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**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Object to PICKEL ball .  
**Date:** Saturday, March 11, 2023 12:50:22 PM

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Council,

This hearing is illegal. Original planned design we bought into did not have this project in design.

This project will alter River Club designed landscape presentation!

UGLY! Big black sound abatement on entrance to River Club'

Sent from my iPhone

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Hello,

My name is James Hart and I am a resident living in the Venetian Golf and River club residing at 102 Caneletto Way.

I am writing to urge you to not approve the proposed pickle-ball courts in the VGRC Community.

This is pretty simple for me. I don't understand how residents of the VGRC community can approve something that unfavorably impacts their neighbors. It's not just unneighborly, its selfish and mean spirited. Furthermore, the argument that the residents who currently live near the existing community amenities should have somehow expected or should just readily accept more amenities is self centered, selfish and without and concern for those who live close by.

Please, there are enough issues going on right now regarding Laurel expansion and its impact on residents in the VGRC and others. Many residents are already feeling powerless in their efforts to maintain some semblance of balance and sanity.

Theres no need to pile on with this one even if it only effects a few of us.

Sincerely,

Jim Hart

**From:** [sarah epperson](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle ball at the Venetian River Club.  
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I really love pickleball and it is hard to find a court to play on with people of my caliber. I had signed the petition opposing the courts at the VRC under duress- I felt. I knew one of the women that came knocking at my door in the middle of the afternoon and signed it because I don't like confrontation in this community. I want my vote for the pickle ball courts to be counted, but I don't want to be in the middle of the controversy. Thank you Sarah Epperson  
137 mestre Place,

### **3-14-23 Pickle Ball Appeal to City Council.**

**Good morning, my name is John Moeckel and I have lived in the Venetian Golf and River club for 19 years.**

**I ask that you turn down the VCDD request to build 3 Pickle Ball courts at our River Club.**

**The VCDD approved some \$170,000 dollars for 4 courts a couple of years ago. They tried to gain approval from the city and it was almost unanimously turned down by the PC. It was proposed to be located under FPL high power lines. A bizarre location and very close to homes and would have destroyed their quiet enjoyment.**

**At the same time, they investigated putting the courts in the west end of the golf course parking lot. The owner, Lennar Homes flatly turned them down. That location would have destroyed the quiet enjoyment of more than 35 homes close by. My home would have been directly affected.**

**Pickle Ball is an extremely loud sport and there are numerous articles here in Florida about the noise issues, and many confrontations.**

**We have been in contact with Thorton Acoustics and Vibrations to get more information. It is shocking what many of the sound studies have found and documented. Thorton's company has done over 1,500 studies over the past 40 years. The pickle ball noise study that Rick, the engineer did for the VCDD, in my opinion, was rudimentary and not a true noise study.**

**The River Club location on the surface looks good as it would be in the same recreational area as other amenities. Nothing could be further from the truth. The 3 pickle ball courts would be jammed in a very small area at the RC entrance. Some 13 parking places would go away. That parking is utilized somewhat frequently, and this location would negatively change the entrance appeal. High sound buffering fences would be installed, and by the way are not effective for pickle ball. The noise would directly affect the tennis courts, which are only a few feet away.**

**There are some 36 nearby residences that would suffer from the noise consequences, with the closet residence at less than 100 feet. The quiet enjoyment of their homes would highly impacted and they will lose home value.**

**I ask that you do some homework on this topic if you have not already, as it would be eye opening. The first place to look is Thorton Acoustics and vibrations web-site.**

**The Power Lines location was turned down as it did not meet the requirements of Section 86-23(m)(2), (5), (9) and (10) of the city land development code for the following reasons: The proposed improvements are incompatible with adjacent properties and adequate facilities. There are facilities at the River Club, However, Pickle Ball courts would not be compatible with 36 adjacent homes. There are more affected homes here than in the denied FPL Power Lines location.**

**The city is in the process of building a 5-acre park in North Venice which will have 9 pickle ball courts, less than a mile away from our community. And Our community would not have to spend another nickel and the money left over from this poor decision to spend the \$170,000 could be spend on needed hurricane IAN destroyed items. And there is room to build more pickle ball courts in that new park.**

**I urge you to turn down the VCDD pickle Ball court request!**

**From:** [Mary Cox](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Pickle ball VGRC  
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We live in this community and feel that the placement of the pickleball court is in the wrong location. In addition, we believe The Board shouldn't spend money on any optionals like pickleball when we still have a lot of hurricane repair that still needs immediate attention.

Kevin and Mary Cox

341 Cipriani Way

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*~Mary Cox~*

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RE: Pickleball courts at Venetian Golf and River Club.

