

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Appeal of Planning Comm. approval of Pickleball courts at VG&RC  
**Date:** Monday, June 20, 2022 10:28:17 AM

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**From:** bros1950@aol.com <bros1950@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2022 10:19 AM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Appeal of Planning Comm. approval of Pickleball courts at VG&RC

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I am sending this email in support of the Appeal of the Venice Planning Commission's approval of the Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball courts location. For clarity, I am a pickleball player **but do not support this location of amenity.** I question the Planning Commission's decision to support this since this proposed amenity and does not have the overwhelming support of this community.

In particular it is not a compatible use location, it is disruptive to the neighborhood, and negatively impacts the quality of life of residents due to:

1. Noise level to residents in the immediate proximity;
2. Area traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian. There are 4 residences in each condo building located on Bella Vista Terrace (hence 4 times the cars) ; this street is off a circle that also feeds another residential block, and more importantly, all traffic from the whole community going to the River Club for dining, tennis, pool, gym, and boardwalk. Congestion and accident potential !!

Living there, parking overflow on to Bella Vista occurs with tennis competitions as well as "events" at the River Club. Safety is a huge factor for all residents and guests. Traffic flow is NOT minimal. Add to this, the vehicular traffic of landscapers, deliveries, etc.

And just a little history, this location was previously considered and rejected by the Venetian CDD; this proposal is very arbitrary and is made to appease a very small number of residents who moved here despite not having pickleball courts.

Thank you.  
*Beverly Rosignolo*  
134 Bella Vista Terrace

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Petition #21-56SP Venetian Golf&River Club  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 11:55:59 AM

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

From: Diane Herman <diherman45@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 10:20 AM  
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
Subject: Petition #21-56SP Venetian Golf&River Club

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As the owner of property @ 114 Bolanza Ct within the Venetian Golf&River Club, I am very supportive of Pickleball Courts in my community. I look forward to approval by the Venice City Council. Thank you.  
Diane Herman

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Petition for Pickleball courts at the Venetian  
**Date:** Friday, June 24, 2022 5:07:21 PM

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**From:** Richard Herman <rherman41@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 5:07 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition for Pickleball courts at the Venetian

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Pickleball at the Venetian.

I live in the Venetian Golf and River Club at 114 Bolanza Ct.  
and am the owner of that property.

I am responding to the Pickleball petition No. 21-56 SP

I am support the new Pickleball courts as I believe they will  
enhance our community.

Thank you in advance

Richard Herman MD

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club Pickle Ball Courts  
**Date:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 1:42:22 PM

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**From:** T Carr <twcarr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 5:40 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club Pickle Ball Courts

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Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts

Good afternoon Mr. Mayor and City Council Members. I am writing in support of the approval of petition No. 21-56SP for the request to install Pickle Ball Courts at the Venetian Golf and River Club located at 502 Veneto Boulevard, Nokomis FL 34275-6605. The requested approval is widely popular in our community. The courts will be built at the epicenter of the Venetian Golf & River Club community activity center. This is the logical place as almost every single outdoor as well as indoor activity takes place at the River Club. From the 6 widely used tennis courts, a Tiki Bar, 2 Club Pools, Fitness center, dining room, indoor bar, meeting rooms, office space, full kitchen and staff, gym, locker rooms, outdoor patio, and so much more.

I understand that there have been some naysayers due to what they deem as a noise issue. I disagree with that issue. The River Club hosts events all year long. We have food trucks, farmers markets, outdoor events at the pools, outdoor events at the Tijk bar, live music, Weddings, and many more events that make much more noise than pickleball especially when there will only be 3 courts. The pickleball courts will not be lit for night time play. The adjacent tennis courts are lighted and nighttime play is acceptable to the same people that are concerned about noise.

Anyone that lives in Florida as we all do, knows that pickleball is the fastest and most sought after sport for the population that we serve. The pickleball courts will help develop a healthy lifestyle to the community as well as a social investment within the community. There is no downside to adding the courts. Our home values will increase and the residents will enjoy and use the courts for a long time to come.

