

From: [Roger Quinn](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#)
Subject: Pickleball Project at the Venetian Golf & River Club
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 4:46:57 PM

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Dear Council Members;

The Venice City Council, at a previous meeting, rejected the proposed location for the installation of Pickleball courts within our community. At the conclusion of that meeting they asked if an alternate site was available, and if so, they would support it. The community was encouraged to proceed with plans for the alternate site.

The alternate site for the installation of three new Pickleball courts is at the Venetian River Club. The River Club is the activity center of our community. And currently the location of: 6 tennis courts, 2 swimming pools, a large pool deck and Tiki bar, a river walk and nature trail, outdoor space for workouts and a basketball court. Also indoor workout, exercise, & yoga rooms, a large restaurant and meeting rooms, There are locker rooms and washrooms to support all these activities. And parking for more cars than required by code, This area is the social heart of the Venetian community and the addition of 3 pickleball courts will add another very popular amenity to the Community.

The Venetian CDD Board of Supervisors, the elected body responsible for decisions in our community, held two well advertised, well attended meetings for the community at large to discuss the pickleball project. The response at both meetings was overwhelmingly in favor of building the courts in the community.

The VCDD Board voted to approve the project and the funds to pay for it.

I am asking that you, the Council Members, vote in favor of this project.

Lastly, I feel very strongly that the Venice City Council Members need to back away from trying to resolve internal matters within our separate communities

If you continue to involve yourself in internal community affairs, Council Members who live within the affected community should be automatically recused from participating in those hearings and resolutions.

Thanks for all that you do.

Roger Quinn
101 Mestre CT.

From: [Karen Wilson](#)
To: kmichael@venicefl.gov; [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 5:14:45 PM

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I am a resident of The Venetian Golf & River Club.

We need designated pickleball courts in our Community. Given the fact that pickleball is the fastest growing sport all over the country. Currently, there are only 6 designated public courts in the area. Designated means that courts are built only for pickleball. I play at Venice By-pass courts regularly. Everyday, starting right after dawn, players are waiting a lengthy time to play.

Four players on 6 courts 24 players.OFTEN,THERE ARE MORE PLAYERS WAITING TO GET ON A COURT THAN ARE PLAYING!

Also, the next 4 people waiting to play have to wait over 30 minutes and finish their game in 10 -15 minutes.

If we had courts here, it would help accommodate the needs of Venetian players.

City and county owned tennis courts are often striped for pickleball. HOWEVER, IF TENNIS PLAYERS SHOW UP, THEY ARE ALLOWED TO TELL THE PICKLEBALL PLAYERS TO VACATE THE COURT IMMEDIATELY!

Karen L Wilson

From: [Livy Faford](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: VGRC Pickle Ball Courts
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 4:13:13 PM

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Council-

As an owner at the VGRC for over seven years, we have been waiting for pickle ball courts for almost this entire time. Residents have worked long and hard on offering pickle ball to all of our residents. It just seems as if you, the Council keep delaying this project. Many, many residents want this. It is unfair that one resident is fighting this when he bought his residence right next to a recreation complex and my understanding is that the noise will be minimal. I am a tennis player, and the pickle ball would be built right next to our tennis courts which I think is a positive thing. Please vote to allow our beautiful community to build pickle ball courts that will add years of fun playing for the majority of our residents and also increase our property values. I am sure you are aware that there are many pickle ball courts established in communities very similar to ours. Thank you for your consideration.

Have a great day! 

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From: [Jan Kitzmiller](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball at the Venetian Golf and River Club
Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 2:25:31 PM

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Dear Council Members:

We live at the Venetian and have been waiting years to get Pickleball courts. It is a very inclusive game and would add value to all the property owners.

We are asking you to approve courts at the Venetian.

Sincerely,
Bob Short and Jan Kitzmiller

Another day in Paradise!!

From: [Susie](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Developers dream
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:59:51 PM

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I sincerely hope you are actually reading our letters of concern of a developer's take over of North Venice.

