

Date: April 30, 2021

To: Mayor Ron Feinsod and Venice City Council

From: Tyler D. Cassell, VGRC resident

Subject: Rebuttals to the VGRC Plan to construct 4-Pickleball Courts and Dog Park in the FL&L right-of-way under the high-tension power lines on the City Council hearing for **May 11, 2021.**

The attached report is a summary of the opposition position on why this Plan should be denied. Many of us have discussed this Plan at length and offer these rebuttal positions contained herein.

We, the opposed, are not opposed to the idea of Pickleball and a Dog Park. We would gladly welcome these amenities into our club if we had a place to put them, but we do not. We are opposed to the site selection due to the **inherent problems in the locations of the Site.** All of these problematic issues are explained in detail in the following Impact Report, along with official records from VCDD meetings, and other evidence to support our position set forth in numbered tabs and exhibits.

This report is prepared by Tyler D. Cassell, a member of the Venetian Golf and River Club and friend of several of those affected by the Plan.


My Background – In New York, I was part of New York City government, where I was a volunteer member of the Queens Community Board #7 in Flushing Queens, Zoning and Land Use Committee, for 15 years. In my tenure there, I have reviewed over 100 plans that came before us; plans for 1 and 2-family homes, hospital expansions, parking lots, houses-of-worship to large apartment complexes, a 63 acre waterfront plan, a new tennis stadium at the National Tennis Center, and many more. We reviewed just about every project that came into our community over the years. In meetings, we vetted projects, voted on them and made recommendations to the City officials and agencies.

Please use this Impact Report as a guideline for reviewing the VGRC Plan and Site selection.

This Plan does not have the support that has been represented. Attached are petitions with 161 names of those who live closeby and are opposed to the Plan. The implementation of this Plan will negatively affect at least 33 and more homes near the site. Furthermore, it will set a bad precedent going forward. The new park being planned will satisfy the needs of our community for these amenities and essentially making this Plan unnecessary.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Tyler D. Cassell

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PETITION

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1	CATHERINE CARDONA	118 Medici Terrace	M. Cathy Cardona
2	Dani LO CARDONA	118 Medici Terrace	D.A. [Signature]
3	Shirley Mayhew	122 Medici Terrace	Shirley Mayhew
4	Kenneth Mayhew	122 Medici Terrace	Kenneth Mayhew
5	Sue Nielsen	476 Padova Way	Sue Nielsen
6	Marianne Richards	387 Padova Way	M. Richards
7	GEORGETTE NELIUS	386 Padova Way	Georgette Nelius
8	NICHOLAS NELIUS	386 Padova Way	Nicholas Nelius
9	Paul Richards	387 Padova Way	Paul Richards
10	ANTHONY CHRISTY	391 PADOVA WAY	Anthony Christy
11	ARLENE CHRISTY	391 PADOVA WAY	Arlene Christy
12	Rose Blackburn	282 Montelluna Dr	Rose Blackburn
13	James Blackburn	282 Montelluna Dr	James Blackburn
14	Betsy Oden	383 Padova Way	Betsy Oden
15	Phyllis Way	390 Padova Way	Phyllis Way
16	THOMAS WAY	390 PADOVA Way	Thomas E. Way
17	Dan King	363 Padova Way	Dan King
	Beverly King	363 Padova Way	Beverly J. King

