



City of Venice  
Development Services  
Building Department

**STAFF REPORT**

**To:** Architectural Review Board

**By:** Greg Schneider, Building Official

**Date:** March 26, 2019

**Re:** **PLAR19-00170, Variance for white PVC fence**

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This property is located within the **Historic District** addressed as 239 Pensacola Road.

The applicant is seeking a variance to install white PVC fencing at the perimeter rear yard and within the rear yard.

The first proposed white PVC fence is six feet (6') in height located at the rear yard perimeter and rear of the homes rear façade.

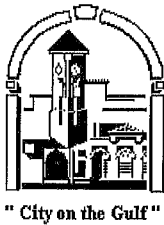
The second fence is a four (4') in height picket fence *within* the rear yard, placed between the rear of the home and connecting to the front west side of the detached garage.

Each of the subject fences would be relatively unseen from the Pensacola Road street and front view. However, the six feet (6') high perimeter fence would be visible from the pocket park the property abuts to the rear and each of the adjacent property owners.

In accordance with the Architectural Guidelines Handbook, Design and Construction Guidelines, Section H, Fences and Screen Walls, subsection 2., d; white vinyl (PVC) fences may only be permitted with approval of a variance from the Architectural Review Board.

On the west side of the house at the rear of the home, the applicant has chosen to place a six feet (6') high black wrought iron appearing aluminum fence with a gate, not part of this variance hearing and which can be approved administratively by the Building Official.





City of Venice  
Planning & Zoning Division

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Audrey Symowicz  
**From:** Roger Clark, AICP, Planning Manager  
**Date:** March 25, 2019  
**Re:** ARB Application No. PLAR19-00170, 239 Pensacola Road

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Based on review of the applicant's submittal, Planning & Zoning provides the following comments:

1. The applicant has indicated in their narrative, the desire to connect to the neighbor's existing fence. Please provide a letter from the neighbors indicating their approval of this connection to be included in the fence permit file. Understand that this will likely create an encroachment onto the neighbor's property that could cause a title insurance issue at some time in the future.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Audrey Symowicz, Development Services ~ Building Division

**From:** Harry Klinkhamer, Historical Resources Manager

**Date:** April 1, 2019

**Re:** ARB Application No. PLAR19-00170 239 Pensacola Rd.

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Based on review of the applicant's submittal, Historical Resources provides the following comments:

1. This is a contributing structure to the John Nolen Plan National Historic District.
2. Wood and vinyl fences are permitted in the Historic and Venetian Theme Districts in side and rear yards only and shall meet the following standards:
  - a. The fence shall be setback a minimum of four (4) feet from the intersection of the front wall facing the street and the side wall of the principle structure.
  - b. The finished side of the fence shall face the abutting property.
  - c. Wood fences shall only be shadow box or similar and shall be designed to create a continuous straight edge across the top.
  - d. White vinyl fences may only be permitted with approval of a variance from the Architectural Review Board. Non-white vinyl fences are permitted by right subject to compliance with the standards contained in this part.