

From: [Donna Deluca](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Ron Feinsod](#); [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Building heights -
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 8:53:07 PM

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Stop trying to cram this zoning change thru. I would welcome an education on

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4. Why dont the residents have a voice in the way of a VOTE

Donna Deluca
ziti4me@icloud.com

From: [Trey Schmit](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Don't ruin this beautiful town
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 6:50:59 PM

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Please don't destroy Venice! Pensacola, Ponce de Leon and Milan Aves must be removed from the Downtown Edge district. [Outlook for iOS](#)

Amanda Hawkins-Brown

From: Jo Mitchell <jbethmitchell@icloud.com>
Sent:
To:
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City council members and Mayor,

I have owned residential property on Venice island for 23 years. I live at 417 Riviera St. I remember when Pineapples was on the corner of 41 and Venice Ave. Even with my windows closed, I was miserable with the nighttime noise level. My concern is that allowing any increase in building height downtown will allow/ encourage rooftop dining/music. The success of Venice lies in the plan John Nolan devised; that is residential areas closely entwined with downtown business areas and parks. I know there is money to be made commercially by increasing density/height of the current downtown, but it will be at the cost of the surrounding residential areas.

How close do each of you live to downtown Venice? How much do you value quiet? I'd love to see a chart indicating distance from downtown to each of your residences. We've already bowed to the over-the-top number of festivals and events that occur for the benefit of business owners, while clogging the residential streets. If people/business entities are clamoring to take advantage of the increased population with additional commercial offerings, I suggest you start working on designation of an alternate commercial area similar to downtown Venice, but located in a developing area. It can be developed with charm, attract locals and tourists alike, make lotsa bucks for everyone involved, while sparing Venice island residents. Your duty is to represent the wishes of people who currently call Venice home. It's a wonderful place. Please realize how little the wrong action/motive on your part can screw it up.

Jo Mitchell
417 Riviera St.
(612)722-0673
Sent from my iPad

From: [Donna Deluca](#)
To: [Planning Commission](#)
Subject: Downtown venice Building Heights
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:59:20 PM

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From: Kelly Michaels
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 11:50 AM
To: City Council
Subject: FW: Public Comment - LDR Venice Citizens vs Neal Communities

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From: jacqueline.rent@yahoo.com <jacqueline.rent@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 7:10 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Public Comment - LDR Venice Citizens vs Neal Communities

Dear ,

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Please do not allow this destruction to the beauty of Venice.

Thank you for taking the time to listen.

Kindest regards,
Jacqueline Rent

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: Development plan
Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 9:09:00 AM

From: Pam Snyder <pamsnyder444@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2022 6:48 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Development plan

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I am happy to hear that the mayor opposes the plan. He does so with good reason. Other than for pure monetary gain, there is absolutely no reason to change the height allowance. Venice is a charming, historic place that is unique. Scaling up buildings would destroy that charm, essentially and irrevocably turning Venice into just another unattractive community.

Don't allow that to occur.

Pam Snyder
Stonybrook Venice

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: LDR workshop comments
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 4:03:49 PM

From: Janet Slavin <jslavinesq@lawslavin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:58 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Cc: Janet Slavin <jslavinesq@lawslavin.com>
Subject: LDR workshop comments

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To the Council;

I am opposed to building heights downtown above 35 feet, period. I do not favor exceptions or variances to this proposed regulation. The city's beauty lies in keeping the skyline symmetrical with all consistent heights and open blue sky. The minute any city deviates from the lower heights, then there will be a free for all and buildings will be differing heights, resulting in the loss of the charm & intimacy of this city. Preservation of historic buildings and stopping rampant building is crucial to our quality of life here. Please listen to the residents, not the realtors, not the building owners. As it is, Sarasota County is building with too much density and this city needs not to join that ill advised path.
Thank you,

Best regards,
Janet Slavin Esq.

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: LDRs
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:41:42 PM

From: kathleendecono <kathleendecono@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 1:54 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: LDRs

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I continue to oppose the proposed maximum heights for downtown, PUDs and the Seaboard area.

Venice has been known for its charm. Please make sure Venice continues to retain its small town feeling, and keep building heights reasonable.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Kathleen Economides
Venice

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: FW: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 2:42:03 PM

From: faf99@aol.com <faf99@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 1:40 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.