I urge each and everyone of the Venice City Council to approve this request.

Thank you for your service to this great City on the Gulf.

Warmest Regards,

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Timothy W. Carr  
110 Bolanza Court  
North Venice, FL 34275  
Past Chief & Past Commissioner  
Monroe Joint Fire District  
845-234-0099

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 10:48:08 AM

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**From:** Kelly Michaels  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 10:00 AM  
**To:** City Council <CityCouncil@Venicegov.com>  
**Subject:** FW: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts

**From:** Jenn Hinkle <[jwoodhinkle@gmail.com](mailto:jwoodhinkle@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 8:20 AM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <[kmichaels@venicefl.gov](mailto:kmichaels@venicefl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts

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Hello

I am in full support of our community's decision to build PickleBall courts.

Thank you and have a good day

Jennifer Hinkle  
290 Martellago

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:07:37 PM

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**From:** Livvy Faford <livvymc@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 3:31 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts

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To Venice City Council:

I am the owner of the property at 494 Padova Way within the Venetian Golf & River Club and I **support** the approval of the Pickleball Courts per the above referenced petition.

Have a great day!



Livvy Faford  
494 Padova Way  
N Venice, FL  
203.913.7655

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 7:06:19 PM

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**From:** Steve Viscidi <stevestrv@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 22, 2022 6:53 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts

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Hello,

I live in the Venetian Golf and River Club, and I would like you to know that I strongly approve of building pickleball courts in the Venetian. They would be a great addition to the community.

Thank you

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Steve Viscidi

(571) 406-8394

106 Valenza Loop

North Venice, FL 34275



**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Friday, June 24, 2022 5:08:08 PM

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**From:** Barbara Jasper <bammabarb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 4:48 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball Courts

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As a resident of the Venetian Golf and River Club, I fully support the approval of the pickleball courts in our community. Thank you for your consideration.

Barbara Jasper

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Pickleball Courts at the Venetian Golf and River Club  
**Date:** Monday, June 20, 2022 3:58:10 PM

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**From:** Robert Short <c146thin@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 20, 2022 2:59 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts at the Venetian Golf and River Club

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Dear Ms. Michael,

I reside at 201 Bella Vista Terrace, Unit D at the Venetian Golf and River Club. I wish to be on record as supporting the development of pickle ball courts at the Venetian.

Thank you,

Robert Short

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Pickleball  
**Date:** Friday, June 17, 2022 9:08:27 AM

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**From:** Jan Kitzmiller <jankitzmiller@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 16, 2022 7:39 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickleball

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Hello,  
We do want pickle ball at the Venetian Golf and Riverclub. Please vote in favor of allowing us to add to the enjoyment of our community.  
Thank you,  
Jan Kitzmiller  
201 Bella Vista Terrace

Another day in Paradise!!

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Hearing Notice regarding VGRC Pickleball Courts June 28  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:43:59 AM

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**From:** Nonda Harvey <nondaharvey1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 10:28 AM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Notice regarding VGRC Pickleball Courts June 28

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Thank you for accepting comments online.

We are snowbird owners of a condo across the street (113A Bella Vista Terrace) from the proposed site of the three pickleball courts to be discussed on June 28, 2022.

I do not necessarily want to influence a pro or nay decision on the placement of the courts at that site, however my husband and I have concerns about the associated loss of parking for the tennis courts, pool and clubhouse use that will require residents to park elsewhere, which then might influence them or others using the facilities to park on the west or east side of the adjacent Bella Vista Terrace street.

