

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.

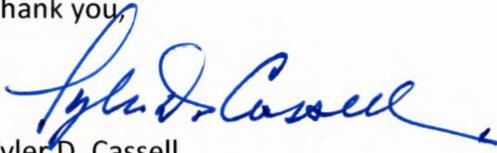
We, the affected parties, are asking for a delay in the scheduling of the City Council hearing on this matter until late October when over 75% of the affected parties will be back for the season and can attend and speak at the hearing in person.

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.

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