Mark Faford
494 Padova Way
North Venice, FL 34275
203.515.1721
faf99@aol.com

From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: Board meeting 6/28/2022 LDR ordinance First Reading
Date: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:27:16 PM

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From: Patricia Everson <patricia.everson@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 28, 2022 12:24:46 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Board meeting 6/28/2022 LDR ordinance First Reading

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Dear members of the City Council:

Thank you so much for ending the discussion and First Reading of this Ordinance on such a positive note.

Special thanks to Councilwoman Helen Moore, for starting the discussion of the appreciation for the work of the Planning Commission and especially the City staff. It has been a long hard journey for many members of the last 4.5 years, but especially the last months.

As I have previously stated, I watched the majority of the Planning Commission meetings either live or on video, and most of the the Council meetings pertaining to the LDRs. I have witnessed a cross section of the citizens of our City, and wondered at many times, why after living here on and off for over 44 years, with the last 20 as a full time resident, I wanted to come back so many times? Well now I know.

I saw the true character of the people of the City expressed by the members of this board. Our voters have chosen wisely. Your final discussion of the LDRs brought tears to my eyes. We have elected a fine board to govern our future. I enjoyed all respectful comments, whether I agreed or not. It is from this type of respectful discourse that we grow as a community.

I sincerely hope that moving forward, the type of workshop discourse that was seen in the last two Council LDR public comment workshops can be addressed and controlled.

Again, thank you all so very much for your dedicated service to our special community.

Patricia Everson
633 Alhambra Rd

Sent from my iPad

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From: [Kelly Michaels](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: Hearing regarding Pickleball Courts at Venetian Golf and River club, June 28
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 7:58:10 PM

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From: Roger Quinn <rogquinn@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2022 7:56:27 PM
To: Kelly Michaels <kmichaels@venicefl.gov>
Subject: Hearing regarding Pickleball Courts at Venetian Golf and River club, June 28

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I am resident at the Venetian Golf & River Club and I am in favor of the installation of pickleball courts at the River Club site.
The facility has been unanimously approved by the VCDD elected board of Supervisors after community hearings were held and the space carefully vetted.
Why has the Venice City Council chosen to have this hearing? Is it normal for the council members to involve themselves in an internal issue within a Community?
I would hope you will support the decision made by the VCDD Board of supervisors and respect the decision made by the internal governing body of our community.
Sincerely,
Roger Quinn
101 Mestre Ct
North Venice
Rogquinn@gmail.com .

From: [Sharon Daly](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Fwd: New Land Development Regulations Sunshine/Council
Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 12:52:51 PM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2022-06-22 at 11.19.28 AM.png](#)

Please refer to the previous email.

Thank you

Sharon McCann Daly
571 La Gorce Drive
Venice, FL 34293

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From: **Ron Feinsod** <rfeinsod@venicefl.gov>
Date: Wed, Jun 22, 2022 at 12:37 PM
Subject: Re: New Land Development Regulations Sunshine/Council
To: Sharon Daly <sdaly322@gmail.com>, Helen Moore <HMoore@venicefl.gov>, Jim Boldt <jboldt@venicefl.gov>, Rachel Frank <rfrank@venicefl.gov>, mfiedler@venice.gov <mfiedler@venice.gov>, Nicholas Pachota <NPachota@venicefl.gov>

Thank you for your comments. Due to Florida's Sunshine Law and a City Council policy, neither I nor any other Council Member copied on this e-mail can reply substantively to your e-mail in writing. The Sunshine Law prohibits two or more members of City Council from discussing any matter which will foreseeably come before Council outside of a publicly noticed meeting. Any Council Member may address the topic of this e-mail at a future meeting.

If you wish to contact council members individually, you may email or call them. Contact information can be found at <https://www.venicegov.com/government/mayor-city-council>.

Ron Feinsod
Mayor, City of Venice

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From: Sharon Daly <sdaly322@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 11:23:47 AM
To: Ron Feinsod <rfeinsod@venicefl.gov>; Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicefl.gov>; Jim Boldt <jboldt@venicefl.gov>; Rachel Frank <rfrank@venicefl.gov>; mfiedler@venice.gov <mfiedler@venice.gov>; Nicholas Pachota <NPachota@Venicefl.gov>
Subject: New Land Development Regulations

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Dear Members:

Please do **not** let this happen to beautiful downtown Venice....



Developers are ruining the *small downtown feel* of this beautiful town... for their own benefit.. Please, if I could be there to vote on this (*as a registered voter in Florida*). I would vote **NO**. Thank you in advance.