Because this stretch is both ingress and egress for all the condos on Bella Vista Terrace and its loop, there is considerable two-way traffic traveling past the proposed site and the tennis courts and between the four condos across the street (ours included) and their driveways. Particularly when service people/trucks, including landscapers, are present and required to park on the street (not in our driveways), there is already congestion and loss of sight ahead for residents/guests turning off Veneto and onto Bella Vista, and residents backing out of these 4 driveways. I have myself, when walking, observed times when someone will volunteer as a "flagger" to allow/assist traffic to proceed around/pass parked cars or trucks that are in that stretch of Bella Vista Terrace, sometimes on both sides of the street. Even for walkers going to/from the VGRC facilities this is a safety issue. In view of the already problematic congestion in this strip when vehicles are parked on the street, we request that if the pickleball courts are approved and the previously established parking diminished in that site, that signs prohibiting parking by residents' cars on the east side of Bella Vista Terrace adjacent to the tennis and pickleball courts be erected.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Nonda Harvey  
2260 Settlers Trail 113A Bella Vista Terrace  
Vandalia OH 45377 N. Venice, FL 34275  
937-672-3695

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

**From:** [Mercedes Barcia](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Site and Development Plan Amendment Petition No.21-56SP  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 15, 2022 7:15:28 AM

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**From:** Ed Perry <[eperry@merrittgraphics.com](mailto:eperry@merrittgraphics.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 14, 2022 3:40 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <[kmichaels@venicefl.gov](mailto:kmichaels@venicefl.gov)>  
**Subject:** Site and Development Plan Amendment Petition No.21-56SP

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## **Public Comment**

While we are in favor of adding Pickle Ball courts to our community, we feel that the location (site) should be different for several reasons:

1. The noise of the courts in play will disturb those housing unit inhabitants nearby (we are not affected by this ourselves).
2. The community needs more tennis courts and this site would be ideal to add more courts.
3. A more suitable site for these courts would be on the unused parking lot of the country club which is privately owned. We have not heard any convincing arguments that the property could not be sold to our community. We have not heard or know about all options negotiated for the purchase or lease of the property that might have been made and reasons for rejection.
4. We are not convinced that an earnest effort was made to negotiate a sale and purchase or even a land lease for X number of years. A land lease arrangement would solve an immediate need and the tennis courts and pickle ball courts could both be constructed. If in the future when the land lease terminates, there could be a decision as to the future of the added tennis courts on the proposed cite in this public hearing. This solution meets the immediate needs in a sensible manner.

Our two cents,

Bonnie and Ed Perry  
122 Mestre Court  
Venetian Golf and Roiver Club

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: JUNE 28 HEARING ON PICKLEBALL COURTS AT THE VENETIAN GOLF & RIVER CLUB  
**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2022 7:59:43 PM

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**From:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 26, 2022 7:59:24 PM  
**To:** loft1000@aol.com <loft1000@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Re: JUNE 28 HEARING ON PICKLEBALL COURTS AT THE VENETIAN GOLF & RIVER CLUB

Thank you for your comments. They will be forwarded to City Council.

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**From:** loft1000@aol.com <loft1000@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 26, 2022 12:40:05 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** JUNE 28 HEARING ON PICKLEBALL COURTS AT THE VENETIAN GOLF & RIVER CLUB

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**My name is Jeri Quinn and I live in the Venetian Golf and River Club and I am in total support of the application before the City Council, approved by the Planning Commission, for three pickleball courts to be located next to the tennis courts and other recreational amenities in our community.**

**Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the country. Every community around us has pickleball courts. Yes, there is a proposal to build a public park with pickleball courts a mile and a half away from our community but there is approximately 7,000 new residents moving into North Venice. Also, I love to play pickleball and I am also a tennis player and I do not want to travel out of the community to play tennis or pickleball. I want to ride my bike down to the courts. In order to stay competitive with these new developments that have pickleball courts and to improve our property values we need to have these pickleball courts.**

**Noise is the other issue and these residents (and there are only about 60 residents out of approximately 2000 residents) who are opposing the pickleball courts already live adjacent to our current recreational facilities which include two swimming pools, six tennis courts, outside exercise classes and a tiki bar which hosts parties and get together with live music. Also, the CDD's proposal also includes sound abatement walls which will mitigate the noise.**

