



City of Venice

401 West Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
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Meeting Agenda

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, February 8, 2016

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Audience Participation

Five minutes each speaker.

[16-1775](#) Minutes of the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting

Attachments: [011116](#)

V. New Business

[16-1687](#) Venice Myakka River Park Kayak Launch - Jim Courtright (15 min)

[16-1767](#) Pickle Ball - Marta Ugas-Carpenter - (15 min)

Attachments: [Petition](#)
[Pickleball](#)

[16-1776](#) Parks Master Plan Consultant - Carlos Perez (15 min)

VI. Updates

[15-1482](#) Sarasota County PARC Update

[15-1559](#) Sarasota County Update

[15-1560](#) City of Venice Update

[15-1561](#) Miscellaneous Update

VII. Unfinished Business

VIII. Future Agenda Items

IX. Adjournment

If you are disabled and need assistance, please contact the office of the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

No stenographic record by a certified court reporter is made of this meeting. Accordingly, any person who may seek to appeal any decision involving the matters noticed herein will be responsible for making a verbatim record of the testimony and evidence at this meeting upon which any appeal is based.



Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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[16-1767](#)

Pickle Ball - Marta Ugas-Carpenter - (15 min)

Ms. Ugas-Carpenter, 211 Airport Avenue, provided a presentation regarding the pickle ball purpose and objectives, what is pickle ball, testimonials and local support, court dimensions, players, benefits, growth of the sport, courts, challenges with existing courts, potential parks for pickle ball, photos of parks, costs, funding sources, recommendation, request of short- and long-term support and usage of tennis courts.

Ms. Ugas-Carpenter answered questions from board members regarding pickle ball schedule verses tennis player schedule, designation of court, usage, parking, master parks plan, accessibility, and a recommendation to add pickle ball into the plan.

Kevin Vangilder, 244 St. Augustine Avenue, spoke regarding pickle ball verses tennis and stated that they do not mix and match.

Candice Roberts, 133 Amora Avenue, spoke on pickle ball courts, support for short- and long-term into the master parks plan, age group, athletic levels, parks to be more inviting, drawing visitors to the island, and better for business owners.

Jack Beck, 730 Bird Bay Circle, spoke on the pickle ball courts, pickle ball ambassador, need for more courts, fee for playing, and other areas for courts.

George Courteau, 990 Olympia Road, spoke on the pickle ball courts, consideration of more courts, and interference with the tennis courts.

Mr. Wormley spoke regarding the pickle ball courts and sites.

Discussion took place regarding pickle ball outdoor and indoor courts, locations of courts, netting, fees for usage of courts, times and dates, closures of courts, selection of sites, side by side pickle ball and tennis, fencing between the two, funding, dimensions of the courts, usage, requests, indoor pickle balls courts are county facilities, shared usage, and courts being lined and lighted.

Discussion continued regarding croquet courts, disc golf, controversial issues, long term solution of comprehensive plan, expansion of public facilities, other contributing factors, using one tennis court, and amenities.

Mr. Veneziano commented on parking issues and discussion on short term courts.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of altering tennis courts for pickle ball, dedicating one tennis court to two pickle ball courts, and length of wait time for tennis courts.

Mr. Wormley spoke regarding shuffleboard courts, usage, not enough members to maintain, two courts only in use, and the possibility of resurfacing shuffleboard courts to utilize as other courts.

Lora Hauswirth, 244 Saint Augustine, spoke on the usage of tennis courts and wait times, utilization of courts, and not being in favor of taking a tennis court for a pickle ball court.

Discussion followed regarding pickle ball players going to other courts to play when there are wait times, signup sheet, tennis association, and representative for both tennis and pickle ball.

Ms. Ugas-Carpenter spoke regarding a petition regarding no marking of the tennis courts, and answered questions from board members regarding cost of courts, satisfied with one court at the minimum, allocation of money, budget adjustments, impact fees for the lighting of the soccer field, parking issues, and John Nolen park lighting and parking.

Discussion ensued on looking at the master parks plan before patching and adding, long term planning, applicable options not good at this time, band aid approach, part of a larger plan, and accessibility.

Ms. Ugas-Carpenter suggested converting one court for pickle ball for a few years then put it back to a tennis court and converting a small basketball court and shuffleboard court into pickle ball courts.

Mr. Wormley spoke regarding converting courts and providing their own net.

