



October 4, 2016

Dear Mayor Holic, Councilmembers Anderson, Cautero, Daniels, Fraize, Gates and McKeon,

Florida Power & Light is excited about bringing more solar energy to the residents of Venice and FPL customers, as well as generating awareness for zero-emissions solar power with all who visit the Venice Community Center. We hope to come to a mutually beneficial resolution on the location of solar that will allow us to continue moving forward with this solar project prior to November 1st, the start of season, when the City requires all construction on this project to cease.

Background:

Florida Power & Light presented an opportunity to help meet the strategic plan of the City of Venice and install a solar power canopy structure that generates electricity while providing shaded parking. After receiving full support from the City Council in early 2015, FPL worked with City staff to identify a location that meets the technical specifications as well as the City's specifications. In September 2015, the City Council again provided full support for locating the structure in the south parking area of the Community Center, with a lease and easement agreement.

After receiving ARB support and building permits construction began in July 2016. The construction however was a parking aisle to the south of the approved easement. After listening to the neighbors on several occasions, who now object to the project, FPL proposes the following for your consideration:

- FPL will install landscaping along the south parking area adjacent to Turin street with hedges and/or trees that will obscure the view of the solar canopy from the homeowners
- FPL will vacate the original easement option that allowed for 100kwh of solar to be constructed on the north parking island of the south parking lot at the Community Center
- FPL will install the interconnection of the solar canopy to the electrical grid underground
- FPL will work with the Architectural Review Board and Venice's Public Art Advisory Board to enhance the appearance of the structure
- The City will authorize a lease in the current location of structure. (south parking island of the south parking lot at the Community Center)

Thank you for your attention to this opportunity for the City of Venice.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rae Dowling', is written over a horizontal line.

Rae Dowling
Area Manager

Venice Solar Canopy



Current view from 229 Turin St.

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Proposed Landscaping view from 229 Turin St.