**Also, the money is there and has been there for over two years to build these**

**pickleball courts. There will be no special assessment or any additional CDD increase.**

**I hope you will vote in support of the pickleball courts at the Venetian Golf and River Club.**

**Thank You!**

**Jeri Quinn  
101 Mestre Ct.  
North Venice, FL 34275**



**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:12:34 PM

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**From:** HENRY DE FRANCESCO <hdefrances@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:59:07 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts

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RE: Petition No.21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball Courts

To Whom It May Concern: My wife and I are the owners of the property at 111 Avalini Way within the Venetian Golf & River Club. We both support the approval of the Pickleball Courts as per the above referenced petition.

Sincerely

Amalia and Henry De Francesco  
111 Avalini Way

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:12:12 PM

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**From:** Vladimir Fridshtand <anv20011@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:00:14 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts

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I am the owner of the property below within Venetian Golf & River Club community..  
Please approve the petition

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Thanks,  
Vladimir Fridshtand  
434 Montelluna Dr  
Nokomis FL 34275

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pickle ball  
**Date:** Friday, June 24, 2022 10:06:59 PM

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**From:** Jeff Auerbacher <jeffauerbacher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 24, 2022 10:06:10 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickle ball

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We are in favor for pickle ball.  
Jeff Auerbacher  
Anna Auerbacher  
Venetian Golf and River Club

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**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pickle ball  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:13:25 PM

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**From:** Korene King <koreneking@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 6:24:10 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickle ball

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I support the pickle boil quarts Korene King 170 Palazzo Court venetian golf in River club  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pickleball courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:11:51 PM

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**From:** Lynn Phillips <laphillips999@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 7:35:10 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickleball courts

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I, Lynn Phillips owner of 141 Treviso Court in the VG&RC approve of the Pickelcourts.

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: PickleBall Courts at VGRC  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:11:08 PM

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**From:** Pam Filippone <pam.filippone73@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:53:03 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** PickleBall Courts at VGRC

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### **Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts**

We are the owners of the property at 495 Padova Way within the Venetian Golf & River Club and we support the approval of the Pickleball Courts per the above referenced petition.

Paul and Pam Filippone

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pickleball Courts  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:11:19 PM

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**From:** Dina Carr <dinadcarr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:46:41 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickleball Courts

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## **Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts**

Hello,

I am the owner of the property at 106 Bolanza Ct within the Venetian Golf & River Club and I support the approval of the Pickleball Courts per the above referenced petition.

Thank you,  
Dina Carr

**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Pickleball  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 10:11:36 PM

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**From:** Florence Raber <floraber@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 21, 2022 8:38:45 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Pickleball

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Dear Mr. Michaels,  
My husband and I are residents at Venetian Golf and River Club and I reside at 145 Treviso Court. We are in favor of Pickleball courts here. It is a popular and a fun sport for seniors. It is good for marketing when selling or buying in our community.  
Florence and Peter Raber  
Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Kelly Michaels](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball Appeal - Strong Opposition  
**Date:** Sunday, June 26, 2022 8:01:23 PM

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**From:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 26, 2022 8:01:10 PM  
**To:** Robert Sweeps <RobbieSweeps@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball Appeal - Strong Opposition

Thank you for your comments. They will be forwarded to City Council.