Discussion took place regarding staff recommendation to research and consider usage of different large paved areas and facilities, staff to explore already existing space other than tennis courts, research feasibility, tennis court usage and Hecksher Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Silk, that staff research and consider usage of different areas and facilities and to explore existing space not limited to Hecksher Park. The motion passed by voice vote with Ms. Hicks opposed.



Pickleball in Paradise

Venice, FL



Purpose and Objectives

- Petition from 150+ Venice Pickleball players to bring Pickleball courts to the Island
- Highlight aspects of the sport, its benefits, and the players
- Identify:
 - Challenges: Funding, Markings on existing tennis courts, More players than courts
 - Potential city parks, which could accommodate Pickleball courts
 - Potential funding sources
- Seek the Board's support

What is Pickleball?

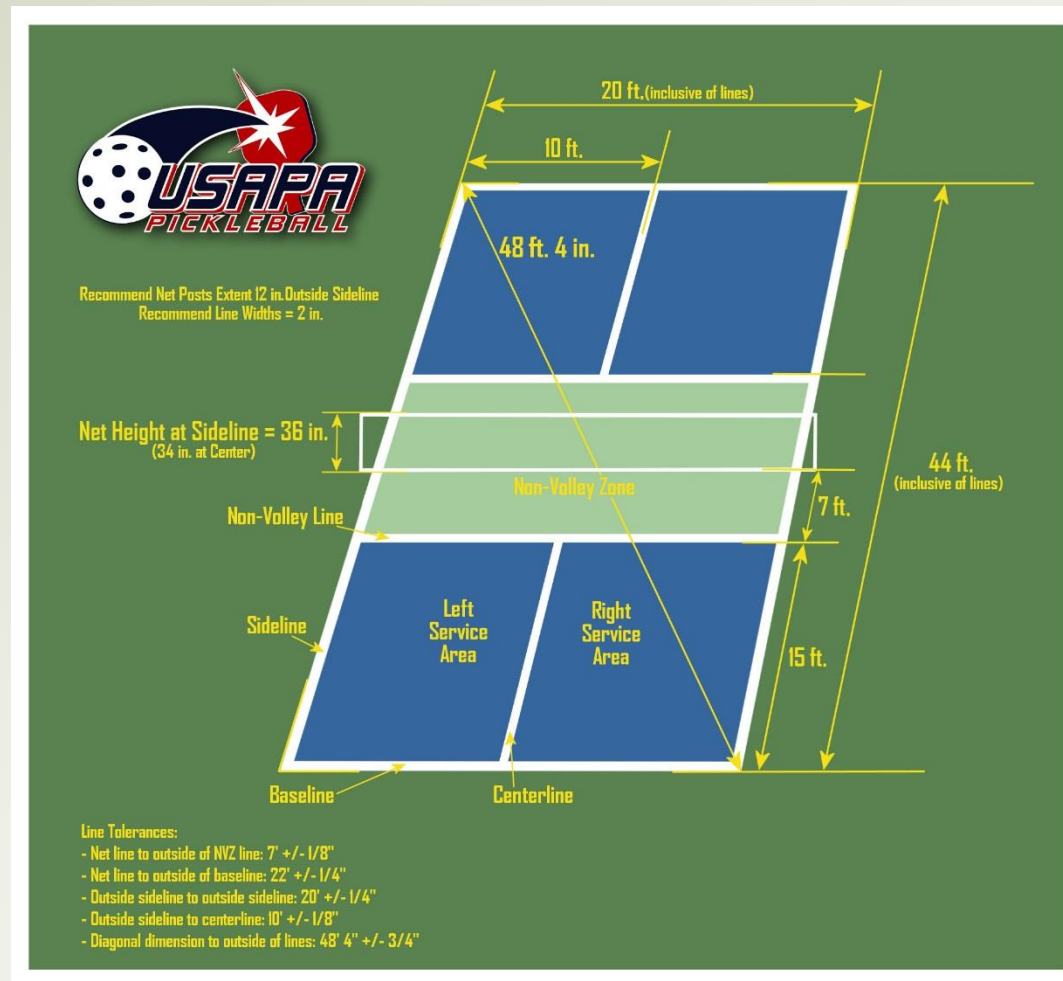
- Combination of tennis, badminton and table tennis
- Played in a court smaller than a tennis court 20' x 44' and a net 36" from the ground up
- Uses paddles/rackets and a wiffle ball
- Same point system as badminton
- Has a no-volley zone, commonly called the "kitchen"
- Naples will host first ever US Open Pickleball Championship in April 2016

