

"City on the Gulf"

City of Venice
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Name: GENE HINES Date: 5/7/19

Address: 221 SORRENTO RANCHES DR.

City: NOKOMIS State FL Zip 3

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No Telephone No: _____

Organization (if any): VENICE ADVISORY COUNCIL SMH

Please Check One

☐ Audience Participation – Topic: _____

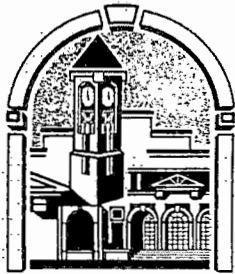
☒ During Agenda Item - Topic: SMH PETITIONS

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I swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the evidence or factual representation, which I am about to give or present at the public hearing, held this 7 day of MAY 20 19 is truthful.

Signature: [Signature]

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Name: Robert Burns Date: 5/7/19

Address: 300 Sorrento Ranches Dr

City: Nokomis State Kc Zip 39275

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☒ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☒ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No Telephone No: (941) 450-0243

Organization (if any): Sorrento Ranches Homeowners Association, Inc

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☐ Audience Participation - Topic: _____

☒ During Agenda Item - Topic: SMH activities

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Signature: [Signature]

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Good afternoon honorable Planning Commission members. I am Dr. Robert Burrus, President of Sorrento Ranches Homeowners Association, Inc. and have been sworn.

Our Association is very pleased to be in support of all three of the proposed SMH petitions before you today. This is NOT an accident but rather the result of concerted effort by SMH to ENGAGE the community and, in particular, affected parties by establishing a neighborhood advisory board to facilitate direct two-way communication with SMH decision makers to identify and RESOLVE potential issues. From our perspective, this approach has been so successful that we hope it will serve as a model that the City of Venice will encourage other developers to use. Indeed, a successful initiative used by a developer of property adjacent to our neighborhood to directly involve our Association and other interested parties BEFORE a petition was filed contributed to the City's development and implementation of its neighborhood workshops. As beneficial as those workshops are, we believe that the neighborhood advisory board approach used by SMH is a quantum leap forward that has the potential to greatly benefit the City, future development projects, and the community.

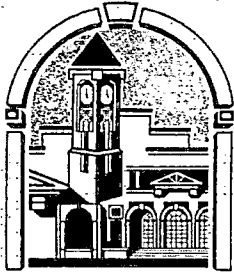
As you know, this is not the first time that our Association has appeared before the Planning Commission. Unfortunately, not all of our appearances have been quite so positive. Just after having been elected to my 15th term as president of our Association at our Annual Membership Meeting in November following Gene Hines's wonderful presentation about the SMH project and the SMH Neighborhood Advisory Board, I distinctly recall wondering how many of our previous appearances at Venice public hearings in opposition to a development proposal might have been ended up had the various developers used such an advisory group. Similarly, having previously served as a member, Vice Chair, and Chair of the Sarasota County Planning Commission, I believe that an advisory group such as that used by SMH

has the potential to RESOLVE issues that can arise as the result of development projects by engaging stakeholders THROUGHOUT the development process and thereafter.

Yes, we have been impressed and are pleased with this approach. But it was the dedication and commitment of the decision makers at SMH together and the members of the Neighborhood Advisory Board that made it all work and we thank all concerned!

We were very pleased that our Vice President Gene Hines was appointed to the SMH Neighborhood Advisory Board and subsequently elected as its Chair. Gene has been absolutely fabulous as a leader of our Association since its inception in 2004 and I believe that no small measure of the success of what may be the first time such that a neighborhood advisory group has been tried in this area is due to Gene and the experience, wisdom, perspectives, and his wonderful way of dealing with people that he applied to the daunting task of chairing such an advisory group. Thank you, Gene!

In conclusion, our Association and I urge you to recommend approval of all three petitions to City Council.



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Name: Tim Montgomery Date: 5-7

Address: 229 Cohosh Rd

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: 34275

City Resident: ☐ Yes ☐ No City Property Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No

City Business Owner: ☐ Yes ☐ No Telephone No: _____

Organization (if any):

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☐ During Agenda Item - Topic:

SMH (Hospital Project)

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Signature: T. Montgomery

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