles44@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, May 24, 2014 5:19:40 PM
To: John Holic; Jeanette Gates; James Bennett; Kit McKeon; David Sherman; Robert Daniels; Barry Snyder
Subject: Disregard previous emails

It has come to my attention that multiple copies of drafts of an email I was writing to you were inadvertently sent! Please disregard any previous emails from me. My intended email follows:

Dear Mayor Holic and City Council Members,

Ten years ago my husband and I visited friends in Venice. We had a wonderful time and visited again the next year. We were so taken with the small town and rural feeling of the greater Venice area, we decided to spend the following year here to see if it was the right place for us to relocate. Having eliminated the East coast of Florida because of all the congestion, we traveled up and down the West coast from Tampa to Sarasota and Port Charlotte to Fort Meyers. We were very saddened to see that other cities on the gulf had set high density development as their priority, ignoring the long term negative impact it would have on their communities. Although some areas were nicely done with setbacks and attractive landscaping, it was just miles of one densely built neighborhood after another. We chose Venice to be our new home BECAUSE of its small town feeling

and rural nature. It wasn't like every other city. Although there were large areas of high density development, there were huge areas of farm land in which homes were built on multi aced lots. Venice was unique! The other cities had spoiled their natural beauty by allowing themselves to become densely built sprawling entities. We chose to live in Venice because of the natural beauty of the outlying areas. We frequently take advantage of the peaceful low traffic drive to the many preserve areas east of Venice. Venice is truly two cities in one, one of densely populated neighborhoods stretching out from the gulf for several miles, and one of rural low density development surrounding our lovely city. One can feel the difference as you drive out Laurel Rd. or Border Rd., or Venice Ave., or Center Rd., and even 41. But those areas are changing due to high density building. I understand that Neal Communities purchased the lands in Venice to build homes, and in order to make a profit they need to build on those properties. However, I urge you to require that the remaining open space be designated low density, especially in the areas approaching the preserved lands. There is no shortage of people wanting homes on large plots. In season we can all see the negative effect of a swollen population. Add thousands more to that rather than hundreds and Venice will not be the same. It is important to keep in mind that one of the reasons Venice is so attractive to newcomers is that it isn't like every other densely populated city. People visit and move here because of the unique character of our wonderful city. Please keep Venice the beautiful scenic place it is by enforcing a low density building plan in all of the areas in Venice still to be developed. Let's build hundreds of homes rather than thousands.

Thank you,

Carole Cowles
[135 Venice Palms Blvd.](#)
[Venice, FL 34292](#)
[941-486-4214](#)

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From: Donna Day [mailto:daydd@verizon.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 5:19 PM
To: City Council
Subject: Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ, Ordinance 2014-16

For the record, I object to Petition # 14-IRZ (VICA plan), for the following reasons:

1. VICA is inconsistent with the existing neighborhood along Border road. The lots along Border are currently 5-10 acres, and the VICA lots adjacent to Border are 10 lots per acre... 50 to 100 x the existing density! There is no transition in density, as required by various city codes and the Plan.
2. The city agreed to establish a wildlife corridor by 2013, and the VICA property is a natural wildlife area, which connects, without crossing any major streets, to existing preserves and the Carlton Reserve, the largest open space reserve in Sarasota county. Approving the VICA plan without establishing the wildlife corridor is potentially a "taking" from the wildlife corridor.
3. The VICA plan is incomplete, lacking details of height and placement of homes and easements. No incomplete plan should be accepted. The neighbors have a right to know exactly what will be built in this area, and the Venice land code requires complete plans.
4. Border road is a naturally established Gateway to the Sleeping Turtle Preserves North and South and to Carlton Reserve and should not be impacted by a large density of homes.

VICA should be rejected.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Day
941-493-2287

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From: Lynda DeBaets [<mailto:ldebaets05@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Friday, June 13, 2014 11:43 AM

To: Jeff Shrum

Subject: 6/10/14 Comments

Dear Mr. Shrum:

I am writing to take issue with comments you made on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 during the City Council meeting re: VICA property.

Although, I was not able to attend that meeting I watched the video transcript on Wednesday. I was appalled and insulted by your comments regarding one, five and ten acre home tracts being "hodgepodge" development! Those of us that choose not to live in expensive, cookie cutter tract housing (or as you call it, "unified development") are incensed by your lack of comprehension of what it means to live independently in open spaces.

There was a time when decisions impacting Venice were respectful of all it's citizens, not just those within the confines of the city limits. That obviously is no longer the case. (And, by the way, I owned my home and lived in the "city" for over 20 years.)

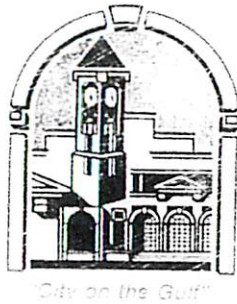
I realize that you just moved here, but please take a little time to get to know the area you now call home. That includes more than the "island". There is plenty of room for different lifestyles as long as we are not buried in urban sprawl perpetrated by the current developer loving politicians.

