Subject: FW: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission"s denial of site and development plan Petition No. 20-

38SP and zoning map amendment Petition No. 20-37RZ to amend the PUD, planned unit development plan

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:07:30 PM

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From: Sharon George <shgeorge426@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 4:33 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov> **Cc:** George Keith < kgeorge428@yahoo.com>

Subject: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission's denial of site and development plan Petition No. 20-38SP and zoning map amendment Petition No. 20-37RZ to amend the PUD, planned unit development plan

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Lori Stelzer City Clerk Venice City Council

We understand that the upcoming city council meeting will determine the fate of the VCDD's appeal to the proper denial by the Planning Commission on February 2, 2021. We are writing to support the Venice City Council Planning Commission's prior decision to deny the proposed amendment to the PUD and the site for the placement of the pickle ball courts and dog park under the electrical wires in the FP&L right of way at 200 Pesaro Drive. They chose wisely and we are requesting that the city council uphold the decision made by the planning commission.

We want to prevent spot zoning on the desire of a few people. We are not against the concept of pickle ball and dog parks in general but it is the location and liabilities the community assumes if the decision is overturned by the city council and the VCDD is allowed to build on the proposed site. Points to consider would be:

- 1. noise from the courts and park
- 2. no bathrooms or other reasonable comfort facilities
- 3. no on-site management to control and regulate usage
- 4. parking and traffic issues on Pesaro Drive

5. the negative effect on property values, our most valuable possession.

This type of recreational amenity should be located near the River Club where it was planned from the inception of the community. Location of the pickleball and dog park on Pesaro would create a hodge-podge appearance to the community.

We appreciate you taking our opinions into consideration with regard to these petitions.

Thank you, Sharon and Keith George 230 Padova Way North Venice, WI 34275

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Subject: FW: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commissions denial of site and development plan, Petition No. 20-

38SP & Petition No. 20-37RZ May 11, 2021

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:02:06 PM

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From: shirley mayhew <shirlmay@sbcglobal.net>

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 8:38 PM To: Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commissions denial of site and development plan, Petition No. 20-

38SP & Petition No. 20-37RZ May 11, 2021

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To: Ms. Stelzer and Venice City Council Members:

We are writing in regards to the proposed pickleball courts, dog park and parking lot within the FPL easement located at 200 Pesaro Drive.

Since we are residents within 250 yards of the parcel, we would like to express our views prior to the Venice Council Meeting on May 11, 2021.

First, were are NOT against the concept of pickle ball and dog parks in general but it is the location and liabilities the community assumes if the decision is overturned by the City Council and the VCDD is allowed to build on the proposed site!

Personally, the location of the current proposal will negatively affect our view from our lanai and quiet, peaceful private property area! We are very concerned about noise from the courts and dog park along with parking and traffic issues! Lack of restrooms and lack of on site management is another problem!

Public safety risk is another issue for Venetian residents with the area under high voltage power lines that could malfunction or fall on the site. FPL will continue to have the right of way to the area to maintain and repair or remove the site if needed. These could result in major cost and liability issues for the Venetian community.

Most importantly, the project would lower the property values of the homes in the surrounding area. OUR MOST VALUABLE POSSESSION!

The Planning Commission has already reviewed this proposal and voted against the project at this location. Please follow their sound recommendation. Please do not allow the desires of a few to overrule the rights of many of us who will be adversely affected.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE PROPOSED PICKLEBALL COURTS, DOG PARK AND PARKING LOT AT 200 PESARO DRIVE.