From the thousands of homes to an unwanted shopping center, it does seem as if the council has on blinders for the wants and concerns of the citizens in this area. After having proof of the property agreement to remain the same for 99 yrs, a sudden change or well thought out change of the property on Laurel Road to turn into a shopping complex with all the problems it will bring it, would make a turn down of the proposal an easy one. A promise that no commercial building would take place to a large Publix and a gas station (thought Venice was going all electric with our tax dollars paying for free charging in the park in what use to be handicap parking!) shouldn't have taken lawyers time and money, citizens time and efforts to simply say no and hold to the agreed on the future of the land. With many checking on surrounding development before buying, they replied on you to keep the agreement.

The old saying not in my backyard would apply here with developers not living where they are ruining. You must hear from so many citizens growing so tired of your allowance for over development or do you just not care enough to pay attention? To say the deep love the council and mayor have for developers than the voices of your citizens in this area is a great disappointment for us all. There is a plaza on Knights Trail that has been unused for years and an eyesore to all, but you are ready to hit the "go ahead" button for another one. (Maybe you simply never come out this way.....) Is it your interest for tax revenue over leaving some land of peace and quiet or is it that the developers have more power than the people who elected you? Turning Laurel into 4 lanes should be enough to change this area (oh yes, the developers are helping with that as well aren't they and even get to help plan the look of a public road!) Gotta be one or the other to support your unthoughtful and uncaring for this area... very sad. I may not be able to say "I never loose" but I can say I never went down without a battle.

Susan Taylor

Mestre Place, Sadly Changing North Venice, Florida

The porch sitter request: Be kind to everyone you meet, you never know the burdens they may be carrying..... a smile to a stranger may be the kindest thing that happened to them all day... you can make the change

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From: [joann.ali](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts at Venetian Golf and River Club
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:59:18 PM

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I do so hope that our community will have pickleball courts at last. It is such a fun game that is easy to learn. It's a sport that anyone can play.

Having courts here would be a real asset even if you never played a game. It is such a popular sport that many people shopping for a home would not even consider buying into our community without it. Let's stay competitive and build those much anticipated courts.

Jo Ann Ali

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To: [City Council](#)
Cc: Ksmaha@vcdd.org; jpozarek@vcdd.org; Ebooker@vcdd.org; Rdbracco@vcdd.org; bblandon@rizetta.com
Subject: RE: VGRC Pickleball issue
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 2:29:08 PM

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I cannot support constructing pickleball courts in place of the parking space at the Venetian Golf and River Club. I was against the loss of parking, resultant noise and appearance change that will occur. My resistance o this change has become more adamant as I learn that a park just outside our entrance on Laurel will include pickleball along with a business setting up courts just down Jacaranda from the Venetian. Please reject this plan, if anything use the funds to pay down debt.

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From: [Susan Sica](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: rdbtacco@vcdd.org; jpozarek@vcdd.org; ebooker@vcdd.org; ksmaha@vcdd.org
Subject: VGRC Pickleball Issue
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 5:33:30 PM

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I am writing my opinion for Not supporting pickleball courts at VGRC, I am against losing parking space, where it's already crowded, also the noise and change of the look of an upscale club. I just learned that two pickleball facilities are being built less than a mile from Venetian entrance and will host all the pickleball enthusiasts without infringing on the whole VGRC population. I feel the cost of building the courts for a select few is prohibitive. Please reject going on with this plan.

Susan Sica
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Venice FL 34275

Sent from my iPad

From: [Bev Donovan](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [sandnic](#)
Subject: City Council Hearing on March 14th
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 7:01:12 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a resident of the Venetian community, I am pleading for the Venice City Council to approve the request for pickleball courts in our community. The following reasons support this approval:

1. PB courts have been granted approval in all of the surrounding new developments and there is no justifiable reason that the Venetian should not be granted this same right.
2. It is clear the pickleball has greatly increased in popularity, especially in the last five years. Research shows that having this amenity increases the value of homes being sold. This approval is necessary to make the sale of homes in the Venetian competitive with the surrounding developments.
3. The CDD, a body elected by all residents of the Venetian, has made the decision to seek the approval for pickleball courts after hearing the results of the Pickleball Advisory Committee completed it's research having concluded that the majority of our residents want the courts installed.
4. The research of the Pickleball Advisory Committee determined that the noise level of the proposed courts falls under the 65 decibels requirement.

