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From: Jerry Jasper <jjaspernc@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Barry Snyder; Planning Commission
Cc: Lori Stelzer
Subject: Proposed Site & Development Plan 16-01SP_ Laurel Road Storage

Chairman and Commissioners

City of Venice Planning Commission

Re: Proposed Site & Development Plan 16-01SP_Laurel Road Storage

We have been working with the attorney representing the applicant on this proposed project for several months. Our main concern is the proper screening of the chain link fence on the north side of the facility as well as the Outdoor Storage Area when viewed from Laurel Road. Our request is that a minimum 80% opacity landscape buffer be provided on the north side of the chain link fence of sufficient height to screen the fence and any items stored in the Outdoor Storage Area such as RV's, boats and the like. We have reviewed the most recent revision of the Planting Plan (Rev 3 dated 12.9.16) which we believe would accommodate our request if the 2 feet high Walter's Viburnum interspaced among the red cedars were simply replaced with additional red cedars.

We are attempting to avoid a similar situation as recently described in an email exchange from the Mayor to the City Manager which read as follows:

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Tue 3/7/2017 3:43 PM

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Ed,

I spoke with Mrs. Russell about a problem she is having. Her home is for sale (lives on Lucaya near Albee Farm Road) where all the RV's and boats are stored. Her home is beautiful, but people are turning away due to the storage area. Please allow Jeff or someone in Planning to check on this to see if the storage land owner is living up to the zoning and to see if some type of barrier is required to lessen the visual impact of the storage area.

Thanks,

John

Replacing a few Walter's Viburnums (approximately 19 in total) with additional 10' minimum height red cedar should provide sufficient screening to assure we would not be faced with the undesirable circumstances encountered at the Albee Farm Road outdoor storage facility.

It has been pointed out to us that eventually there may be commercial buildings to the north of the storage facility that would serve the same purpose as the landscape screening. The concern here is that there is no known time frame as to when the commercial buildings may be constructed, if at all.

On behalf of the VGRC Community Association Board, I respectfully ask that our request be carefully considered in line with the efforts to improve the appearance along the Laurel Road Corridor.

Jerry Jasper

Chair, External Affairs Committee

VGRC Community Association