

From: [pat behe](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Sawgrass
Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023 3:34:02 PM

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I support what you have voted on

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Pat

From: [Gary Grim](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Sawgrass Community
Date: Sunday, October 29, 2023 11:23:13 AM

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Please vote to fix the Sawgrass Community Zoning error that has existed for 2 decades. Do not vote to allow developer opportunity to change our home area. Thank you.

--Gary Grim
[635 Sawgrass Bridge Rd, Venice, FL 34292](#)

Gary L. Grim

From: joyce2104@verizon.net
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Sawgrass Proper Zoning
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PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THE SAWGRASS COMMUNITY HAS THE PROPER ZONING.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dr. Will & Joyce Lyons

From: [Mark McClintock](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Rezoning of Sawgrass Subdivision.
Date: Sunday, October 29, 2023 11:20:09 AM

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I am a resident of Sawgrass Subdivision in Venice. Please follow the recommendation by our Planning Commission to approve the rezoning of Sawgrass. My family has lived in Sarasota County and I worked for Sarasota County Natural Resources Department for nearly 30 years.

I walked and drove the Sawgrass property pine plantation with its previous owner Mr. Chis Chisholm while I worked for the Florida Division of Forestry here in Sarasota. My wife and I chose to move here from the County to the City of Venice this year. We are happy here.

Please adopt this rezone.

Mark McClintock
337 Otter Creek Drive
Venice, FL 34292
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jan Putnoky](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Sawgrass PUD
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I agree and hope that the Council approves the overlooked correction to the 20 year error and classify Sawgrass as a PUD.

Thank you,

Jan Putnoky
350 MARSH LANDING WAY
Sawgrass

From: [rosemary Grim](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: rezoning of sawgrass
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Please follow the Planning Commission proposal to act consistent with the comprehensive plan and with the land development code by amending the zoning map for Sawgrass, and adopting the proposed binding master plan to memorialize the existing setbacks and the open space that currently exists.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

Rosemary Grim
635 Sawgrass Bridge Road
Venice, FL 324292

From: [Christine Rinaldi](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Fw: City Council PUD update
Date: Saturday, October 28, 2023 2:34:47 PM

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We Christine Rinaldi and Mohcine Nabili
683 Pond Willow Ln
Venice, FL 34292

Support Approval - See board email below

Sincerely,

Christine Rinaldi and Mohcine Nabili

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Sawgrass Board of Directors <board@sawgrassvenice.org>
To: "christinerinaldi@sbcglobal.net" <christinerinaldi@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 11:39:59 AM EDT
Subject: City Council PUD update

Ron Smith, who is running for City Council is not a resident of Sawgrass, but at this week's City Hall meeting he gave an impassioned speech to the City Council meeting, requesting them to correct an error in the zoning of Sawgrass which has been going on for over 20 years. Below is his speech.

City Council candidate Ron Smith defends the Sawgrass community before City Council Meeting

I was sorry to learn of a recently re-discovered failure by the city to rezone the Sawgrass community after annexing it into the city more than two decades ago. This was an issue five years ago and residents were promised the situation would be fixed. It has not been fixed.

Today you must close the door to any opportunity for a developer to capitalize on a city error that might allow them to make changes to the Sawgrass community at the expense of all the citizens who have relied on the city to protect their interests.

You now have a simple fix before you that has already been approved 6-0 by the Planning Commission. They have told you how to act consistent

with the comprehensive plan and with the land development code by amending the zoning map and adopting the proposed binding master plan to memorialize the existing setbacks and the open space that currently exists.

This will make the open space in Sawgrass perpetual. There are no commercial uses in Sawgrass and this will prohibit any going forward. This fix recommended to you by our planning commission would require the Sawgrass community to have the same 50 percent open space as all other Planned unit developments in the city and although this community has only 48.9 percent open space remaining, the planning commission has deemed this de minimus and thus acceptable. You have already allowed the attorneys for Waterford Golf LLC which owns the golf course in Sawgrass to delay this urgent and necessary correction.

Please act TODAY to correct this error made by the city that threatens a 563-home community with the loss of a golf course and associated views. That golf course is part of the open space calculation for Sawgrass. Please act TODAY to put this community at ease. Please act TODAY so that another community does not have to rise and rally repeatedly in these chambers to prevent another unconscionable bid to change established land uses that residents have relied on in making their retirement home decisions.

In closing let me alert you now to the specter of what may come. Waterford Golf LLC recently purchased other golf courses in the Waterford Community, in Capri Isles and in Calusa Lakes. If they intend to be land developers and not golf course operators, then this council is the last hope to stop further assaults on our neighborhoods and on the peace of mind of thousands of residents of this city.

Let's get this done TODAY.

Thank you.

The City Council voted 6-1 to correct the error, with Rachel Frank voting against it. The second and final reading and vote of the City Council will be on November 28th. Please contact your City Council members at citycouncil@venicefl.gov to let them know that you support approval.



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From: [Gary and Doreen Snider](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Sawgrass
Date: Sunday, October 29, 2023 7:35:15 AM

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Please help Sawgrass preserve our open spaces and do not let another developer ruin our neighborhood. Do the right thing. Thank-you. Gary and Doreen Snider 709 Sawgrass Bridge Rd. Venice, FL.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Sheila Svoboda](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: PUD
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In 2005 when we decided to build in Sawgrass, we bought into a golf course environment among other desirable features. Now, twenty plus years later, we are finding out that the items we thought we bought into aren't exactly that! It's time to set that record straight. Please vote accordingly to keep Sawgrass as was originally planned.
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Robert Wardell](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Sawgrass PUD Update
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Please get this update done so that all of us can relax and enjoy our community.
Thank you,
Robert Wardell
493 Marsh Creek Rd.
Venice, FL 34292

From: [SUSAN WOJTOWICZ](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#); [Mercedes Barcia](#); [Toni Cone](#); [Amanda Hawkins-Brown](#)
Subject: Redone the Sawgrass Community
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We want the city to rezone the Sawgrass Community as it should have done after annexing it into the city more than two decades ago. We did not purchase, and pay more for a home on a prime piece of property only to allow a developer to capitalize on a city error that might allow them to make changes to our community at the expense of Sawgrass residents.

Carolyn WOJTOWICZ
Susan WOJTOWICZ
507 Sawgrass Bridge Rd.