Testimonials & Local Support

- Attached Petition from Venice area resident's requesting Pickleball courts in Venice Island
- “One of the fastest growing sports in America”
USAPA www.usapa.org & PickleballNaplesFlorida website
- “Pickleball becomes huge hit at Community Center”, *Chuck Ballard, 11/25/14, NorthFtMyersNeighbor.com*
- “Pickleball is sweeping the state”, “... a wonderful, positive addiction...” *Orlando Sentinel, 2013*
- “According to the Journal on Active Aging, Pickleball is North America’s fastest growing sport”, *A Complete Guide to Pickleball, Denise Lodge, 11/18/11*

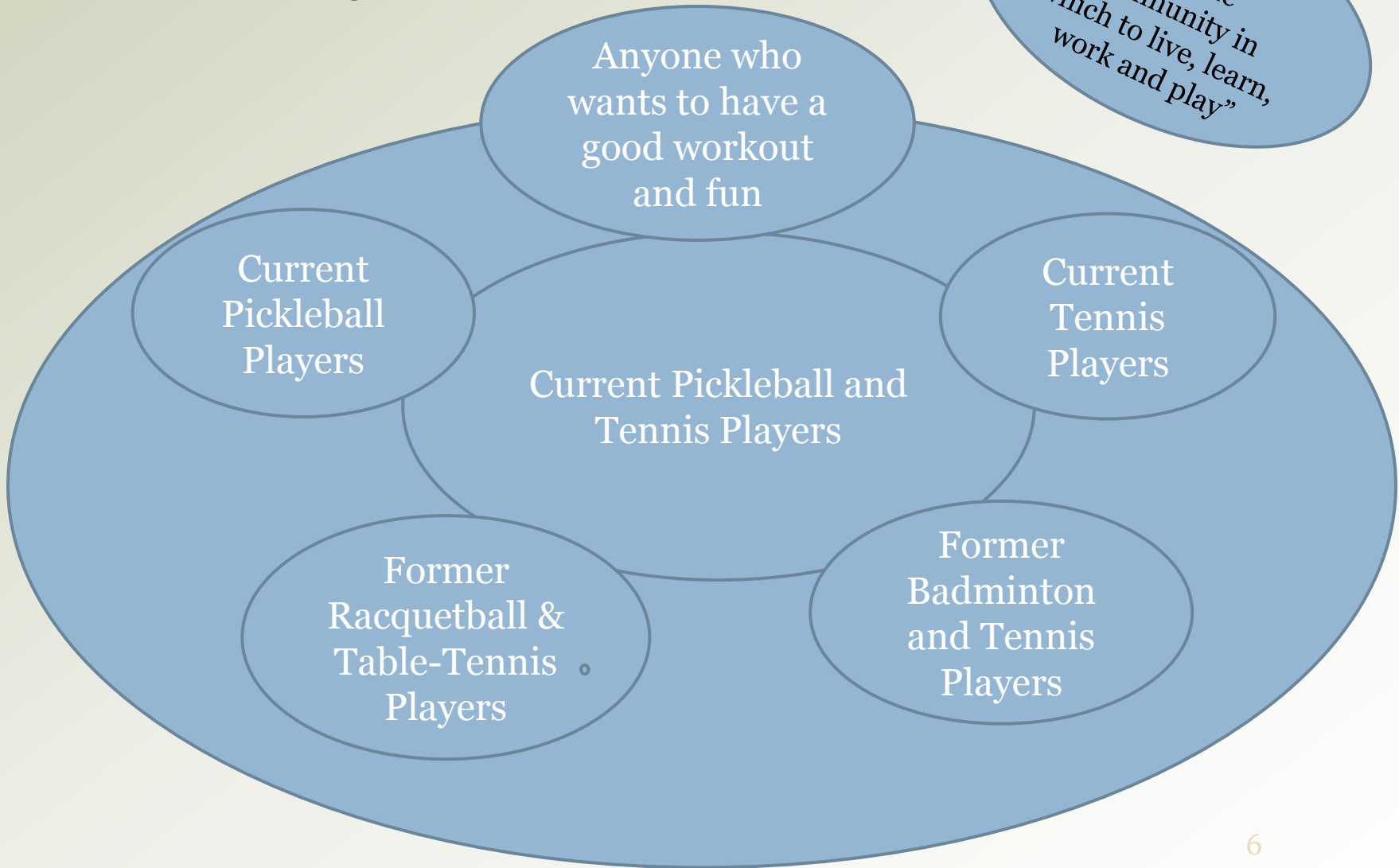
Pickleball Court Dimensions

Smaller than Tennis – 3 Pickleball courts fit in 1 Tennis court



The Players

City Vision "...
Historic
Community in
which to live, learn,
work and play"