Thank you,

Shirley and Ken Mayhew 122 Medici Terrace North Venice, Fl. 34275

Subject: FW: May 11, 2020, Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission"s denial of Petition No. 20-38SP (Pickleball

and Dog Park)

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:11:49 PM

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From: Alan Lands <alands4@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Lori Stelzer <lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Cc: 'Billy' <wclachman@comcast.net>; Sandnic@comcast.net; racquetcommittee7@vcdd.org;

'Ernest Booker' <ebooker@frkbg.com>

Subject: May 11, 2020, Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission's denial of Petition No. 20-38SP (Pickleball and Dog Park)

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Dear City Council Members,

Although we do not own a pet and do not play pickleball, we support reversing the Planning Commission's decision denying these construction projects. These are amenities that will be used by many and benefit many in our community who do not participate in tennis, golf or swimming. There are only a few homes that might be impacted by adding these two amenities. But the impact will not be negative. We won't go into detail, however, based upon our own experience there is a sufficient distance between the homes and the proposed location to minimize any sound disturbance. We've personally observed pickleball and the noise is minimal. Also, we all live within a short bicycle ride to the proposed location such that bathroom facilities are not needed. It is our understanding that no pickleball activities will be permitted in the evening at the proposed location.

Unfortunately, WCI did not leave us open space and your zoning laws apparently didn't require same. It seems as though this location is our community's only option. We have 1,377 units at the Venetian Golf and River Club. 4 or 5 homes that may or may not hear the pickleball striking the racket or the ground, should be balanced against the remaining home owners that have supported this project, through our Board of Supervisors. While the objectors should have a voice, they should not

have the controlling voice.

We will certainly watch closely to see which members of council vote to affirm the arbitrary decision of the Venice Planning Commission and which council members vote to reverse.

Thank you for you courtesy.

Alan & Cheryl Lands 130 Avalini Way Residents, Venetian Golf and River Club

Subject: FW: Appeal of Petition No. 20-38SP and No. 20-37RZ

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:06:29 PM

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From: ALAN SCHAEPERKLAUS <alan442@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 4:45 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Appeal of Petition No. 20-38SP and No. 20-37RZ

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To:

Mayor Feinsod and Commissioners Cautero, Fiedler, Kelly, Moore, Neunder, Pachota

We urge you to deny the appeal of the pickle ball courts and dog park as requested by the Venetian Golf and River Club CDD. This is a totally inappropriate area for these amenities. There are other options available to the community which are more suitable. Do not be swayed by those that think this is the only place available for these courts.

The reasons for the Planning Commission's overwhelming denial are correct. To be brief the main problems to this location are:

The **proximity to homes** and resulting **noise**

Inadequate access road and **parking** which will cause cars to spill onto Pesaro No **restrooms** nearby or water

No on sight management

Overhead high tension power line

Lowering of property values of nearby homes.

The unique noise generated from pickle ball is well documented. Numerous lawsuits have been filed in other communities. Apparently the noise can be maddening. The power line issues are indeterminate but potentially serious.

All of this opens the community up to **potential liabilities**.

The CDD has better options and is misguided in trying to force something into this

area which it is ill suited for. Apparently their tunnel vision needs a higher authority to turn them in another direction.

Please uphold the Planning Commission denial. Please preserve our property values. Please limit our potential liabilities.

Bruce Schaeperklaus Martha Schaeperklaus 229 Pesaro Dr

Subject: FW: Dog Park and Pickle Ball Courts **Date:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:05:33 PM

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From: RAYMOND RULLI <rayrulli@verizon.net>

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 6:43 PM To: Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov> Subject: Dog Park and Pickle Ball Courts

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Let it be known that Ray and Pat Rulli are against or opposed to both the Pickle ball Courts and Dog Park.

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Subject: FW: Pending Amendment before City Council from VGRC Pickleball & Dog Park

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 12:10:25 PM

Attachments: Description of Docs.pdf

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From: sandy <sandnic@comcast.net> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 5, 2021 4:25 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer <lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: FW: Pending Amendment before City Council from VGRC Pickleball & Dog Park

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From: sandy

Sent: Wednesday, May 5, 2021 3:59 PM

To: <u>sandy</u>
Subject:

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Subject: Fwd: pickleball courts at Venetian Golf and River Club

Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 10:31:22 PM

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From: CONNIE HUMBLE <chumble186@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 7:55:58 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: pickleball courts at Venetian Golf and River Club

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We are definitely against the construction of the Pickle Ball courts to be built on Pesaro Dr. in the Venetian Golf and River Club. Although this is a popular sport the proposed construction site is not acceptable. The reasons we cannot support this project include: 1. the ball/paddle noise would be VERY disruptive to the neighbors in this area, 2. the project would be costly and it is questionable if it would add to our property value, 3 it could potentially be dangerous in regards to the courts being built under the high voltage power lines and 4. the additional traffic/ parking issues this project would cause along Pesaro.

