

Written Correspondence

Comp Plan comments after
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Barry,

I have several takeaways and one recommendation related to your planning commission report presentation to the Venice city council. Sarasota county's requirement for cities to develop a comprehensive plan for growth is important. You did an excellent job presenting a well thought out plan for our city's growth.

Mixed use areas are a concern. The rationale for several corridors identified as mixed use makes sense. Knights Trail is an obvious mixed use corridor given industry, retail and residences in the area. I agree, as you stated in your presentation, that density is a zoning issue not a concern of the planning commission whose responsibility is to identify pertinent zones of which mixed use is one. However, as the county requires a comprehensive plan from cities to identify growth areas and zones, the cities have the responsibility to inform the county where it is deficient and where their deficiency prohibits the city from implementing the plan it presents.

Such a concern relates to Knights Trail. Yes, this is a mixed use zone, BUT the plan for this area cannot be accomplished without county actions outside of the city limits. The Knights Trail and Laurel Road intersection is already a problem traffic area. If the city is to implement any plans for growth in this mixed use corridor, the current and projected traffic concerns for this intersection must be addressed. Any building along Knights Trail will only exacerbate the problem, particularly with affordable housing apartments being built with the density that would be allowed in a mixed use area.

The city cannot implement its growth comprehensive plan in this corridor when Knights Trail remains a 'dead end' road to the north. The city can do nothing about this situation until the county approves, funds, and constructs an extension of Knights Trail north that intersect into Interstate 75.

Recommendation: The implementation of Venice's comprehensive growth plan related to Knights Trail should be submitted to the county with the provision that all further development along Knights Trail North is halted until the county remedies the 'dead end' nature of Knights Trail. Since the extension of Knights Trail is in the county and not in the city all development will stop until the county extends Knights Trail so traffic can enter and leave Knights Trail to the north.

The planning commission is doing great job Barry, I would hope the county would be amenable to a plan contingent on the their own action.

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Since 1992, my husband & I have owned a home on Lakeside Woods Drive, and we were pleased to know that across the street on Pinebrook Road was designated as "former wild" acreage. So far so good, is the promise to keep this area the same as it was when we first bought here. Venice was full of open spaces with lots of woodland and animal and bird life, however, it has become over populated, and our beautiful natural habitat is vanishing quickly. The city council does ^{not} represent us! (The people of Venice) - they are interested in tourism and businesses in town. This is a shame! We are losing our identity as a small, quaint village to visit when coming during the winter months. It has become traffic heavy and not the friendly town we used to be. Why I ask, do they feel building and building and building is the answer to making Venice more attractive - Save our open spaces!!

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