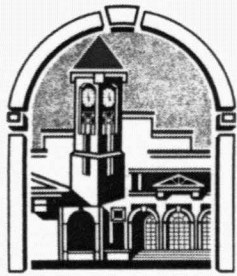


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John Nolan Gardens

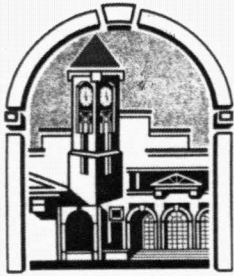
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☒ Agenda - Topic: John Nolen Gardens Rezone

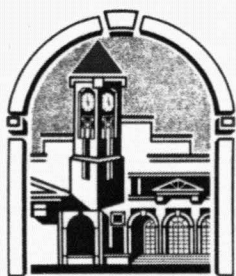
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☒ Agenda - Topic: Knight's Trail Re-zone

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Support for rezoning

I am in support of approving the proposed rezoning for the John Nolen Gardens property on Knights Trail. The zoning approval will allow the process to move forward with the required detailed site-plan and be further evaluated by the community.

We need to make our best efforts, when possible, to work with the private sector to seek solutions to the housing needs of this often overlooked segment of our community.

I believe working with the private sector gives us the best chance to achieve a long term sustainable solution to the problem of attainable workforce housing.

Reaching out for Federal and State assistance programs, such as section 8 housing, as some have suggested, would result in the type of housing that is not appropriate for the area.

Emilio Carlesimo



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Issues

It's no wonder that Venice is high on the list of America's best places to live. We're attracted to the sunshine and warm weather; beautiful beaches, parks and recreation areas; vibrant and charming downtown shops and restaurants; friendly and laid-back vibe; and proximity to the best cultural attractions Florida has to offer.

But Venice is at a crossroads. Its charms are no longer a secret, as seen by an increasing population (both seasonal and year-round), new homes and developments, and greater traffic. Taxes are increasing to maintain aging facilities and support changes to the infrastructure required to handle the growth.

Growth is inevitable and often welcome. *However, we must manage growth in a balanced and responsible way to not only lower our taxes but to also maintain our quality of life.*

Here are some of our most pressing challenges:

GROWTH

This is a topic that covers many areas: budget, housing density, traffic, and environment, to name a few. The Venice City Council is developing a new Comprehensive Plan along with Land Development Regulations that define what developers may and may not do. I will work to ensure that proposed changes will make Venice better, not just bigger. The unique character of Venice—the reason many citizens chose Venice as their home—must be preserved throughout.

At the same time, we must note that half of our citizens are older than 68, many on a fixed income. I will be a watchdog for all of us to be able to live our lives and enjoy our livelihoods, in this beautiful city. It's worth repeating: by responsibly managing growth, we will protect our quality of life and the investments we have made in Venice.

BUDGET

We recently passed two bonds allowing the City to borrow almost \$40 million to improve streets and build a new police complex. During each of the past three years, our city's spending exceeded its revenues, requiring us to tap into our reserved funds to make up the difference. We can no longer spend more than we receive.

I support the Council's move to create an "Assets List" to identify the condition of our buildings and equipment. The list must include a maintenance schedule to ensure our facilities are kept in good repair throughout their lifespan—and avoid unexpected and costly expenditures. The Assets List will drive our budget. Leaky roofs that need repair and buildings that need updates will be on a schedule to avoid the need to pass another bond.



TRAFFIC

Everyone is aware that we have more traffic than ever, and it will only get worse as the population grows. Even after floating an \$18 million dollar bond to repave streets, we are still left with inherent design problems that will be expensive to solve. Increased traffic on Pinebrook Road due to the Honore extension and lack of sidewalks on small, congested streets on the Island are two examples.

Our new Comprehensive Plan has a system of grading streets in regard to their safety. Currently, only streets with a grade of "D" will be corrected. I will change this to a "C" level. All streets that are below a "C" level should be fixed immediately for the health and safety of drivers, bikers, and pedestrians.

WORKFORCE HOUSING

I agree that workforce housing is lacking in Venice. My concern is that we don't create more problems by trying to solve this one haphazardly. I will ask for our staff to survey where the majority of jobs are in Venice and determine if workforce housing is needed in that area. Decisions should only be made with accurate data to support them. Once an area is identified, we can then work with the Planning Commission and all interested parties to ensure that this issue is handled correctly.

We cannot afford to subsidize developers by waiving impact fees, putting more of a burden on taxpayers. I will ask the staff to investigate state and federal funding sources to help fund workforce housing projects.

ENVIRONMENT

The environment is important here in Venice for many reasons. We are fortunate to be living between the Gulf of Mexico and the Myakka River with the Intracoastal Waterway in between. We have many small creeks meandering through our city as well. With this abundant water, we have wetlands and a host of animals that live here as well as migrate through.

We also have thriving tourism that supports our local businesses. Last year, it grew 26%. Tourists are coming here because of our environment and the wonderful way we have woven it into our daily life.

Venice is considered by many city planners as one of the best-designed cities in the United States. In fact, city planners from around the country make pilgrimages to Venice, designed in the 1920s by the visionary John Nolen. Nolen's plan was to bring European-style, walkable communities with a diverse housing mix to the United States.

The John Nolen Plan is a point of pride for Venice, but it exists primarily in only one of our seven neighborhoods, the Island. As we develop land in the other six neighborhoods, we need to make sure that we include John Nolen concepts into those developments—streets that are boulevards, parks that are well maintained, and nearby open areas.

I applaud the Planning Commission's new language in the Comprehensive Plan that promotes developments with environmental features including hedges, trees, and ponds.

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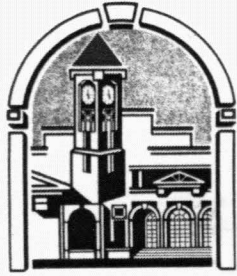
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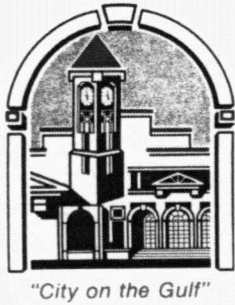
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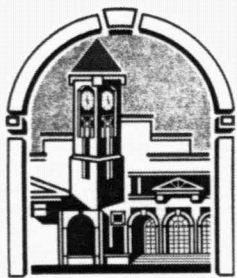
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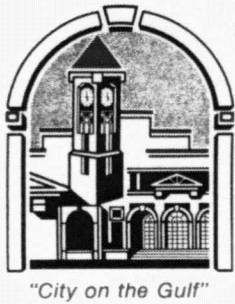
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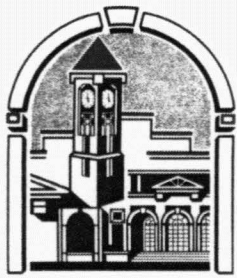
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