Benefits

□ HEALTH & WELLNESS

- Great aerobic exercise, which increases cardiovascular activity
- Improves overall physical fitness
- Encourages muscular strength and endurance
- Increases hand-eye coordination

□ COMMUNITY

- Promotes socialization and sense of Community
- Recent Tournament in Englewood, FL attracted visitors from all over the state
- Tournaments in Naples attract hundreds of visitors from Florida and other states

*These all support the Vision of Venice:
Vibrant - High Quality of Life*

Areas For Growth

- Include additional Pickleball courts in the city's Parks Master Plan
- Only 6 Dedicated public Pickleball courts in Venice area (By Pass/Foxworthy Sports Complex). None on the Island of Venice
- Promote the sport and organize tournaments

Challenges with existing Courts

- Only one site on the island where markings or court conversion would be possible
- Strong opposition from Tennis players to place markings on existing tennis courts
- Pickleball players prefer dedicated Pickleball courts
- Tennis players prefer dedicated tennis courts
- More Pickleball players than courts

Potential Public Parks

- ▣ Hecksher Park:
 1. Add markings on existing courts
 2. Convert 1-2 Tennis courts
Parking available
 3. Add 1-2 Pickleball courts
- ▣ Service Club Park:

Add 2 courts. Parking may be tight
- ▣ John Nolen Park:

Add 3 courts. Parking – Uncertain
- ▣ Legacy Park:

Add 6 courts. Parking Available

Hecksher Park



Service Club Park



John Nolen Park



Legacy Park



Costs

- Markings: \$400 to \$600
- Conversion: \$13,000 to \$16,000 for 6 courts
- New Courts:
 - \$50,000 for 4 courts
 - \$70,000 for 6 courts
- Maintenance: Very low
- Upkeep: Patching as needed
 - Repainting: \$2,000 to \$3,000

Potential Funding Sources

- FDEP Grants available for Pickleball as a support facility. Next cycle - 2016
- USAPA offers minimum grants to members for temporary markings
- Seek out Sponsors & Non-Profit Organizations
- Non-Profit organizations may apply for Recreational Assets through Gulf Coast Community Foundation

Recommendation

Short Term: Hecksher Park

- Convert 1-2 Tennis courts to 3-6 Pickleball courts; or
- Add 1-2 Pickleball courts; or
- Place markings on existing Tennis courts

Long Term:

- Include the addition of Pickleball courts in the city's Parks Master Plan; and
- Build 4-6 Pickleball courts at Legacy Park, or any other area the Board finds suitable

What are we requesting from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Today?

Support our Petition by:

- Short Term: Make a vote on a motion that would endorse one of the options at Hecksher Park for the addition of Pickleball courts; and
- Long Term: Include Pickleball courts in the city's Parks Master Plan

THANK YOU
FROM THE GROWING
PICKLEBALL COMMUNITY
IN VENICE

*Prepared by: Marta Ugas-Carpenter
January 23, 2016*

PETITION TO BRING PICKLE BALL COURTS TO VENICE ISLAND

We Respectfully request the addition of pickle ball courts on the island, or at the very least,
the markings for it on existing tennis courts

