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Cc: [City Council](#); [Kelly Fernandez - Persson & Cohen \(kfernandez@swflgovlaw.com\)](#)
Subject: Re: Venice Gondolier E-Edition. No connectgor road for development west of aria
Date: Thursday, July 11, 2019 12:06:18 PM

Mayor Holic

We obviously have much different opinions on what venice should be like. It is sad that the gondolier coverage is so sketchy/poor that you feel it is misinforming citizens. Most snowbirds know nothing about what goes on in venice when they leave, but I try to stay plugged in and involved. Obviously that is my mistake.

Nothing stays the same. It may just be time for us to decide if nice weather is worth all of the other stresses of crowded beach town living that venice is going full speed ahead to achieve.

Yep, I am real excited about the prospect of failing roads in N venice by 2030 unless that is also information found in the gondolier that makes me uninformed.

Mike W

From: John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 10:38 AM
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Mike,

I don't disagree with you for making comments, I disagree with you for making uniformed comments. You have no idea about the number of hours that City Council debated the road or the professional opinion our consultant gave us about what affect the road would have on traffic as a public versus private road. You also did not listen to the discussion on making the road public in relation to the Bert Harris Act and the strong property rights granted property owners by the State of Florida and how that Act pre-empts local governments from acting on many things within the development community.

Even if the consultant would have said the road should be public, the City does not have \$8 million sitting around to build it, nor do we have the money it would take to buy the right of way from the land owner to build the road on. It's easy to sit on the side lines and say what should be done, it's a bit harder to follow the laws of the State and then take action that is appropriate for the residents. You are always entitled to your opinions, none of us, however, can make up our own facts. Because this property is a quasi-judicial procedure, I cannot talk more on specifics. I can say, that you would be better served listening to the meeting than reading two paragraphs in the paper and assuming you know what happened.

Regards,
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Mayor Holic

I can usually count on you to disagree with me for making comments about issues in the city of Venice that don't agree with your idyllic view of Venice. I have lived around the once great Chesapeake Bay my entire life and have seen first hand what happens when development and industry rule. We are in our fourth decade of cleanup. Not a pretty sight. This year the Chesapeake Bay will have its largest dead zone in 20 years. The Gulf will have its largest dead zone ever. Both are due to Nutrients, nutrients created by humans. Every Gulf beach in Mississippi is closed now due to algae and nutrient runoff.

Both bodies of water need multi state cooperation to solve their problems. Maryland understands this, Florida does not appear to understand. Florida still believes development is the top priority no matter what it does to the environment and quality of life. You all are doing a great job on some water quality issues, but get an "F" from me when it comes to development and its environmental impacts.

The Captain's article points out the degradation of paradise. COV is not the same quiet nature filled place I moved to five years ago. It is morphing into over built Sarasota with streets that will be very non pedestrian friendly.

You are lucky many who retire to SWFL don't want stress or confrontation so they ignore what is taking place.. that's not who I am. I am really enjoying my summer back in Maryland. It is good to get away from Neal homes and ARIA since Neal has made Milano residents lives very difficult with his four SWFTM water use permit violations. But all of you think Neal walks on water and Milano is the gold standard for puds. Leaders in Venice sometimes ignore the abuse of wildlife in adding rooftops. The stench of rotting fish at ARIA this spring from draining lakes and compacting soil should not be happening in the USA.

I encourage you to read the book, The Gulf, Making of an American Sea, on your summer vacation. The Gulf is resilient but can't be abused forever.

As far as the connector road between Border and Laurel roads is concerned, I only asked you to follow the comprehensive plan and your planning commission recommendation for a public connector. Having Jacquaranda be the only connector between 75 and Jackson Road dooms Jacquaranda to becoming an overused road that will make Milano entrances accident scenes

waiting to happen.

I do hope in November we get three new members elected who put quality of life and the environment as their top priority and not annexation and new rooftops .

Mike w

From: John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>

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To: MP Woj; City Council

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Dear Mike W,

i had no doubt you would read the abridged version of the Bridges property and make your comments from that incomplete story, just like you do with the boat captain who slings mud (maybe something else) without complete facts. Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,

John Holic

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Mayor Holic

City Council

Had no doubt you would give Pat Neal whatever he wanted in his newly planned development west of Aria. He wanted a private road and by golly you delivered. You always do despite concerns of citizens who sadly voted some of you into office multiple times. Let's hope citizens pay more attention this November when they vote and remember how each of you rubber stamped whatever developers wanted.

Mike W

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