

Mayor Holic, City Manager and City Council Members:

I am here today as a shop owner in Venice and on the behalf of some of the other businesses downtown.

We are opposed to having the Beer Bash and the Venice Seafood downtown again next year. They have used up all the main parking downtown when the events occurred. The Seafood Festival monopolized Centennial Park for 3 days and the promoter took up 3 parking spaces on Nokomis with his mobile home for the same time.

Not only did these events take up our customer parking, but they brought all kinds of outside vendors that competed with our businesses.

The money raised by these professional for profit groups give a small amount in some cases to a local 501C but the vast amount of the proceeds leave our town.

Centennial Park is a valuable space and should be for our residents and not given out to outside for profit venues.

I took the time to go up to St Armands and spoke with a few of the merchants there. They also felt that the seafood festival there was not a value to their businesses.

I have a letter here signed by some of our businesses that are opposed to these events taking place in Centennial Park.

I would like to suggest if these events continue, they be moved to the airport or some other site in Venice.

Thank you

Sandy's Designer Clothing
128 W Venice Avenue
Venice

Dear Merchant,

On Tuesday, the City Council will address the many events held downtown. Among them will be the Beer Bash and the Venice Seafood Festival and how they have affected our businesses when they were being held.

Our parking lot was not available to our customers during the 3 days of the Seafood Festival. They set up on Friday and then held the event for 2 days.


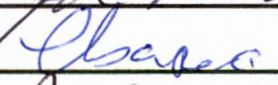


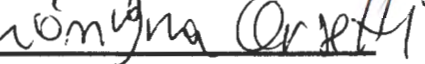

My suggestion is to move these festivals to the airport or some^{place} else but not use up our customer parking.

I will attend the meeting and would like the support of likeminded shop owners.

If you agree with me that these events are not helping increase our business, would you be willing to sign the letter that I will present at the meeting?

Sandy McGowan

I agree with Sandy that these events did not help our business.

Kerri's Jewels & Gems	
CLOISSANT & Co	
Posh	
Patchington	
Krystynas	
Celebration Corner	

Myra's Classic Rose

Lillian Turner

St. Anne's Bldg

Captain's Landing

Treasures In Time

John McGee

Farpenberg Trading Company

Robert W. H. H. H.

Little City Boutique

James H. H. H.

Kay's Home

Kay's Home

Bar & Bakery

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Mrs. C's

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Frigate Inn

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Promoter vehicle



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Dumpster



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Beer truck



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