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DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE#	EMAIL	COMMENTS
11-18	DON SAKRY	127 CAYTUD		KSACKRY@aol.com	
11-18	LARRY SAKRY	"			
12-6	KJ Folck	211 Airport Ave	805-271-5118 Apt 612	KJFOLCK@aol.com	
12-6	Jim Folck	" "	805-207-6001	JCFOLCK@aol.com	
1-9	John Conrad	409 Manatapa	479-236-6000	jehconrad@gmail.com	
01/09	Bob Bartholomew	1421 Maseno Dr	941-445-7186	justbobn1@aol.com	
1/9	Paul Dimezza	748 Green Oaks	241-497-1508	pauldimezza@aol.com	
1/9	Peter McCarthy	177 Sawbel Nokomis	517-420-5457	harperplace@gmail.com	
1-9	Andy Knappe	617 W. Terrace Dr	810-365-8213	pknappe@procast.net	
1/9	Dennis DeSilva	815 Devon Rd	508-254-4920	DRD0225@gmail.com	
1/9	Del Dember	500 Esplanade	734-649-7077	DelDember@aol.com	
1/9	Bill Burrus	621 TERRARIA V	445-5242	BILLAMBURRUS@aol.com	
	C. Shour	823 Cam V	443-4523		
	Jack Beck	736 Bl Duval	488-2889	SAVETADJACKBECK@quicken.com	
	JO Ann Bauer	728 Silk Oak	267-644-9827	rbauer2007@hotmail.com	
	ROD BAUER	728 SILK OAK	267-918-5079	↓	

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DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE#	EMAIL	COMMENTS
	Mona Tenn	552 Misty Pine	941-488-8372		Prefer Dedicated
	Marla Vais Caputo		941-284-2809		Needed!
	George N. Wick		903-216-9063		
	Arthur Devar		941-445-4180		
	David NATOLE		919-349-5580		
	Paul Toufan		941-485-1489		
	Jerry Leo		941-275-7024		
	Storia Cortiss	100 Esplanade N	(802)793-7540		Needed
	Kenny Kramer	1080 Bluffwood Dr	941-488-1214		
	Nancy Reynolds	20547 Capella	610-360-1495		PLEASE!!!
	KAREN DESARNETI	1503 STRADA D'ORO	610-334-7201	kdevents2@gmail.com	DEFINELY!!!
	Natalie Sheeha		508-648-1221		
	Ansie May	1080 Bluffwood Dr	941-488-1214		
	George Quillick	620 Ravenro	941-484-9052		
	Erin Halper	1149 Kittiwake	941-468-7447	erin.halper@gmail.com	
	Susan Scott	815 Blue Crane	941-786-3984	sscottie48e@worldconnect.com	

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10/29	Antonio Masi	852 Daboon Cir Venice	609 321 0681	ajmasi30@gmail	
10/29	Drake Redger	415 E Belfin	941-466-1221	Drake.Redger@gmail	
10/29	Olga Brock	2208 Seaboard Ave	941-726-5197	olgabrock@outlook.com	
10/29	Mary Prater	656 Altair RD			
10/29	Kerwin	440 Corns. IS	714-876-4668	Kerle2004@yahoo.com	
10/30	T. NAPLER	628 Sugarwood	941-223-8132	PHOENIX553@gmail	
10-30	Jordyne TAYLOR	4937 Arison Rd North Port FL	717-875-8280	Jordynetaylor@comcast.net	
10/30	BRUCE HAHN	6221 PECAN RD.	941-408-7646	BRUCEHVENICE @VERIZON.NET	
10/31	Alex Giler	2936 Phoenix Palm ^{Ten}	650 709-2052	avgiles@eckerd.edu	
10/31	Hunter Lamp	1065 Yon Rd	941-445-2295	HunterLamp@gmail	
10/31	Treston Kopp	1554 siesta dr.	435-224-4280	footballstar10@us9.com	
11-1-15	VAN KIERSTEAD	535 SILK OAK DR	941.387-4304	Kiersteadvan@yahoo.com	
11-1-15	Jherry Jenkins	4009 Tarpon Rd	650-9289	stubjen@aol.com	
11-1-15	Kevin Jenkins	4009 Tarpon Rd	650-8974	stubjen@aol.com	
11-1-15	Alexis Jenkins	4009 Tarpon Rd	525-1495	alexis12@hotmail.com	
11-1-18	SHERRY BEWEN	1835 RAINTRAILS LN	492-6981	NONE	