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**From:** Robert Sweeps <RobbieSweeps@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 25, 2022 2:41:35 PM  
**To:** Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>  
**Subject:** Venetian Golf & River Club Pickleball Appeal - Strong Opposition

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Dear Kelly,

The proposed site is very close to several residential units and will create tremendous noise pollution both for them and for those at the pool trying to relax and enjoy the natural setting. When originally proposed, the pickleball courts were planned for a vacant lot that was far from other homes and that would not create a parking shortage. In its current proposed location, it will be wedged in a tight space that will encourage people to congregate in close proximity to homes--something buyers would not have been able to contemplate when purchasing a home here. The Directors seem determined to squeeze these pickleball courts into what is by all measures a very tight and inappropriate space. I've heard the Directors comment about this--and it is more of an ego driven determination to build the pickleball courts at all costs, not matter what. At the original hearing with the planning commission, the arrogance of the Venetian CDD Director that spoke was on full display. When he was asked whether residents had been given an opportunity to voice their opinion and he stated that it was publicized as an agenda item at a meeting. I will tell the Venice City Council that these CDD meetings are done on weekdays during business hours when many would not be able to

attend.

Here are several links to articles about noise due to pickleball:

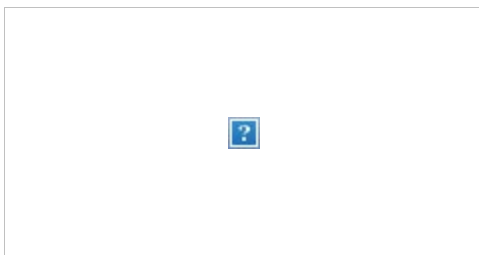
[Noisy pickleball courts cause upset with homeowners \(realtybiznews.com\)](https://www.realtybiznews.com/news/noisy-pickleball-courts-cause-upset-with-homeowners)

## Noisy pickleball courts cause upset with homeowners

About Mike Wheatley. Mike Wheatley is the senior editor at Realty Biz News. Got a real estate related news article you wish to share, contact Mike at [email protected]

realtybiznews.com

[Pickleball noise is pitting neighbor against neighbor - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-fi-pickleball-noise-2020-07-15)

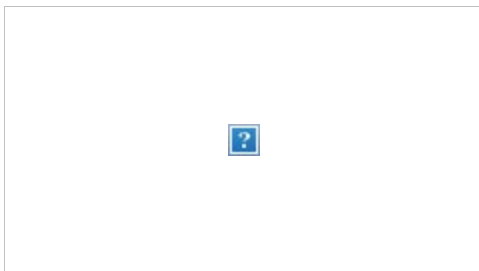


## Pickleball noise is pitting neighbor against neighbor - Los Angeles Times

GOLETA, Calif. — Seven days a week, dozens of retirees, college students, children and working parents flock to a sunbaked patch of pavement in this oceanside city just west of Santa Barbara.

www.latimes.com

[In a pickle: Local community fed up with noise from nearby pickleball court \(fox29.com\)](https://www.fox29.com/news/in-a-pickle-local-community-fed-up-with-noise-from-nearby-pickleball-court/)



## In a pickle: Local community fed up with noise from nearby pickleball court

Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic gripped the city, the pickleball courts have become a safe and fun outdoor activity. Players say pickleball appeals to a wide range of people, from young and spry ...

www.fox29.com

The proposed site of the Pickleball Courts will further eliminate numerous parking spaces

I believe that if put to a vote in the community, which it hasn't, the overwhelming majority of homeowners would vote no on these pickleball courts. And the Venetian CDD Directors also know this--but they are catering to a very small group in the community. And they truly do not care that residents do not want pickleball, which is unfortunate.

We would urge you to also vote NO and decline the petition to build these pickleball courts. There will be a public park built very shortly on Laurel Road with pickleball courts--that should satisfy any demand here.

Sincerely,  
Robert & Toni Wardlaw  
143 Sevilla Place

May 19, 2022

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Mr. Ron Feinsod  
Mayor  
City of Venice  
401 West Venice Ave  
Venice, FL 45285

Dear Mr. Feinsod:

The Planning Commission hearing on 3 pickleball courts in the Venetian River Club parking lot, agenda item 21-56P, was a very contentious hearing with many attending and several speakers.