Sharon McCann Daly
517 La Gorce Drive
Venice, FL. 34293

JUNE 22, 2022

TO: Hon. City Council, Venice FL

From:

Jill Pozarek

Portofino Drive

N Venice FL 34275

Dear City Council,

I would like to address several issues.

By the way: how many is “several?” Is it two? Is it five? Language matters.

There are three elements to this discussion:

- 1) 86-130r that currently governs commercial uses in PUDs
- 2) Language inserted since the June 14 meeting into Chapter 87, Section 2 on Zoning:
2.2.4.5
- 3) Lack of any size restriction on commercial

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Conclusion:

Anything goes in a PUD. The old PUD definition is thrown out the window ostensibly for the sake of not wanting to render incompatible some existing situations. Surely this can be handled another way.

The result of what is contained in the PUD section flies in the face of the work done on the Comprehensive Plan to ensure the character of neighborhoods in shepherded in a careful manner.

All we now have to rely on is the good graces and good judgment of future Councils. Ladies and gentlemen, that is very cold comfort indeed.

EXISTING LANGUAGE IN CHAPTER 86 GOVERNING COMMERCIAL USES IN PUDs:

86-130 (r) language:

(r) *Commercial uses.* Commercial uses located in a PUD are intended to serve the needs of the PUD and not the general needs of the surrounding area. Areas designated for commercial activities normally shall not front on exterior or perimeter streets, but shall be centrally located within the project to serve the residents of the PUD.

Of note:

- not the needs of the surrounding area
- not front on exterior or perimeter streets
- serve the residents of the PUD

DRAFT LANGUAGE INSERTED INTO CHAPTER 87 - COMMERCIAL USES IN PUDs:

VENICE LDR DRAFT: CHAPTER 87 – SECTION 2 – ZONING

2.2.4.5. Planned District Standards

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INSERTION in 6/14 draft flies directly in the face of 86-130 language and is vague and unenforceable:

- “not the needs of the surrounding area” ...**becomes “one or SEVERAL neighborhoods”**
- “not front on exterior or perimeter streets” ...**becomes “appropriately located”**
- “serve the residents of the PUD” ...**becomes “neighborhoods to be served”**
- PUD becomes “neighborhood-?” What is a neighborhood? No definition in Section 9.
- what does “several” mean? Two? Three? Five?
- how is “appropriately located” enforceable? What does it even mean?
- the above language actually encourages vagueness, the bane of planning

LANGUAGE INSERTED INTO 2.2.4.5 is remarkably aligned with Neal’s application for “Villages” regional shopping center submitted to the City last week

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EXCERPT FROM NEAL APPLICATION FOR THE VILLAGES ON LAUREL ROAD (June 2022)

- (2) Intensity of use and/or purpose of the proposed development in relation to adjacent and nearby properties and the effect thereon; provided, however, that nothing in this subsection shall be construed as granting the planning commission the authority to reduce residential densities below that permitted by the schedule of district regulations set out in this code.
The proposed 10.42 acre commercial designated parcel is limited to 2% of the 503.9 acre PUD, or 40% of the maximum commercial permitted in the PUD. The provision of commercial services in the area will limit trip lengths and allow for multimodal connection to those services by the neighborhood and other nearby properties. The commercial parcel is located so as to mitigate impacts to adjacent and nearby properties with separation from surrounding properties by an FPL easement (south), open space (west), Laurel Road (north) and Jacaranda Boulevard (east).
- (2) Ingress and egress to the development and proposed structures thereon with suitable...

| CHAPTER 87 2.2.4.5 INSERTION | NEAL “VILLAGES” APPLICATION |
|--|--|
| One or several neighborhoods | The neighborhood and other nearby properties |
| Convenient traveling distance | Will limit trip lengths |
| Not intended to be automotive-oriented | Allow for “multimodal connection” |

