Re: request: close eastbound (south side) Venice Avenue to al fresco dining

Charles Newsom < CNewsom@Venicegov.com>

Fri 5/1/2020 5:50 AM

To: Ron Feinsod <RFeinsod@Venicegov.com>

Good morning Mr Mayor

The more I think about this suggestion the more I like it. This might create a much needed positive atmosphere for our residents and businesses during the Mother's Day weekend.

You are spot on with maintaining social distancing and crowd control however if our City Management and Public Safety officials are on board it might really help our down town businesses while creating something positive for our residents the only thing we would need is a great weather weekend

Okay, I promise not to bother you with this again For your thoughtful consideration Best Regards Chuck Newsom

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From: Ron Feinsod <RFeinsod@Venicegov.com> Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:08:27 PM

To: Charles Newsom < CNewsom@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Re: request: close eastbound (south side) Venice Avenue to al fresco dining

Thanks, a great idea for our restaurants. We close both sides for festivals, so I don't see a big problem. This is especially true since there is so little traffic these days. I'm for anything that will help our merchants as long as the public safety is the first priority. We need to be sure that we have a plan for foot traffic and potential "crowd" control.

Regards

Mayor Ron Feinsod

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From: Charles Newsom < CNewsom@Venicegov.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:09:16 PM **To:** Ron Feinsod <RFeinsod@Venicegov.com>

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Mayor

For your information and consideration

Chuck Newsom

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From: Charles Newsom < CNewsom@Venicegov.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:02:59 PM

To: Edward Lavallee < ELavallee @ Venicegov.com >

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Ed

This idea may have some merit at least on a test basis Mother's Day is May 10th Might be helpful to many businesses Chuck Newsom

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From: ed <edtaylor@comcast.net>

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Dear Chuck.

Respectfully suggest you give consideration to closing (for the short term) eastbound Venice Avenue from Harbor Drive to Business 41. This would allow Venice Avenue restaurants/businesses the option of expanding beyond the limits of their sidewalks and comply with the new distance minimums.

This concept is happening in cities all over the world and is proving successful. Great way to help some of our downtown restaurants, retail businesses, Venice MainStreet, and acknowledge Governor DeSantis' Phase One lifting of restrictions.

best, ed taylor c# 941.650.6088

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