

Venice-Miami Alley

I have attached pictures of the current condition of the alley behind Venice Ave. and in front of Miami Ave.

The pictures show:

1. Congestion that prohibits two-way traffic,
2. deteriorating asphalt/concrete,
3. rusted and open waste containers, and
4. puddles of unknown liquids.

History:

A number of advisory groups and local organizations met and proposed a solution for this alley that beautifies it and incorporates it into the downtown area. These include MainStreet, the Historical Preservation Board, and the Venice-Nokomis Women's Club. They are asking to place a sign on this alley that identifies it, along with signage for the other alleys named in Ordinance No. 405, August 9, 1966.

The alley behind the stores and restaurants on Venice Avenue is named Calle de Las Tiendas (shopping street).

They believe that signage would;

1. Give the alleys an identity and more public purpose - not just a place for garbage.
2. Help resurface interesting neighborhood cultural and heritage information.
3. Honor our City's history with their names

Action:

I am asking the council to take the following action:

1. Direct staff to create a plan that addresses the traffic congestion, waste management problems, and general deterioration of this alley.
2. Direct staff to meet with the Historic Preservation Board and place signage on the Calle de Las Tiendas.



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