Thank you, Connie Humble and William Delagrange, 146 Medici Terrace N. Venice, Florida 34275

From: <u>Tracy Greco</u>

To: Lori Stelzer; City Council; Planning Commission

Subject: City Council Meeting May 11, 2021-Pickle ball courts in VGRC appeal

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:15:27 PM

Attachments: city council meeting.pdf

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Anthony and Tracy Greco 109 Treviso Court North Venice, Florida 34275

Dear Mayor Feinsod and Venice City Council,

We are writing to you in reference to the appeal by the VGRC Board of Supervisors of the City Planning Commissions denial of the pickle ball courts and dog park on Pesaro Drive under the electric lines.

This location is not a safe area for such activities due to the proximity of the electric lines. The area also does not support the amenities needed for these activities, such as restrooms and water fountains.

Furthermore, there are many homes in close proximity that will be negatively impacted by such additions. Homeowners purchased in this location due to the serenity. Their quality of life will forever be negatively impacted by the noise volume of participants and associated traffic. Previously, the VCDD Supervisors approached Lennar to lease property at the Golf Club for the same purpose. Lennar denied the request for the second time. The home owners in close proximity to this location will also be negatively impacted by the sound volume of the players and paddles if ever approved.

It is extremely unfortunate that this is being pursued because a small percentage of the homeowners in the Venetian Golf and River Club want pickle ball courts. It is even more unfortunate that these residents only care about what they want and do not care about the diminished quality of life and home values of dozens of homes in proximity to these locations.

The VGRC has an amenity center, The River Club. To our understanding, there is room for three pickle ball courts. Homeowners who purchased in this location chose to be near the amenities. The River Club provides: locker rooms with showers, water fountains, food, beverage, defibrillators and the scheduling office for court times. This is the only appropriate location in the Venetian Golf and River Club.

Another solution is to not put pickle ball courts in the Venetian Golf and River Club. The proposed park in North Venice is an ideal location. Shade, benches, restrooms, water fountains and multiple courts for team play would be ideal.

We purchased in this community in 2003. The billboards lining 41 and all of the literature for the community were "The Venetian Golf and River Club, Where Living is an Art". Potentially destroying the lifestyle we all sought when we purchased here is so unfortunate.

In summary, we ask you to oppose any pickle ball court development in the Venetian Golf and River Club unless it is at the only appropriate location, The River Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony and Tracy Greco

From: <u>Janet Konkel</u>
To: <u>City Council</u>

Cc: <u>Lori Stelzer</u>; <u>Lori Stelzer</u>

Subject: Pickleball/dog park Negative impact **Date:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:22:03 PM

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Hello,

We're writing in regards to the negative impact a pickleball/dog park would have in our area in the Venetian Golf and River Club.

We are new to this area, just moving here in February of 2021. At the time, we had no idea that a location for a new pickleball/dog park was being planned right outside our back lanai. The noise level of both of these would definitely be detrimental to our peace and quiet that we were hoping to have here as we are enjoying our retirement years.

Our property value would only go down as our view over the pond would now include seeing a parking lot, increased traffic and hearing the constant popping sound of the pickle ball games. The sound of the constant popping may also be detrimental to our health.

We are not opposed to having a dog park or pickleball court in the Venetian Golf and River Club. We just think a better location may be near the tennis courts, which already have lighting, parking and bathrooms available for those who wish to enjoy those facilities.