Lack of square footage limit for commercial amplifies the vague language above:

| TRADITIONAL DISTRICT USE TABLE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------|----|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|-----|-----------------------|---------|
| KEY: P = Permitted C = Conditional Use X = Use Not Permitted P* = As Permitted by the Planned District | Residential | | | | | | | | | | Non-Residential | | | | | Planned | | | Definitions/Standards | |
| | RSF1 | RSF2 | RSF3 | RSF4 | RMF1 | RMF2 | RMF3 | RMF4 | RMHP | RMHS | OPI | CM | IND | CON | REC | GOV | PUD | PCD | | PID |
| COMMERCIAL USE CLASSIFICATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RETAIL: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Retail Sales and Service (single user less than 65,000 square feet) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | P | X | X | X | X | P* | P* | X | 2.4.5.A |
| Retail Sales and Service (single user 65,000 square feet or larger) | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | P | X | X | X | X | P*X | P* | X | 2.4.5.B |
| Gas Station with Convenience Store | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | P | X | X | X | X | P*X | P* | X | 2.4.5.C |
| Car Wash | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | P | X | X | X | X | P*X | X | X | 2.4.5.D |

There is essentially no square footage limit of any kind in commercial. The only distinctions between above and below 65K square feet are seen under the Definitions for 2.4.5 A and B:

- Big box stores, as well as “commercial shopping centers.”
- Business goods
- Dry goods (what ARE dry goods?)
- “Food sales”
- Photocopy and blueprint services
- Sales or leasing of consumer vehicles
- Sales, rental or leasing of heavy trucks and equipment

This goes against the advice of both former Planning Commissioner Barry Snyder and the Council’s attorney: a square footage number is advised.

From: jacqueline.rent@yahoo.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: LDR Venice - Laurel & Jacaranda
Date: Monday, June 20, 2022 7:11:23 PM

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Jacqueline Rent

From: [Gary Scott](#)
To: [City Council](#); [Mitzie Fiedler](#); [Roger Clark](#)
Subject: LDR-Compatibility
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 4:08:32 PM

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To Mayor and Council Members and Mr. Clark

On page 42 of the Comprehensive Plan it is stated that the Council is to enact regulations concerning building height, architectural standards, and compatibility. Until that occurs it is stated that certain standards contained in the 2010 Comprehensive Plan should continue to apply, including Policy 8.2, which reads as follows:

"Policy 8.2 Land Use Compatibility Review Procedures. Ensure that the character and design of infill and new development are compatible with existing neighborhoods. Compatibility review shall include the evaluation of the following items with regard to annexation, rezoning, conditional use, special exception, and site and development plan petitions: A. Land use density and intensity. B. Building heights and setbacks. C. Character or type of use proposed. D. Site and architectural mitigation design techniques.

Considerations for determining compatibility shall include, but are not limited to, the following: E. Protection of single-family neighborhoods from the intrusion of incompatible uses. F. Prevention of the location of commercial or industrial uses in areas where such uses are incompatible with existing uses. G. The degree to which the development phases out nonconforming uses in order to resolve incompatibilities resulting from development inconsistent with the current Comprehensive Plan. H. Densities and intensities of proposed uses as compared to the densities and intensities of existing uses.

Potential incompatibility shall be mitigated through techniques including, but not limited to: I. Providing open space, perimeter buffers, landscaping and berms. J. Screening of sources of light, noise, mechanical equipment, refuse areas, delivery and storage areas. K. Locating road access to minimize adverse impacts. L. Adjusting building setbacks to transition between different uses. M. Applying step-down or tiered building heights to transition between different uses. N. Lowering density or intensity of land uses to transition between different uses."

The Council proposes enacting an LDR section entitled, Compatibility. But if you compare the contents of that section with the above Policy 8.2 it is apparent that the LDR does not begin to cover the items addressed by the Policy. Most importantly the LDR contains nothing about what should be considered when determining compatibility. Section 4 of the LDR simply deals with set-backs and buffers, which are mitigation actions only. Because the LDR do not address compatibility, Policy 8.2 should continue to exist. Thank you for your consideration. Gary Scott

From: [Olen Thomas](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: LDRs
Date: Monday, June 27, 2022 5:44:50 PM

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Good afternoon,

I am sending you this email to voice my **opposition** to several items contained in the new LDRs that are on the agenda for first reading at the council meeting on June 28. Having attended numerous planning commission and council meetings over the last 5 years, I know these LDRs have been under revision for a long time. Given all of the recent discussion in opposition to two items in particular - building height and PUD shopping center square footage - I see no reason why you are now in such a hurry to pass these.

I started visiting SWFL over 10 years ago. Specifically, Naples and Venice. When my wife and I decided to retire, we immediately knew we wanted no part of what was happening to Naples and elected to retire to Venice. That was over five years ago and while there has been growth since then, Venice has not been ruined. The passage of these new LDRs will change all that.