I was granted a 30-minute segment to speak for 15 affected parties that live in the condos and private homes that surround the parking lot where the pickleball courts are planned to be built. Several of those that asked me to speak for them because they were unable to attend and make their voices heard because they are snow birds and had left to go north for the summer season.

The timing of the Planning Commission hearing on May 17<sup>th</sup> came later than they were able to stay due to medical appointments and family plans up north. A couple of the condo owners that did speak in person rearranged medical appointments up north so they could stay and give testimony at the hearing. This topic is extremely important to them because it negatively affects their quality-of-life and property value due to the close proximity of pickleball courts and the noise generated by those who play the game. Some are even thinking about moving if the courts are approved knowing that the constant noise will be intolerable.

The Planning Commission decision did not go in our favor by a vote of 4 to 1. We are putting in an appeal to that decision today and intend to make a good case for our opposition to City Council later in the year.

We, the affected parties, are asking for a delay in the scheduling of the City Council hearing on this matter until late October when over 75% of the affected parties will be back for the season and can attend and speak at the hearing in person.

There is no impending rush for the Venetian CDD to have a Council decision on this matter. Some CDD Board and committee members will be away vacationing in other areas of the country and abroad during the summer months and will not be able to attend themselves. The topic of adding pickleball courts has been a subject in our community since 2014 and waiting a few more months will not make a difference.

I believe asking for this delay is appropriate considering the fact that all who wish to attend will be negatively impacted by a hearing scheduled when few can attend and be heard.

I, and those I represent, consider this a reasonable request and ask you to grant it to us.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyler D. Cassell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tyler D. Cassell

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June 22, 2022

To: City Council Members

Re: June 28 Hearing on Pickleball Courts – Venetian Golf & River Club

Petition No. 21-56SP

My name is Barbara Puccia and I reside at the Venetian Golf & River Club in North Venice. I **support** the application before the City Council, approved by the Planning Commission, for 3 pickleball courts to be located by the recreational amenities in our community.

Our CDD is our governing body elected by all of our voting residents and they were elected to represent all of our interests. They came before the Planning Commission two years ago with a proposal for pickleball courts which were to be located at a different site that was near Florida Power & Light power lines. The Commission asked the CDD to reconsider the location and resubmit a proposal placing the courts by the existing recreational facilities. This is exactly what is before the City Council today as approved by the Planning Commission.

Although there may be opposition to these courts by some of our residents, the CDD has weighed all the residents' wishes, not just those that are actively and vocally opposing the courts and has determined that it is in the best interests of the entire community to go forward with the pickleball courts. It is their job to make that determination on behalf of all of us.

We currently have tennis courts, exercise classes, a lap pool, recreational pool, a tiki bar, and a subsidized dining facility. Only about 300 people out of 2000 residents might actually use any one of these amenities, but in total these amenities serve almost the entire community. The only amenity we are missing is pickleball courts, and that is the number one most popular and growing sport in the country today. Because of its popularity, new developments will include pickleball as an amenity, even if they do not have other amenities. To stay competitive with these new developments and to satisfy the huge demand for pickleball, the Venetian must have pickleball courts!

The opponents cite three main issues:

Noise, Loss of Property Value, Proposed Park in North Venice

Noise: The residents who live near the proposed pickleball courts already live adjacent to our current recreational facilities. They have chosen that location with full knowledge of the noise they generate. Currently there is noise from our tennis courts where competitive matches can be loud, swimming pools with grandchildren who can make a lot of noise, outside exercise classes, and our tiki bar which hosts parties and get togethers with live music that is most definitely heard by the adjacent residents. In addition, these residents live in high density housing, four condo units per building with patios adjacent to one another so noise is to be expected from neighbors and every day there are yapping dogs being walked down the sidewalk in front of their houses. Pickleball courts will not add to the noise that already exists. There are also only about 58 residents that will be in close proximity to the pickleball courts out of approximately 2000 residents.