Date: MARCH 14, 2021

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1 ELLEN ABRADY	141 BURANO	Ellen A Brady
2 DAVID PARSONS	141 TIZIANO	David Parsons
3 Janice STEWART	342 CIPRIANI WY	Janice Stewart
4 Judith Parsons	141 Tiziano Way	Judith Parsons
5 Ell Klingsmith	102 Portofino Dr	Ell Klingsmith
6 Joanne Williamson	173 Palazzo Ct	Joanne Williamson
7 Rod Stewart	342 CIPRIANI WY	Rod Stewart
8 Fred H. WILLIAMS	173 Palazzo Ct	Fred H. Williams
9 Edwin Brady	141 Burano Ct	Edwin Brady
10 JAMES D. HART	102 Canaletto Way	James D. Hart
11 Carol Hart	102 Canaletto Way	Carol Hart
12 Renee Pearlman	113 Medici Ter	Renee Pearlman
13 Dianne Kissinger	126 Medici Ter	Dianne Kissinger
14 Tom Kissinger	126 Medici Ter	Tom Kissinger
15 William A. Sarno	130 Medici Ter	William A. Sarno
16 Patricia A. Sarno	130 Medici Terrace	PATRICIA A. SARNO
17 Danny Doorn	134 Medici Terrace	Danny Doorn

Date: March 13, 2021

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1	MARSHA DOOM	134 Medici Terr.	Marsha Doom
2	Tyler D. Cassell	201 Medici Terrace	Tyler D. Cassell
3	Greg V. Smith	114 Medici	Greg V. Smith
4	Connie Kunkle	146 Medici Terrace	Connie Kunkle
5	Michelle Blache	109 Medici Terr.	Michelle Blache
6	Klaus Blacke	109 Medici Terrace	Klaus Blacke
7	ROGER BAFFA	101 MEDICI TERR.	ROGER BAFFA
8	ROSE MARY BAFFA	101 MEDICI TERR.	ROSE MARY BAFFA
9	Sandra Perrotti	114 Medici Terr.	Sandra Perrotti
10	Lynn Quince	125 Medici Terr.	Lynn Quince
11	William Delgany	146 Medici Terr.	William Delgany
12	Aida Gopstein	142 Medici Terr.	Aida Gopstein
13	Rosa Surkman	102 Medici	Rosa Surkman
14	Isak Surkman	108 Medici	Isak Surkman
15	Hella Rozofsky	109 Medici CT	Hella Rozofsky
16	Gregory Rozofsky	109 Medici CT	Gregory Rozofsky
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Date: 3/11/2021

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1	Ron Pearlman	113 Medici Terr.	Ron Pearl
2	Ramsey Sadi	119 Medici Terr.	Ramsey Sadi
3	Susan Sadi	119 Medici Terr.	Susan Sadi
4	Marcia Camp	133 Medici Terr.	Marcia Camp
5	Gregory Horn	133 Medici Terr.	Gregory Horn
6	Sam Vayner	162 Medici Terr.	Sam Vayner
7	Stamara Vayner	162 Medici Terr.	Stamara Vayner
8	Yanna GEMERER	174 Medici Terr.	Yanna GEMERER
9	PETER GEMERER	174 Medici Terr.	P. Gemere
10	Hudson Smith	101 Medici Ct.	Hudson C. Smith
11	Anne Smith	101 Medici Ct.	Anne K. Smith
12	Margaret Levinson	101 Burano Ct.	Margaret Levinson
13	Margaret Palmer	118 Treviso Ct.	Margaret Palmer
14	Jon Ratner	141 Portofino	Jon Ratner
15	Ben Winters	138 Medici Terr.	Ben Winters
16	Valerie Winters	138 Medici Terr.	Valerie Winters
17	Rhonda Marotta	150 Medici	Rhonda Marotta

Date: March 20/2021

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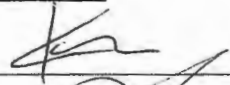


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1	ROBERT K MASOTA	150 MEDICI TER	[Signature]
2	Debbie GRAVES	154 Medici Ter.	[Signature]
3	Scott GRAVES	154 Medici Ter.	[Signature]
4	Kim Rodwell	158 Medici Ter	[Signature]
5	Max Rodwel	158 Medici Ter	[Signature]
6	Matt DiNapoli	153 Medici Ter.	[Signature]
7	Holly DiNapoli	153 Medici Ter	[Signature]
8	Linda Martin	161 Medici Ter.	[Signature]
9	MARY ANN FOSTER	221 Pesaro Dr	[Signature]
10	Richard Foster	221 Pesaro Dr	[Signature]
11	Donna Babiarz	106 Medici Terrace	[Signature]
12	PETER BABIARZ	106 Medici Terrace	[Signature]
13	Alan Schugart	229 Pesaro Dr	[Signature]
14	Eileen Chiantella	342 Pesaro Dr	[Signature]
15	Carol Joy	354 Montellana Dr.	[Signature]
16	Paul LeFevre	226 Pesaro Dr	[Signature]
17	Sheela LeFevre	226 Pesaro Dr	[Signature]