I also want to specifically address the new shopping center Pat Neal is proposing for the Milano PUD. My wife and I were some of the first residents to buy our house in Milano in October, 2016. This was before the Milano PUD even existed - when it was part of the VICA PUD. The Milano PUD was created in August, 2017 when Laurel Lakes PUD was combined with the VICA PUD. At that time, Neal did not ask for or indicate any commercial development would be included. The copies of the Zoning Map Amendment I received from the Planning & Zoning department in May, 2017 make no reference to commercial. This was a very important topic to me and I had several conversation with Neal representatives about what was planned for the Milano PUD. These conversations included updates on Aria and Cielo across Jacaranda from the Milano neighborhood but still part of the Milano PUD. Neal's plans for the Cielo property have changed several times including the most recent approval in late 2020 to add over 125 townhomes. The plans approved with that project make no mention of commercial as the area in question is still shown as wetlands, lake, and open space. I would suggest Neal's opportunity to included commercial in the Milano PUD was forfeited when the Milano PUD was created and commercial was never referenced as an allowed use in the Project Narrative & Comprehensive Plan Consistency Analysis.

It never made sense to me why the Milano PUD was created in the first place. The PUD is intersected by a major road - Jacaranda. The Milano neighborhood is to the east, ARIA and Cielo to the west. Furthermore, the three neighborhoods have nothing in common, other than at the time, they were being developed by Neal. Now it seems like I'm beginning to understand. By combining a 214 acres development (Milano) with a 176 acre development (Aria) and a 125 acre development (Cielo), one now has a PUD over 527 acres in size. A size large enough to argue that some sort of commercial might be warranted. Maybe that was the plan all along.

Thank you for reviewing this information.

Regards,

Olen Thomas
248 Acerno Drive
North Venice, FL
olenthomas@aol.com
804-370-7353

February 28, 2022

To: Venice City Council Members:

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I am against "changing" the current height in downtown Venice. I wrote months ago on this subject to the Planning commission. Please vote this proposal down.

On the subject of doing away with our current Venice Historic Preservation Board and merging it into the ARB ...I am against such a merger. I served on the predecessor to the Venice Historic Preservation Board known as the Venice Historical Commission created in 1988 by the Venice City Council & also served on the Historic Preservation Board. I see the idea of this merger proposed by the Planning Commission as a very bad idea. Both the ARB and the HPB have different missions and I feel such a merger would "weaken" these missions. It is a very poor proposal by the Planning Commission. I hope that you, as "elected" officials shall vote this down.

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Sincerely,

Betty Intagliata

Founding Member: Venice Main Street

Founding Member: Venice Area Historic Preservation League d/b/a Venice Area Historical Society

Venice City Council
401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, Fla. 34285

Re: Removing Historic Preservation Board and placing it
Into the Architectural Review Board...as proposed by
the Venice Planning Commission.

I have sat in on some of the Planning Board's meetings.
One of their proposals is to take our current Advisory Board
Titled "Historic Preservation Board" and place it into the
Board titled: "Architectural Review Board." The Planning
Commission Chair, Mr. Snyder, has constantly used reference to
Certified Local Government cities and said that this is what some of
these CLG cities have done...hence his rationale for doing so in
Venice.

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becoming a Certified Local Government City as of this point.

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When City Council members (an elected body) should take up above
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5/5/22

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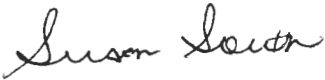
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To: Venice City Council

Date: May 6, 2022

Subject: **KEEP LARGE COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OUT OF RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS**

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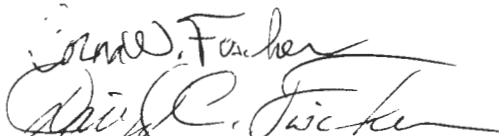
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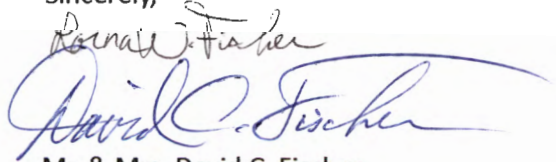
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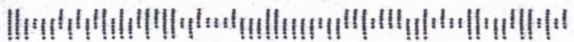
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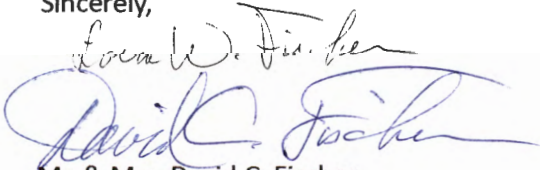
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William & Darlene Cieslak
262 Portofino drive
North Venice, FL 34275