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DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE#	EMAIL	COMMENTS
1-10-16	Paul Harber	25 Gulf Meadows Dr		harberpa@gmail.com	
1-10-16	David Miller	669 Green Circle		wdmckiff@gmail.com	
1-10-16	TIM NUESSE	662 N. GREEN CIR	941 244 2529	JIMN320@HOTMAIL.COM	(CONTACT)
1-10	Patti Delano	807 S Green Cir	811 4083018	Pattidelano2@gmail.com	
1-10	Paul Maguire	614 CAREFREE.		W.W.M.11315@aol.com	
1-10	Steve Wing	761 N. Green Circle	802-777-2998	bestwinger@msn.com	
1-10	Harry Wood	805 Carefree	802 310 0790		
1-10	Siame Wit	805 Carefree	802 -310-0789		
1-10	Rich Carline	617 TAMM. TR. N 148 ^{LOT}	845 473 4696	PARKW00D43@aol.com	HECKSCHER HAS ROOM
1-10	Marcello Cuzzolin	630 LIEJUVE		mcuzzolin@gmail.com	
1-10	Johanne Brassard	990 OLYMPIA RD	941-416-8533	Johannebrassard@yahoo.com	NO LINE ON TENNIS
1-10	Georges Carline	990 OLYMPIA RD	941-416-8533	GeorgesCarline@gmail.com	COURT AT HECKSCHER
1-10	Lillian Rose	426 Venice RD	819 571 0246	Lrogers00@whiskyspr.com	HECKSCHER
"	Nancy Allen	502 Splendor	313 917-3906	ALANNALL@aol.com	
* 1-10	Paul Ruggan	509 W-Venice Ave	203-258-0655	cdug@yahoo.com	No lines on Tennis courts at Heckscher
1-10	Dennis Eckert	109 THE ESPLANADE	734 260 0543		

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H6-16	Conni Mazzoni	1150 Tarpon Centl Dr	724-538-4555	Connimazzoni@outlook.com	
	Peggy Park				
	TOM ECKENDORF	1144 APPLE TREE	814.825.3708	TOMANDBON6@GMAIL.COM	
	Mike Ritz	475 Sanderl Dr	908-337-4450		
	JUN WITZ	485 Palm Hdr	492-3741		
	PAUL KRUTY	744 WHITE PINE	248-318-1923		
	Donna Collette	333 HOLA R.S	941-485-2318		
	Jorge Aguilar	4348 NIZZA CT VENICE FL 34293	518 542-3995	jorgeidiopale@hotmail.com	
	Art Ditzon	631 Calvin Ln Venice	910 889 5667	-	
	Catherine Wilcox	605 Fair Winds Dr. Nokas	607-745-5969	ctwilcox51@gmail.com	
	Keat Urschel	233 Avenida De LA ISLA	317-363-784	uvslwimoatt.net	
	Jim Geheran	806 RAUWILLIE	978 913 8552	jgeheran@gmail.com	
	BOB WIENAND	1121 HIGHLAND GREENS	412 983 7109	ROBERTWIENAND@GMAIL.COM	
	Ed McCaffrey	905 Addington Ct #104	941-468-1899		
	RAY KRILLER	1740 White Pine Trce Rd FL 302	864 901 1073		
	HAROLD HIGGINS	5644 BELLA TERZA	770-636-0067		
	Candice Robert	133 AMORA AVE	317 225 3193	candee@mc.com	

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Date	Name	Address	PHONE	e-mail	Comments
	Jeff Staple	815 Blue Crane ^{Venice}	941-786-3984		
	CHARLES COSENTINO	891 KOPPELANE ^{VENICE}	941-492-2030		
	Cheryl Winstel	9215 Coakman	513-703-0172	Winstvette2@ci	
	BOR WINSTEL	9215 COAKMAN	513-703-0172		
	Joyce Morin	361 Airport Ave	774-452-2550		
	Linda Krothe	391 Airport Ave	571-733-8891		
	Jeanne Atwater	461 - Airport Ave	814-574-3172		
	Andy Atwater	461 - Airport Ave	" " "		
	Judy Wills	114 BPA Way	717-64-5401		
	Paul Mous	361 Airport Ave	774-452-2550		
	Nancy BOBER	998 CHICKADEE	493-6872		
	KEN EBERS	845 BLUE CRANE	497-1962		
	Dannelle Adams	205 Indiana Beach Rd	497-2692		
	Ester Skel	1754 Croton Dr	539-0088		
	Ben Scaturro	1931 Bunge Dr	973 632-1717		
	WILLIAM FORB	409 Mendez ST 103	941 544 5158		
	Nancy Hurley	321 Harbor Dr S	941-809-4085	hurley.nancy@gmail.com	
	DAVID HAURAKI	941 S. DORA	941 49659	DAVE47@COMCAST.NET	
	MICHAEL BELANGER	3302 MISSION TRAIL	941-806-7801		
	Dr. Frank	790 LAUREL	517-299-2696		