Date: April 7, 2021

PETITION

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	<u>Name (Print)</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Signature</u>
1	LENNIE COTTRELL	102 Mendocino	
2	Michael B Newton	102 Mendocino	
3	Jacki Schapella	239 Pesaro Dr.	
4	Erica Mann	234 Pesaro Dr.	Erica Mann
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1	Denise Sucher	150 Sevilla Pl	D. Sucher
2	William M. Winkler	150 Sevilla Pl	W. Winkler
3	Cynthia Greene	147 Sevilla Place	Cynthia Greene
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Date: April 7, 2021

Pickle Ball Petition

We are homeowners in the Venetian Golf and River Club and we are opposed to the VCDD plan to put pickle ball courts and a dog park under the power lines off of Pesaro Drive. The quality-of-life and quiet enjoyment of homes in that area will be damaged and possibly our property values diminished.

We are also opposed to another location the VCDD had proposed in the golf course parking lot close to homes on Treviso Court for the same reasons.

We ask the VCDD and Venice Council to REJECT these plans because these locations are incompatible to surrounding homes.

NAME (PRINT)

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

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JOHN F. DAUT ✓

197 SAVONA WAY

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APRIL 11, 2021

PETITION

WE ARE HOMEOWNERS IN THE VENETIAN GOLF & RIVER CLUB. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE VCDD PROPOSED SITE PLAN TO PUT PICKLEBALL COURTS & A DOG PARK UNDER THE FLORIDA POWER LINE RIGHT-OF-WAY HIGH VOLTAGE LINES ON THE PASSARO DRIVE LOT. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED THAT THE NOISE FROM THE COURTS WILL NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND DEVALUE THE PRICE OF MANY HOMES NEAR THIS VCDD PROPOSED PLANNED SITE. THE PROPOSED SITE UNDER THE POWER LINES DOESN'T PROVIDE: LIGHTING, RESTROOMS, DRINKING WATER, SHADE, EMERGENCY AID PERSONEL, ATTENDING RACKET PRO SHOP STAFF, PROPER MITIGATED BARRIERS TO REDUCE NOISE IMPACT OR SUFFICIENT PARKING. THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL VOTED DOWN THE PROPOSAL ON FEB. 2ND, 2021 AFTER A LENGTHY HEARING. THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS STATED THAT IT WAS AN INAPPROPRIATE SITE TO LOCATE /PROVIDE THESE TWO RECREATIONAL AMENITIES FOR MANY REASONS (VIDEO: to reference of the meeting/hearing is this link [City of Venice-Calendar \(legistar.com\)](https://www.legistar.com/View/00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000000): Click on "Video" off to the far right of the planning commission meeting on 2/2/21. The proposed rezoning was denied 5-2. The site plan was denied 6-1. HOW EVER the VCDD voted 3-2 to appeal this decision on 2/09/21 and another Venice City Council Hearing will take place sometime soon where the appeal by the VCDD will be heard. The VCDD has hired a lawyer to help with this appeal. If you want to send letters in support of this petition, send it to the city council at citycouncil@venicegov.com with your comments and concerns. Lori Stelzer, MMC is the City Clerk for the City of Venice to contact related to questions / hearing date/interest in registering to speak during the hearing. Her contact number is 941-882-7390 or 941-303-3486.

WE ARE ASKING THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL TO REJECT THIS PLAN BECAUSE THE LOCATION IS UNSUITABLE, INAPPROPRIATE AND UNSAFE.