*LET'S PROTECT WILDLIFE & WATERWAYS FROM RED TIDE!
STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT!*

First Baptist

V E N I C E

May 23, 2022

TO: VENICE MAYOR RON FEINSOD
VENICE CITY COUNCIL

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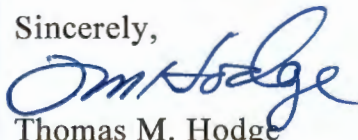
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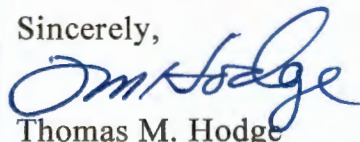
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Venice theatre

Great Stories.
Well Played.

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I'm writing on behalf of Venice Theatre. VT is the 2nd-oldest arts organization in Sarasota County. We are one of the city's oldest continuous businesses—founded in 1950—and we have been located downtown since 1972. With a budget of approximately \$4 million, Venice Theatre benefits more than 100,000 patrons and participants each season. We employ 31 people (28 full-time), and more than 100 contract artists and teachers throughout the year.

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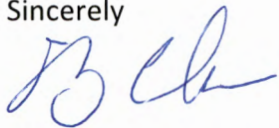
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Please continue the current regulations. Do not change what has produced and maintained the character and ambience of downtown Venice. Please trust yourselves and your successors to recognize real need for the good of the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely



Murray Chase
Producing Executive Director
Venice Theatre

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KAY E. WRIGHT

101 Martellago Drive, North Venice, FL 34275 Cell 305.393.3118 kay.wright@northstargroup.me

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Kay Wright

JUN 6 '22 PM 2:45

June 6, 2022

To: Mayor of Venice
City Counsel Members

From: Carol Clements
1081 Tuscany Blvd.
Venice FL, 34292

Subject: Increasing the height limit of buildings in the city of Venice

I strongly object to changing the height limits for our city. Those plans were put in place for a reason and the reason has not changed. We have a quaint and unique town and if you ask any of the residents, most likely they will say that is why they moved here. I haven't spoken to anyone who was in favor of this change. The only ones who would benefit from it would be the developers who do not live here. Keep our town as it is and visitors will flock here because it is different and enjoyable to visit. If anyone wants high rise buildings, they can always go to Sarasota. I personally don't go there anymore because I feel they have ruined it with all the building. Its not the nice place it was to visit when we moved here in 2003. Don't let Venice go down the same path!! Stop it now while we can still save what we have here, a real gem!

Sincerely,



Carol Clements

From: [Pamela Morris](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: My neighborhood height changes
Date: Saturday, June 25, 2022 3:04:30 PM

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I am usually in favor of change but when I see blatant abuses by builders etc that damage my small town, I need to say STOP.

If it is true you planning on changing height of buildings in downtown edge district I say STOP.

I could have moved but choose to stay here.

Do Not Raise Heights in edge district. Do not make businesses more prevalent than they are and DO NOT DEVALUE my home at 232 Pensacola Rd.

We are not and do not need to be a ruined city such as is all around us in Florida.

People love it here- SO DON' KILL IT

Pam in SW FL

From: [mwendroff](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Petition No. 21-56SP Venetian Golf & River Club PickleBall Courts
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 2:02:31 PM

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Honorable Council Members,

I'm writing in support of pickleball courts at the Venetian Golf & River Club, which you may be considering at Tuesday's meeting.

Your expert support staff, and your planning commission, have both agreed that the request to build pickleball courts in the recreation area of the Venetian River Club meets all requirements.

Having pickleball courts on the premises will make it easier for residents, many who are aging and can no longer play tennis safely, to still get exercise to be healthy, be competitive, and have fun.

The majority of residents believe it makes sense to have this amenity. There is a vocal minority that disagree.

I hope you support your staff and planning commission and reject the appeal.

Thanks for your work on behalf of the great city of Venice.

Sincerely,
Michael Wendroff
213 Portofino Drive
North Venice

From: [Edwin Martin](#)
To: [ann Keohan](#)
Cc: [City Council](#)
Subject: Re: Reminder
Date: Friday, June 24, 2022 5:45:15 PM

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This info on Edge is incorrect, from LDR

Building Height
35' by right
75/ replaces 68, through Height Exception, Subject to Section 4: Compatibility
(Note no buildings more than two stories suggest new heights must be incompatible.)