Please accept this note as my opposition to putting pickleball courts at the Venetian Golf and River Club in the parking lot near the tennis courts. The fact that an opposing petition with over 1000 signatures has been done, speaks to the opposing position of the majority of residents of VG&RC.

I oppose the pickleball courts in this location due to the noise for the residents in the condos. Plus, I oppose the pickle ball courts because of the expense and location choice. Plus, wondering have all the studies and structural changes to the area for example storm drainage been thoroughly investigated? Has a budget been put forward?

It is my understanding that public pickleball courts are being put into a park off Laurel near VG&RC. Plus, there are pickleball courts at Laurel Park.

Regards,  
Jo-Anne Fondyga



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I am a resident of the Venetian Golf and River Club opposed to putting Pickleball Courts at our River Club. Reducing the number of parking spaces at the river club is not a place for Pickleball Courts. There have been events that filled the parking lots and caused over flow parking on the nearby streets. Pickleball is noisy and does not belong near houses, it belongs in the park you will be building a short distance from our community. Pickleball will be played by a fraction of our community and spending money on this is not in the best interest of our community when there is much work to be done with the clean up of hurricane Ian.

The request for approval of Pickleball Courts should not be approved.

Peter Crocchiola  
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**Subject:** Pickleball hearing March 14th Venetian Golf and River Club  
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Good morning.

FYI as a Realtor in this area for 18 years, now, I have experienced the hot demand for pickle ball facilities.

This is typically one of the first questions I get asked about an amenitized community - do they have pickle ball?

Please see at the link below an interesting article from the New York Times from September 22, 2022, about pickle ball, it's 40% growth factor between 2019 and 2021, and the fact that there are now millions of avid pickle ball players out there - and growing.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/03/well/move/pickleball-popular-sport.html>

All I know is that people coming to Florida are looking for outdoor living - and pickle ball.

Local buyers moving up into an amenitized community want pickle ball.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if I can be of service in any way.

Thank you.

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We have owned a home at the Venetian Golf and River Club since March, 2004...19 years.

We are in opposition to construction off new pickleball courts for the following reasons.

1. At the time of the purchase of our home, pickleball courts were not in the development's plan. If in the overall future building plan for the Venetian, because of our proximity to the proposed pickle ball courts, we would not have purchased our Venetian home in 2004.
2. The noise and disruption to the privacy of the homes near the pickleball courts will substantially diminish the value of our homes. Pickleball play has a very distinctive ping sound and the sound is enhanced traveling over the bodies of water like the "lakes" behind the many neighborhood homes within 100 to 200 yards. Plus the River Club's tennis courts, tiki bar, and community pool areas will be affected by the pickleball noise.
3. The city of Venice is building a park area about 1/2 mile west of the Venetian on Laurel Road which will include 9 pickleball courts. Seems redundant to construct 3 pickleball courts at this time at the Venetian which will be costly when 9 courts are going to be built nearby.
4. Placing pickleball courts in corner of River Club parking lot will take away 13 needed parking spaces and contribute to parking congestion and street parking during some River Club events which could cause added safety issues with pedestrian, car, and bicycle traffic.
5. There currently is a large storm drain basin in center of the parking lot where the Pickleball courts are to be built. Will the Pickleball courts cause excessive flooding if built in this location and storm water drainage into sewers is blocked by the pickleball construction?  
Seems like a potential problem.

Marty and Laurie Olson  
109 Torcello court

**From:** [diane herman](#)  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Venetian River Club Pickle Ball  
**Date:** Sunday, March 12, 2023 11:48:07 AM

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We are writing the City Council members to let you know that as residents of The Venetian River Club, we are enthusiastically in favor of constructing Pickle Ball courts in my community. As the fastest growing sport everywhere, we consider them a lifestyle enhancement which adds value to our homes. There is evidence that with the planned noise-mitigating actions, we will be in compliance with City of Venice noise regulations. In fact, our newly renovated and enlarged Tiki Bar (in same vicinity) is very popular many evenings of the week and has live music after dark on Friday nights (and other designated times for special events.) In addition, there are outdoor exercise classes accompanied to music in a nearby area of the proposed Pickle Ball courts. As you can see, the outside area of our Clubhouse is well utilized in our community already. And while we are not advocating that lighting be installed for after-dark play, our 6 tennis courts in the same vicinity do have lights for play until 9:30 pm. We urge the Venice City Council/Planning Committee vote to approve our request for Pickle Ball courts at The Venetian.

With sincere thanks,  
Diane & Richard Herman  
114 Bolanza Court