For all of these reasons, please approve the pickleball courts for the Venetian as soon as possible.

Beverly Donovan
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From: [SJ Book](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Ernest Booker](#); bblandon@rizzetta.com; Ksmaha@vcdd.org; Jpozare@vcdd.org; CCHTerrana@vcdd.org; Rdbracco@vcdd.org
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Pickleball Courts at the Venetian Golf and River Club
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 12:50:33 PM

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Dear City Council Members:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Pickleball Courts at the Venetian Golf and River Club.

There are numerous reasons that the proposed location should be denied but the main concern is the noise level the game generates, as you are no doubt aware. Complaints about noise from Pickleball games have been numerous and remain ongoing issues in many communities - both in Florida and other states - and this case will be no exception. The proximity of the proposed courts here - so close to the condos, homes, River Club, Board Walk along the Myakka River, and Tennis Courts will negatively impact the lives of many residents. I do not live near the proposed courts but can imagine how someone who purchased a condo or home near the River Club must feel, as they were expecting their surroundings to remain quiet and peaceful. No one had any idea about the proposed courts and the disruption this could cause; it's unreasonable to expect current residents to quietly acquiesce and allow the construction of these courts. In fact, I have heard several residents tell me that if these courts are built as proposed, they will be forced to sell their property. That's very unfair.

The other objections include the parking issues the courts will create, as well as the unnecessary expenditure of money by the Venetian Golf and River Club Board to build these courts. There are numerous current and planned Pickleball Courts within a few miles from us so aficionados of the game have other options to play.

I hope you will listen to what the majority of homeowners desire, and what will make sense for the betterment of our lovely community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan Bookbinder
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March 6, 2023

To: City Council Members

Re: March 14, 2023 Hearing on Pickleball Courts – Venetian Golf & River Club

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 over two years ago with a proposal for pickleball courts after evaluating the **entire** community's interest. The Commission asked the CDD at that time to resubmit the proposal placing the courts by the Venetian's existing recreational facilities. That is exactly what they did and the Planning Commission approved the Courts on 5/17/22 by a 5-1 voter.

There is one resident, Mr. Feltquate, who is opposed to these courts. He has been an activist and fanned unfounded fears in Venetian residents in order to garner their opposition to the courts. All of his issues with the courts have been debunked.

- 1) There will be no noise nuisance as verified by the Venice Police Department Noise Ordinance Officer, and there will be sound abatement walls and additional landscaping to further mute the sound. The handful of residents who live near the proposed courts currently have a tiki bar with a live band playing right near them in the evening, tennis courts, and a swimming pool with screaming grandchildren. Pickleball courts will be a whisper compared to that.
- 2) Southwest Florida Water Management upheld its decision to grant the permit for the storm water modifications needed despite Mr. Feltquate's appeal.
- 3) The owners of properties near the proposed courts have already doubled or tripled their real estate value in the last few years. Pickleball courts in the community will make their properties more saleable and may even increase their value.
- 4) The wonderful new proposed park in North Venice will never have enough pickleball courts to accommodate the thousands of new residents moving to North Venice. Just look at Foxworthy Park on any weekday morning and you will see how many people are waiting to play. Three dedicated courts at the Venetian will actually benefit the entire North Venice area by alleviating some of the crowds at the new park.

It is the CDD's job, not Mr. Feltquate's to determine what is best for the Venetian residents.

Pickleball's popularity has skyrocketed in the last few years. There are now almost 5,000,000 pickleball players in the US. Pickleball is a sought-after amenity and the Venetian Golf & River Club is behind the times without these courts. All new communities in our area have installed courts with your approval. It's time the Venetian did the same.

I hope you will vote in support of the pickleball courts. Thank you for your time.

