

Lori Stelzer

From: John Holic
Sent: Sunday, July 06, 2014 6:56 AM
To: John R. Peshkin
Cc: Edward Lavallee; Lori Stelzer; Judy Gamel; Heather Taylor
Subject: RE: Laurel Road/I-75 Intersection Letter to Sarasota County Commissioners

Dear Mr. Peshkin,

Sorry for the delay in response to e mail of June 24. As you may know, council is on a one month recess and returns on July 22. Due to Sunshine Laws, we cannot take action as a board until the meeting on July 22, however, I will send a note to the Commission as mayor prior to that time. We will be able to act as a body on July 22.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

John Holic

Mayor, City of Venice

From: John R. Peshkin <jpeshkin@vanguardland.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 24, 2014 3:34 PM
To: City Council
Cc: Edward Lavallee; 'Samantha Hays'
Subject: Laurel Road/I-75 Intersection Letter to Sarasota County Commissioners

Dear Venice City Council Members,

Attached is a letter sent to the Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners requesting support to enhance the Laurel Road/I-75 interchange. I would appreciate your assistance in pushing this effort forward.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

John

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From: John Holic
Sent: Wednesday, July 09, 2014 12:38 PM
To: Lori Stelzer
Subject: FW: I-75/Laurel Road Interchange, Potential Beautification Project
Attachments: July 9th Laruel Rd Beautification Letter City of Venice.pdf

John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

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From: Mark S Walker <MSWalker1@drhorton.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 9, 2014 10:23:03 AM
To: City Council
Cc: Edward Lavallee
Subject: I-75/Laurel Road Interchange, Potential Beautification Project

Dear City Council Members,

I was recently approached by numerous residents, who are spearheading an effort to improve the image of the I-75/Laurel Road interchange to reflect the appeal of the surrounding community. Attached, you will find a letter supporting efforts to move this beautification project forward. Thank you for your consideration.

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July 9, 2014

Dear Venice City Council Members,

I was recently approached by numerous residents, who are spearheading an effort to improve the image of this interchange to reflect the appeal of the surrounding community.

As our company is the owner of Lots in Willow Chase, Calusa Park, and as the contract purchaser of Toscana Isles along with long term interest in additional future lots and land within the corridor, we envision the North Venice/ East Laurel Road area to become an important growth corridor for the City and County. Therefore, we believe the I-75 and Laurel Road interchange should have a sense of arrival that reflects the appeal of the surrounding area as well as reflect a comparable entry to the improvement projects along I-75 throughout the State of Florida.

I am in full support of any effort to move this beautification project forward.

Warm Regards,

Mark S Walker

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Division Vice President of Land

cc: Sarasota County Commissioners

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From: John Holic
Sent: Friday, July 04, 2014 7:44 AM
To: Laurel J. Bean; City Council
Cc: Lori Stelzer; Edward Lavalley; Judy Gamel; Heather Taylor
Subject: RE: Interchange Beautification

Dear Mr. Bird,

Thank you for your comments and request. City Council does not meet until July 22 and, due to Sunshine Laws, that would be the first time we would be able to act as a Council to voice a letter of support as a collegiate body. In the meantime, I am sending a letter of support as Mayor, but not on behalf of City Council; each council member is free to send individual letters or to wait until we meet on July 22 so that one unified letter can be sent.

Wishing you and the Lodge and Happy Independence Day and thank you for all you do for our City.

Sincerely,

John Holic

Mayor, City of Venice

From: Laurel J. Bean <secretary.1854@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 3, 2014 11:25 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Interchange Beautification

Venice/Nokomis ELKS Lodge #1854
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July 3, 2014

Venice City Council
401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285

Dear Venice City Council Members,

Several years ago, Venice/Nokomis ELKS Lodge #1854 moved from downtown Venice to the North Venice area. We are located on Knights Trail Road, a few hundred yards north of Laurel Road. Our move to this location was in no small part due to the potential this area offered as a base for new membership. With all the approved commercial and residential real estate plans in the area, North Venice has become a

major growth area in Sarasota County and plans indicate that we can expect further expansion in the near future.

Unfortunately, beautification of the area has not kept pace with the development. The I-75/Laurel Road interchange is an important gateway to the entire area and is in great need of upgrading. A landscaping beautification project would go a long way in meeting this goal.

We understand the FDOT has a program under which they spend 1% of road funds on concentrated landscaping projects. Such a project has recently been completed at the I-75 Ellenton, Florida interchange. A similar project at the Laurel Road interchange would add considerably to the beautification of the North Venice area.

We respectfully ask for your support in seeing what can be done to bring a 1% FDOT beautification project to the I-75 Laurel Road interchange.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Bird,
Exalted Ruler
Elks Lodge #1854