RATIONAL: A BETTER FAR MORE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE SITE EXISTS AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB. THE CDD ENGINEER HAS STATED THAT WE CAN PLACE 3 COURTS ON SITE NEAR EXISTING TENNIS COURTS IN THE PARKING LOT AREA BEHIND TENNIS COURTS 5 & 6. THIS PARKING LOT AREA IS NOT UTILIZED AND AMPLE PARKING EXISTS AT THE CLUB FOR EVENTS. 145 PARKING SPACES WOULD STILL BE AVAILABLE. THE RIVER CLUB PROVIDES MANY RESOURCES, INCLUDING THE RACKET PRO SHOP EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE FACILITY, 2-3 FULL TIME ATTENDING RACKET STAFF / EMPLOYEES, RESTROOMS, DRINKING WATER, LIGHTING, PARKING, OUTSIDE EMERGENCY PHONE SYSTEMS, LEISURE REFRESHMENTS ON SITE ENCOURAGING CASUAL FOOD/ DRINK CONSUMPTION AT THE CLUB FOLLOWING COURT TIME, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF MANY UNUTILIZED TENNIS COURTS DURING LATE AFTERNOON AND EVENING HOURS A TIME SUITABLE FOR YOUTHS WORKING ADULTS. OTHER COMMUNITIES ARE UTILIZING THEIR TENNIS COURTS FOR THIS DUAL PURPOSE DELINEATING THE DIFFERENT COURT AREAS USED BY EACH SPORT WITH TWO COLORS APPLIED TO THE COURTS. TENNIS COURTS CAN EASILY ACCOMMODATE TWO PICKLEBALL COURTS WITHOUT THE NEED TO REMOVE THE TENNIS NETTING (Pelican Pointe has done this) A COST SAVING SOLUTION

Signature	Name (Print)	Address
1	Larner Roff	205 SAVONA WAY
2	Cheryl D. Dickson	317 Savona Way
3	Dale Dickson	317 SAVONA WAY
4	Brandon Meier	318 Savona Way
5	John Meier	318 Savona Way
6	Ken Dickson	313 Savona Way
7	Leah Clark	133 Savona
8	Meredith "Joe" Lee	102 SAVONA WAY
9	MEG ESCUE	102 SAVONA WAY
10	Cheryl Suter	101 SAVONA WAY
11	Frank J. Bulry	101 SAVONA WAY
12	Mark W. Smith	325 Savona Way
13	David H. Miller	305 Savona Way
14	James J. Lee	114 SAVONA WAY
15	Wynn Wynn	121 Savona Way
16	Ruth Cordner	201 Savona Way
17	Ara D. Carrasco	200 Savona Way

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1	<u>Suzanne Jerry</u>		✓ 118 Savona Way
2	<u>Christopher Thomas</u>		✓ 222 PELARO DRIVE
3	<u>Nabil Wasserman</u>		✓ 217 Passaro Dr
4	<u>Sybil Wasserman</u>		✓ 217 Passaro Dr
5	<u>Max & Dan</u>		✓ 118 SAVONA WAY
6	<u>Sant Kappel</u>		✓ 122 SAVONA Way
7	<u>Larry Kappel</u>		✓ 122 SAVONA Way
8	<u>John Bhateran</u>		✓ 110 Savona Way
9	<u>John Guardiano</u>		✓ 254 Padua Way
10	<u>Shailaja Bhateran</u>		✓ 110 Savona Way
11	<u>Roland F. HABICHT</u>		✓ 106 Savona Way
12	<u>Joan Stoppa</u>		✓ 342 Savona Way
13	<u>Arthur Stutz</u>		✓ 329 Savona Way
14	<u>John Stutz</u>		✓ 329 Savona Way
15	<u>James Shepherd</u>		✓ 333 SAVONA WAY
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4	Joseph Godin	210 Medici	Joseph Godin
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