Barbara Puccia
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From: [James](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickle ball courts
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:36:53 PM

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Hi Council Members,
I'm a resident at the Venetian Golf and River Club. We need pickle ball courts desperately. I hate having to go elsewhere to play one of the fastest growing sports in the US. I think it's selfish for people to oppose it. We love to play pickle ball and tennis, but pickle ball is our favorite. So please ok us to get them in our community. Thank you for you time. James Siemens 313 Savona Way

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From: [Jerry Curreri](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickle Ball
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:49:00 AM

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Good morning Venice City Councilors,

My name is Jerry Curreri of Martellago Drive. I wish to inform you that I am strongly in favor of adding pickle ball courts to our property. The CDD seem to have had this before them for 4 or more years. Time to move forward and stop trying to suppress their installation. Please stand up and support this project.

Thank you,
Jerry Curreri
261 Martellago Dr

From: [Linda Coulter](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball Courts at VGRC
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 4:27:07 PM

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I am a owner at Venetian Golf and River Club.

I am not in favor of the pickle ball court at the location that is currently being presented. I do believe there will be a noise issues near the courts to the residents. I feel there is not enough parking at the River Club right know, when we are in season, when residents are using the pool, tennis courts, having lunch or dinner.

Thank you for reviewing my email.

Linda Coulter
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From: [John Drish](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball courts in VGRC
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 9:06:33 AM

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I support the addition of Pickleball courts in the VGRC. I think they would be a great addition to our community. Also the VGRC would be in line with some of the newer developments in our area.

John M Drish
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Subject: Venetian Golf and River Club MUST Have Pickleball Courts APPROVED
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 2:36:40 PM
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Dear Council Members,

In order for the VGRC to keep up with the amenities provided by the surrounding communities in the greater Venice area, the Pickleball Courts need to be approved.

Without Pickleball, which is the fastest growing sport in America especially amongst seniors, the VGRC does not get looked at by more than approximately 20%+ of potential buyers; thereby hurting everyone's property values in The VGRC.

It is not right that a few disgruntled residents that bought properties directly across from the **already** existing River Club where **all functions** are held including tennis, weddings, Tiki Bar with entertainment, recreation pools, and outdoor events, hold an entire community captive to their personal real estate decisions.

Please **APPROVE** the courts, and don't let a few "doors" in our great community speak for the 1377 "doors" here!



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From: [Barbara Jasper](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#)
Subject: Venetian River Club Pickleball Courts
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 8:25:48 AM

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I am a resident of VGRC and I am in full support of the building of 3 pickleball courts behind the tennis courts. Our duly elected CDD board members have voted on moving forward with this a couple of years ago and the delay on this is really a shame.

Although I am not a pickleball player (I am a tennis player), this sport is one of the fastest growing sports across the country and many communities in our area are fortunate to have them. I strongly feel it will be a real asset to our community.

Please take into consideration the approval of these 3 courts. Thank you.

Barbara Jasper
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From: loft1000@aol.com
To: [City Council](#)
Cc: [Kelly Michaels](#)
Subject: VENICE CITY COUNCIL HEARING MARCH 14TH ON PICKLEBALL COURTS AT THE VGRC
Date: Monday, March 6, 2023 10:40:19 AM

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City Council Members,

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 are approximately 7,000 new residents moving into North Venice. Also, I love to play pickleball and right now I travel 30 minutes from my home and 14 miles round trip to play pickleball. I would like to play pickleball where I live. Ride my bike down there and not have to get into a car. 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 that are opposing it 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. The accepted noise level is 60 DBA. We had a Venice Police Dept. Noise Ordinance Officer on site and he registered the noise level of four pickleball players at 45-55 DBA without any noise mitigation which will include sound abatement walls and additional landscape.

Our CDD is our governing body elected by all of our voting residents. They were elected to represent the interests of all residents and make decisions based on needs and wants. The decision was made by the CDD to add pickleball courts as an amenity. 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 and Roger Quinn
101 Mestre Ct.**

North Venice, FL 34275

From: Roger Effron
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Pickleball. Venetian Golf and River Club
Date: Tuesday, March 7, 2023 3:55:55 PM

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I support the authority of locally elected officials such as the Venetian CDD to make decisions for the community as they did with the decision to construct pickleball courts on property.

I was pleased knowing the time, deliberation and thought they put in throughout the process resulting in their final decision. That process included ,of course, public meetings where residents could provide input.

Roger Effron
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