Sincerely,
Lynda Speek,
a resident since 1958

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City of Venice
Request to Speak (print legibly)

Name: Nancy Edmondson Date: 6/10/14
Address: 725 Jackson Rd.
City: Venice State FL Zip 34292
Telephone: 941.488.6164
Organization (if any): _____

Please Check One

☒ Audience Participation

☐ Agenda - Topic: VICA

If you are going to present evidence and/or testimony during a public hearing, you are required to complete and sign the following oath. You are not required to sign the oath if you are speaking at Audience Participation or at a workshop.

I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the evidence or factual representation, which I am about to give or present at the public hearing, held this 10 day of June 20 14 is truthful.

Signature: Nancy Edmondson

Comments at public hearing and during audience participation are limited to five minutes per speaker unless otherwise noted.

Although this is a lesson of two evils - fear would argue too residents is worse than none, nevertheless, this proposal does not represent a sustainable, self-sufficient isolated community. Thousands of additional residents and auto trailers will be on the roads from the "Villages of Milare" to downtown Venice & the beaches. The existing adjacent & arterial roads cannot support this additional usage. I did not see the traffic study show what the impacts would be on Jacaranda south of Bender or at the Jacaranda circle. Who pays for increase in operations to roads?

Wildlife corridors may exist within the community but unless we know the political or ~~village~~ boundaries. What are the unserved connections, i.e. corridors, to existing preserved lands @ the Myakka River? Your wetland preservation is laudable, but there is not a substantial preservation of the upland to allow for the movement of upland-inhabiting wildlife. Mr. Daniels with development as these along Bender Rd, what you see in the future will change, & you see wildlife ~~preservation~~, Deep, vegetation-free storm water ponds do not contribute to wildlife preservation, but these ponds are included as "open space", a meaningless association. Is there a long range plan to keep the wetland free of invasive exotic plants?

And finally, does the community or one or it's currently serve contribute to maintaining Venice as a vibrant, charming, historic community in which to live, work & play? Would John Nolan feel you are perpetuating his legacy? I would hope the Council would postpone decision on this proposal at least 70

From: John Holic
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2014 1:06 PM
To: nze7@verizon.net
Cc: Lori Stelzer
Subject: RE: Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ,Ordinance 2014-16

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

Sent using OWA for iPad

From: nze7@verizon.net <nze7@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2014 5:23:28 AM
To: John Holic; Emilio Carlesimo; James Bennett; Robert Daniels; Jeanette Gates; Kit McKeon; David Sherman
Subject: Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ,Ordinance 2014-16

Dear City Council members and Mayor Holic:

Objection to Petition # 14-IRZ,Ordinance 2014-16

For the record, I object to Petition # 14-IRZ (VICA plan), because:

1. VICA is inconsistent with the existing neighborhood along Border Road. The density along Border is currently one residence per 5 acres, and the VICA proposal adjacent to Border recommends 10 residences per acre. There is no transition in density, as required by various city codes and the plan. This is inconsistent with the vision of the original city planners who intended to provide a sustainable, compatible community.
2. The city agreed to establish a wildlife corridor by 2013, and this property is a natural wildlife corridor which connects without crossing any major streets to existing preserves and the Carlton Reserve, the largest open space reserve in Sarasota County. Approving the VICA plan without concern for the wildlife corridor is potentially a "taking" from the wildlife corridor.

3. The VICA plan is incomplete, lacking details of height and placement of homes and easements. No incomplete plan should be accepted. The neighbors have a right to know exactly what will be built in this area. Neal Communities is proposing yet another PUD which is inconsistent with modern thinking of developments to provide walkable, user-friendly communities.

4. Border Road is a naturally established Gateway to the Preserves and should not be impacted by a large density of homes. This density is not good for the current or future residents of the City of Venice, nor of the rural neighbors. A gradual change in density from the Waterford estates to the low density at the Myakka River would make more sense.

5. The impact to traffic from Jacaranda westward would be increased grid-lock -- imagine the additional thousands of people from the Jacaranda/Border/Laurel area all driving to historic downtown and our once lovely beaches. Existing infrastructure is barely sufficient for the current seasonal traffic to which the area is subjected.

VICA should be rejected. The development for this area needs to be seriously and carefully planned for the current, and future residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Brian Edmondson
Venice, FL

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From: Bruce <brucedgibson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:05 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Rezone Border Rd.

Just wanted to say that I am totally against the re-zoning of Border Rd. Vote NO.

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G Android device

I am writing in regard to the Man Vs Nature Woodlands Development Project.

Since becoming a Florida resident in 1988 I have repeatedly witnessed the destruction of the "Natural Uniqueness" that Florida has to offer. Unfortunately this progress phenomenon is driven by the powerful money of a few and not the masses. Somewhere along the road, developers and our political gatekeepers have decided that under the guise of benefiting the economy, building will bring more and more people to this mecca of sun and sand. Of course this all comes under the pretense of progress to better improve our economy even if the delicate ecco balance is compromised. Build, build, build seems to be the theme to bring people from cement congestion and over population to our state. This process requires reproducing the very environment that people are running away from and moving south. Hard to fight this progress when it is motivated and determined by profit, power and money which often moves mountains including political roadblocks. Man will never be quenched, the more we get the more the "supposed need" becomes the driving force. Monetary motivation clouds man's judgment and distorts the mission and purpose of why we are on this earth, which is to nurture and co-exist with nature. God's earth and creatures cannot speak for themselves until the negative outcome of our behavioral choices begin to surface. (IE: sinkholes, shoreline destruction, over population, exhausted natural resource etc etc)

Having lived in the Midwest for years I learned the appreciation and love for the land, anyone that has experienced the value of undeveloped land may also understand the beauty of space. When I return to Iowa for visits, I am in awl when I actually see land and open spaces and not wall-to-wall houses/buildings. How refreshing to have a break from clutter and people.