On Fri, Jun 24, 2022 at 5:28 PM ann Keohan <annkeohan43@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes, the only way is the referendum.
I watched the CC Meeting today at my desk and now clearly see that the CC is deferring to Roger and the PC. They would not agree to only 35' and no exceptions downtown.
Concerning the height of buildings in the NEW Edge District;
Pensacola, Milan, and Ponce de Leon, they listened to and accepted Roger's analysis that 85' used to be allowed in that District and now they are bringing it down to 75' !!!!
Over and over CC Members referred to the public as misinformed, not getting it, not understood it!!!
Our elected officials are harming the home owners and our beautiful and very special Historic City. This could be construed as malfeasance which is against the law, the harming and causing of economic damage by public officials.

Ann Keohan

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On Jun 24, 2022, at 3:21 PM, Judy Cross <judycross7@verizon.net> wrote:

What is the matter with this City Council???? They were elected to do a job representing the wishes of the Public who voted for them!! I will not give up.

~j

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

From: Ron Feinsod <roninvenice@gmail.com>

To: Edwin Martin <insidevenice@gmail.com>

Cc: Judy Cross <judycross7@verizon.net>; Corenstein@gmail.com
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Sent: Fri, Jun 24, 2022 3:04 pm

Subject: Re: Reminder

I am convinced that no matter how many people speak out against these provisions in the LDRs, the majority of the council is going to go along. The only path that I can see is the Referendum and I hope that we can narrow this down to a few issues that the public will support. The most obvious is Historic Downtown. Hopefully, when we meet again we will be able to determine the other few issues that rise to the top.

On Fri, Jun 24, 2022 at 11:13 AM Edwin Martin <insidevenice@gmail.com> wrote:

All,

Its even worse.. 75 also allowed by exception:

B 41: North and South of Venice Ave
Airport Avenue district
Laurel Road, East and West of Pinebrook
Seaboard

Happily (sarcasm), the industrial park area, on Knights Trail, PGT, etc.. is only 50 feet or so,

ALL ENTRANCES TO CITY! PLUS, ARE IN MIXED USE. 75 feet by exception.
Across from Hospital, green spaces across from Lutheran Church, and the Church,
Mobile home park, etc. All apartments and homes on Airport Ave,
Across from Marker 4, and north of Marker 4, Seaboard, etc.

We must alert all affected.

On Fri, Jun 24, 2022 at 10:30 AM Judy Cross <judycross7@verizon.net> wrote:
Jan, this just makes me sick! We can't keep up with the changes. It is unconscionable for Council to even take a vote! Are they misinformed, uninformed or stupid??

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

From: Jan Vertefeuille <janvert@gmail.com>
To: Judy Cross <judycross7@verizon.net>
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Sent: Tue, Jun 21, 2022 6:15 pm
Subject: Re: Reminder

Yes! And if we can move it around the city, let's take it over to the historic blocks of Pensacola and Milan streets by the library, which I just saw in Roger Clark's presentation last week to CC are now designated as part of the "Downtown Edge" district and could allow **6-story/75-foot-tall buildings** that are built out to the lot lines. ([Section 2/Zoning, pages 61-65](#)).

These blocks also contain probably the most intact collection of 1920s, Nolen-era buildings left in the city. I am working to rally neighbors against this abomination, so if you know anyone who lives between downtown and Venezia Park, I have an email you can forward them.

The LDRs seem to just get worse and worse the more you read them. Let the balloons fly!!

Jan

On Tue, Jun 21, 2022 at 6:19 PM Judy Cross <judycross7@verizon.net> wrote:
BRILLIANT! I'm in!!!

~j

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

From: Tommye Whittaker <twclub628@gmail.com>
To: Elizabeth Intagliata <ejane5761@aol.com>; Frank Wright <fewsaw@comcast.net>; Jan Vertefeuille <janvert@gmail.com>; Nancy DeForge <ndeforge13@gmail.com>; Thomas Cookingham <thomasacookingham@gmail.com>; ann Keohan <annkeohan43@gmail.com>; Carol Orenstein <Corenstein@gmail.com>; Jon Barrick <jondbarrick@gmail.com>; Ron Feinsod <roninvenice@gmail.com>; Patricia Shreeve