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11-1-15	THEODORE MEIER	VENICE 617 TAMAMI TR.	616-617-6296	KDBBXJ@gmail.com
11-1	Dottie Meier	"	"	dtmeier@gmail.com
11-1	Michael Sardzinski	196 King Palm Ct Venice FL	(941) 416-1777	MA
11-1	LAM HUYNH	1908 CANARY	941 484 0502	orchids29@hotmail.com
11-1	HAT HUYNH	1908 CANARY	941 484 0502	hathuyegmail
11-1	Lily Ferguson	586 N. 83rd	941 369 9017	
11-1	MARSHALEEN	1912 Canary	941 332 2441	
11-1	Tyler SPIRIPEN	1912 CANARY	941 332 2441	
11-1	LORRAINE SPIRIPEN	1912 CANARY	941 332 2441	
11-2	Joe Roddy	1916 CANARY	/	
11-2	Dorothy Roddy	1916 CANARY	/	
11-2	Lisa Gosnett	205 Golfclub LN	941 705-0449	
11-2	Kathryn DenInno	507 Magnolia Rd	(941) 587-0144	
11-2	Greg DenInno	507 Magnolia Rd	(941) 416-3131	
11-10	LORETTA TICKET	117 LA PALMA	941 484-2833	
11-10	PAN TICKET	117 LA PALMA	484-2833	
11-10	Lisa Bossoli	2802 Hermitage	/	
11-10	Barbara Peluso	1700 Reef Ct	/	
11-11	Sandy Roland	964 Ryan Ct	/	
11-11	Reh Stone	3314 N Hope St	610.4625210	

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We Respectfully request the addition of pickle ball courts on the island

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DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE #	EMAIL	COMMENTS
1/12	Elise Carey	684 N Green	941-408-4519	EliseCarey1@gmail.com	
1/12	Bobbie Ziemba	715 S. Green	847-910-4738	BobbieZiemba@hotmail.com	
1/12	Frank Basanta	67812 Green	914448906		
1/12	Judy McManis	816 Turf	517-881-1947	-	-
1/12	DAVID OAKLAND	858 Solara	612 941 0510	david.oakland@gmail.com	
1/12	George Pizewitt	712 N Waterway	231-499-4470		
1/12	PAUL BAKER	722 N WATERWAY	902 498-3712		Do it!
1/12	Pete Bortugno	709 S. Green Cir	303-517-8325		
1/12	Steve Weber	710 S. Green Cir	414-828-0649		
1/12	TOM TANGARI	826 S. WATERWAY	941-484-3139	tmatangari@chaglobal.net	
1/12	Ron Fellig	682 N. Green Cir	941-408-6373		
1/12	Dana DeGae	779 N Green Cir	603-234-6607	diga@comcast.net	Get it done!
1/12	Jen Farmer	724 LAKE TREE	1-517-627-5771		NEED IT!
1/12/16	Diane Saparito	817 Bogie	941 451 9838	PWDJ55@aol.com	Do it
1-14	Dick HINES	1771 Fessler	941-474-3945		
1-15	Bob Preisler	422 Cervino	414-640-5740		
1-15	Jay Preisler	422 Cervino	414-640-5750		
1-15	Jack Tennel	11301 BERTUCCI	207-337-1078		
1-15	Jack Tennel	11301 BERTUCCI	" " "		
1/15	Lynn Bradford	5824 Wilson Rd	207-266-7179		
1/15	Rusty Bradford	" "	" "		
1/15	Kathryn Chaffin	1930 Pebble Beach	513 320 3500	ktr.rockse@gmail.com	
1/19	Wayne Taylor	871 S. Green Circle	509-999-8824	WJinmex100@yahoo.com	

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1/10/16	Kim Koolakian	418 Laurel Lake Venice FL	727-530-9820		want pickle courts but please not on tennis courts
1/10/16	RICHARD DAVIS	471 U.S. 410 RD. VENICE	913 354 4561		
1/14/16	Robert Jones	42451 Via Dell'Isola Venice, FL			
1/14/16	BRUCE MARTIN	1150 Tanager Cantey Rd #509	724 538 4555		No marks on ^{courts} tennis
1/16/16	L. WITK	1644 Reservoir			

courts