People will survive, animals and nature will not and will be lost forever if we continue to indiscriminately abuse our land. Money will grow and become more powerful and the quest for "MORE" will never stop as we define this process as a NEED. Only a handful of people will reap the great fortunes of this building phenomenon with a few others benefiting from the trickle down results. As this whole process evolves the waste to the earth, nature and ultimately mankind will be what is left and the masses will reap that outcome forever.

It is funny how people in financial or political power often have a way with words to draw pictures of public concern, ecological awareness, projects designed for the good of all people, just to make their agenda's and goals pass the scrutiny of the masses or of persons that might care about the environment. The ultimate human survival is dependent on nature and man co-existing together, to live as one. People alone will destroy this delicate balance, which will ultimately jeopardize survival and the longevity of man.

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☐ City Manager
☐ Staff

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1. *Stratification*

Nature's rules, address survival and the real needs to ensure longevity, which means not taking more from the land than is needed. Man on the other hand, is driven by selfish greed, instant gratification and only perceived need. Man cannot recreate the exquisite ecco balance that nature has developed once it has been destroyed. People will come and go, make more roads, houses, trash, power lines, pollution and then move on to other vistas when the new becomes old. When purpose and gain has been exhausted we leave behind only a skeleton of the land that has been ravaged by abuse and misuse.

In closing, my thoughts come from watching man leave a legacy of destruction behind, fueled by our human need to conquer which ultimately leads to an unplanned destruction of the "real Florida". What a price to pay for growth and in the name of progress.! Powerful money can move mountains including political roadblocks but there must be a measure of moral fiber in all individuals to do the right thing for the right reason, which seems to be a lost concept in our materialistic environment of today. People will survive, but animals and nature will be lost forever because man cannot recreate nature's perfection.

In this Woodlands Project the natural layout of the land "wetlands and animal habitat" will be compromised. This wildlife corridor has an established ecological balance that would be truly disrupted by several hundred homes and hundreds of people with all the essentials that people bring with them. The evolving activity from such an influx would encroach on nature's boundaries in this ecco sensitive area. Building a pond, leaving trees and encroaching on wetlands is not a truly carefully executed project that preserves or protects the environment.

To request NO Development would be an ideal, but I am realistic enough to know that the financial impact would be too great to scrap the plans to develop this area. So a re-evaluation concerning the rezoning proposal to not consider developing the area with a much denser housing project would certainly prove to be an environmentally responsible compromise with a win, win for all. Five-acre housing development plans would not impact the native Florida habitat as much. Yes, man does have a moral obligation to care for the land with a real vision for the future and not just tunnel vision.

I understand the impact of all the promises that most building projects give, that they have been thoughtfully designed and carefully executed to preserve and protect the environment and the Florida rich history. The politically correct verbiage does usually attempt to indicate environmental responsibility with careful consideration for Florida and it's heritage, this is easily spoken but rarely proven because the long term future effects are not realized up front. Of course this all comes under the pretense of progress to better improve our standard of living with speculation of job increases and more money into the local economy.

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to better improve our standard of living with speculation of job transfers and move money into the local economy.

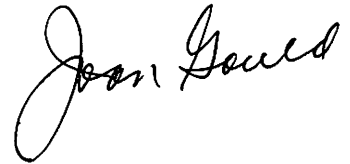
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Yes, more people require more food, utilities, and goods. We will also need more service jobs to help take care of this population increase. But at a price! They also deplete our natural resources, over burden our roads and cause congestion beyond tolerance. (Try to get off of Interstate 75 at university in the afternoon as only one example.) Most year round residents look forward to the exit of the "snow birds" to bring back a tolerant daily way of life, just can't imagine living in constant congestion year round.

I am hoping that something I may have shared and feel very strongly about, will give the individuals that read it, to include our political leaders and developers a different approach to growth and progress. The continued judgment decisions made today will impact my family and me forever. I realize my voice and thoughts are of little importance in the broad spectrum of big business but all worthwhile endeavors must start one little step at a time.

Thank you for your time,

Joan Gould
3957 Gatewood Dr
Sarasota, Florida 34232



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4002 Tamiami Trail South
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Venice, Florida 34293

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

From: Laura Graham [mailto:lauragraham1011@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2014 2:53 PM

To: City Council

Subject: NO to rezone on Border Road

This is in response to Neal Properties plans to seek a rezone of the property off Border Road. We need to begin saying NO to this high density, HOA riddled developing that only the tourists/winter residents can afford, unless, sadly, that is the direction we are headed in Venice? Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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