<pattishreeve@aol.com>; Judy Cross <judycross7@verizon.net>; JENNIFER LEWIS <jlewsyc@aol.com>; Edwin Martin <Insidevenice@gmail.com>; Sue Lang <suelang99@hotmail.com>; Lisa <contact@savedowntownvenice.com>; Nancy DeForge <ndeforge13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tue, Jun 21, 2022 5:06 pm
Subject: Fwd: Reminder

This idea is a fantastic from Larry. And it's viable. We can actually place one huge balloon than normal size all over the city at 52 feet! I love it. We'll discuss this and more 6/29/22 at 2:00 pm at [613 West Venice Ave](#). Thank you. Tommye
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Larry Humes <lhumes240@gmail.com>
Date: June 21, 2022, at 12:58:01 PM EDT
To: Tommye Whittaker <twclub628@gmail.com>
Subject: Reminder

Tommye:

So here's my idea:

Once the referendum is in play, and you are looking for signatures, you stage an event in the downtown historic district. You have a large red balloon, filled with helium, that is raised exactly to a height being proposed in the LDR. To draw the eye to the balloon, you tie streamers leading up to the balloon (drawing attention from street level) and at the base, you have a large sign that asks a rhetorical question like: *Would you like to see buildings this tall here in the historic district?* You also have available volunteers to hand out flyers summarizing what is proposed and you also have the form there for passerby to add their signatures. This event would preferably be staged on a weekend where something is going on (event) or a large number of shoppers. You also contact all media and make them aware (at the time; not before) that a protest is currently taking place in downtown Venice.

Larry

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[324 Bayshore Drive](#)
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From: meself48@aol.com
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Rezoning
Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 7:00:52 PM

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Gentlemen:

Please do not approve increase building heights on the 200 block of Pensacola Rd, Ponce de Leon or Milan. On the first street, it is nearly 99% residential, and we have historic houses here as well. Please do not encroach on Pensacola Road or the adjacent roads, as we did not purchase our homes just to be thrust into different zoning.

Thank you,
Judith Johnston
252 Pensacola Rd.
Venice, FL. 34285

Ruth Corder
June 24, 2022
City Council Meeting: LDR

I realize we just met on June 21st and I'm not sure if any revisions have been made to the "current" draft LDR. At that June 21st meeting I do admit, I was really taken back when I heard that substantive changes were recently inserted. Has this been addressed? Is the current draft now highlighted to reflect the true changes to the original document to enable the public to follow?

Since February, I have witnessed exchanges between attorneys, residents, council members, and planning commission personnel. I have observed some participants get preferential treatment in terms being granted excess time, not having to identify the individuals/entities being represented, granted the privilege to meet privately with the planning director to "review" the proposed amendments.

I have attended both workshops and all except one person expressing concerns. Amazingly, a number of these concerns overlapped and still, they are not adequately addressed in the draft LDRs.

This LDR has been in the works for nearly 4 years and now, all of a sudden, they need to be approved quickly. But, in fairness, COVID-19 had a significant impact on the lives of everyone. Rightfully so, people were focused on more immediate issues, such as family; so for nearly 2 years, draft LDRs were not on the top of their priority list. As we slowly emerged out from under this pandemic, people are now focusing on more broader issues.

The number of emails, number of people speaking against the current draft LDR, expressing frustration when they discover items were "inserted" without notification, has the characteristics of unreliable practices which are contrary to the elected position you hold.

The past number of months has been hard on elected officials and the planning commission have been under an enormous stress. But another group of individuals that are being impacted during this process are the clerks and other civil servants. I do

not think this process has been easy on them. But, I put the onus on the elected and appointed officials and the planning commission for perpetuating employee stress and public confusion.

A number of process weaknesses have been identified. The lack of transparency and accountability is evident. Transparency helps avoid mistrust. People tend to be more at ease and accepting of your decisions when the facts and documentation are adequately laid out to help us understand the bases for your decision.

I know, the concerned residents know, the people pushing for approval, and you know; this proposed LDR, as written, have material weaknesses. If you approve this draft document, you will be committing a complete injustice to the constituents, businesses, this governmental body, and yourselves.

My main message is there are constituent concerns that have not been addressed. Slow down, do it right and do it in the light. You now have a chance to make this right. Don't rush this though! There is enough evidence to postpone the reading on Jun 28th.

Abraham Lincoln said, "Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power." Within a month or two, all Venice residents will see your character. It is up to you what you want them to see and remember.

Sincerely,

Ruth Cordner