



## Site & Development Plan Venetian Golf & River Club CDD

### **Project Narrative**

August 10, 2020

The Venetian CDD is proposing to add amenities to the community. The proposed additional amenities include a Dog Park and Pickleball Courts. The original PUD for the community includes a number of amenities but did not specifically list a Dog Park or Pickleball Courts. As new developments are being built in nearby communities, Venetian is seeking to add these popular amenities to their community. The CDD has had numerous meetings and there is overwhelming support from the community to add these additional amenities.

The CDD formed committees to evaluate the feasibility of these amenities and invited the residents to both committee and CDD meetings when these items were up for discussion. The committees then made a recommendation to the CDD board to move forward with the PUD amendment process for the added amenities.

The committee members evaluated a number of locations for both the Pickleball and Dog Park and it was decided that the appropriate location would be along the south side of Pesaro Drive within the FPL easement. The Pickleball Courts would consist of 4 new courts and the Dog Park would accommodate both large and small dogs. There will be a parking lot for the resident's use of the amenities.

The initial effort with the design phase was to obtain approval from both FPL and SWFWMD for the added amenity. With the location under the FPL Power lines the approval from FPL was the first step. This approval was obtained and a copy of the agreement with FPL is included in the submittal package. The next step was to gain approval from SWFWMD for the additional impervious areas being created with the courts and parking lot. That approval is also included in the submittal package.

Another requirement for the permitting through the City of Venice is to hold a Public Workshop. The committees and CDD had previously held multiple public meetings for the residents but in order to meet the City's permitting requirements, a Public Workshop with proper notification was required. This included a mailed notice to all residents that lived within 250' of the property where the new amenities would be located. The notice was also required to be in the local newspaper prior to the meeting. This Public Workshop was conducted on July 13, 2020 via a zoom conference meeting. A copy of the meeting minutes and notifications are included in the submittal package.

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