To further mitigate noise, the CDD's proposal includes sound abatement walls, and the engineer has done decibel studies proving that the noise before abatement is not problematic, so after abatement, it will definitely not be an issue.

Loss of Property Value: This is definitely not an issue in the current real estate market in Sarasota County. Any resident who sells their home with or without pickleball courts will be making a killing. Their property will have doubled in value or more in the past few years. If they lose a small percentage of that profit due to the proximity of the courts, they will still be making hundreds of thousands of dollars in profit.

Adjacent Park: There is a proposal to build a public park with pickleball courts a mile and a half away from our community. Although this a fantastic proposal which I fully support, the projected increase in residents in North Venice due to current development is approximately 7,000. Our new hospital is already filled to capacity. The pickleball courts in the new park will be hard to access given the volume of demand that they will generate. Three pickleball courts in the Venetian, will alleviate some of that lock jam. So, this proposal is not only good for the Venetian Golf & River Club it is also good for the entire North Venice community.

The cost of these pickleball courts was built into the budget two years ago with no special assessment or additional CDD increase. It was originally budgeted for \$175,000 but is projected to cost only \$75,000 due to a reduction in scope, so not only does it not cost the homeowners anything additional, it is \$100,000 under budget!

I hope you will vote in support of the pickleball courts and against the appeal of the Planning Commission's approval. Thank you for your time.

Barbara Puccia  
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North Venice, FL 34275  
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**From:** [Darlene Schimberg](#)  
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Good morning,

I would like to address a major issue we currently have pending regarding the Venetian Golf and River Club and that is the construction of the Pickleball Courts in the Parking Lot of the River Club

- Pickleball

- We have an appeal pending regarding the Pickleball courts which is scheduled for your June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. I think you should take a hard look at this appeal as there are over 1,000 households at the Venetian that oppose this construction. I also think that the following needs to be reviewed
  - The Planning and Zoning committee which consists of two residents of the Venetian were less than fair at the hearing held. Barry Snyder and Jerry Jasper should have recused themselves from any vote on this issue rather than be the ones who made the motion and seconded it.
  - Mr. Snyder did not allow the residents to refute any of the information provided to the Board, while allowing Mr. Bracco and the engineer ample time before and after their presentations.
  - The people that represented the residents provided several key issues as to why the Pickleball Courts should not be constructed and were ignored by the Planning Committee
  - The Planning Committee did not require the same documentation from the CDD that was required by the residents.
    - They did not have to supply their signed petition to Mr. Snyder or the Planning Committee, but the residents did.
    - They did not even have their petition at the time of the meeting to provide their 300+ signatures to the Planning Committee nor were they asked for it.
    - Mr. Snyder proceeded to educate the Board as to how the Venetian CDD worked and that they really had no power over their decisions. Who is he to say something like that at a hearing?
    - They were also required to provide support documentation to the Planning Committee which was not required by the CDD or engineer
    - They did not allow Mr. Wiseman additional time as



requested but abruptly cut him off – he is a retired engineer and represented the people of the Venetian.

The Planning Committee allowed the Engineer of the CDD to implicate that the signatures on the Petition were either forged or illegally obtained. What gives the engineer the right to say this in front of a Planning Committee and the audience at this meeting. Mr. Snyder allowed the engineer to continue speaking and scrolling thru all the names he highlighted as being questionable – among these signatures was mine and my spouse – we both oppose these Pickleball Courts and signed the petition.

I thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully

Darlene M. Schimberg

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Council members should see first hand where the 3 courts are proposed to go. The area is too small for regulation courts. They will reduce parking and on some days force parking onto nearby narrow streets. There are potential drainage problems. Worst of all it would impact the daily lives of residents only yards away from the area. Claiming those who purchased near the amenities should expect proposals like this is unfair. Who would anticipate a parking lot for 13 cars would be proposed as 3 pickleball courts? A petition of 1000 signatures opposing this project should not be ignored.  
Pat Appolonia

Sent from my iPad