Sincerely, Janet and Larry Konkel Savona Way

Sent from my iPad

Subject: FW: Denial of Petition 20-38SP, City Council PB courts.pdf

Date:Friday, May 7, 2021 11:52:11 AMAttachments:City Council PB courts.pdf

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From: Margaret Palmer < meglpalmer 7@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:51 AM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Denial of Petition 20-38SP, City Council PB courts.pdf

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Dear Ms Stelzer,

My apologies. I sent this letter before converting it to PDF. Please send this copy instead, in case the recipients are unable to retrieve the prior format. Sorry for the trouble!

Peggy Palmer

Sent from my iPad

Dear Mayor Feinsod and Venice City Council,

We are writing to you to ask you to uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the petition for pickle ball courts and dog park on Pesaro Drive.

This is not a safe location due to the proximity of overhead electricity lines. The area also does not have rest room facilities. An important consideration is that many homes nearby would be negatively impacted by noise factors and increased traffic. One of the main reasons, we and every resident we know bought in the Venetian is because of serenity factors. Homeowners in close proximity to this location would be negatively impacted by the sound volume of paddles and players.

A short time ago, our CDD approached Lennar about renting a portion of the Golf Course parking lot for courts. The proposal was turned down, but again this is another inappropriate location! It would disturb the serenity of many homeowners. Home values would be negatively impacted to homes nearby pickle ball courts!

The only sensible location for pickleball courts in this community is by the tennis courts near the VGRV amenity center. The River Club provides: rest rooms, showers, water fountains, defibrillators, food, beverages and a scheduling office for court times.

Since pickleball courts are in high demand, perhaps you might consider doubling the proposed number of courts for the proposed park in North Venice.

We hope that you will oppose pickle ball courts in VGRC unless they are located at The River Club.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Peggy Palmer and Mike Downey 113 Treviso Ct, VGRC From:Lori StelzerTo:Mercedes BarciaSubject:FW: Petition 20-38SP

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 11:55:54 AM

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From: Pamela Pratt <ppratt5011@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:29 AM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Petition 20-38SP

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Please know that I am not in favor of pickleball courts and a doggie park on Pesaro Drive in the Venetian Golf and River Club. Should you have any questions I can be reached at (863) 838-6288. Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela Pratt 177 Savona Way North Venice, FL 34275 Resident Public Comment for May 11 Public Hearing Michael and Nancy Mundorf 134 Martellago Dr.
North Venice, FL 34275
mundorf@comcast.net
941-488-6875

RE: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission's denial of Site and Development Plan Petition No. 20-38SP for the construction of pickleball courts and a dog park along with associated parking and landscaping for the property located at 200 Pesaro Drive.

RE Ordinance No. 2021-17

Please uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Site and Development Plan Petition; and do not approve the PUDI VGRC Zoning Amendment 20-37RZ.

We are full-time residents, who bought the property at 134 Martellago Dr., in November 2002, and paid \$110,000 premium for a lot based on the Master Plan for the community. The Master Plan showed recreational facilities by the River Club and nothing additional at the Golf Club. We bought the property in good faith that a Master Plan means just that – not a negotiable plan that can be changed at the whims of a committee.

If pickleball courts are built near homes at either the proposed site under the FPL lines or in the "sometimes discussed" west area of the Golf Course parking lot, the noise will impact numerous homeowners. It is a fact, that noise is amplified as it goes over water. Homeowners on Pesaro, and Savona would have noise problems if the courts are at the FPL site; and those on Martellago, Treviso, Palazzo, and parts of Padova would have noise from the golf course parking lot site.

Since 4 of the 5 homes near the proposed pickleball and dog park by the power lines are now for sale, it shows that residents that are affected by something that was NOT indicated on the Master Plan or when they purchased their home, is NOT acceptable. The value of the house is also impacted as seen by the asking prices.

If the CDD has decided that the community must have pickleball courts, then the ONLY place that should be considered is the area by the River Club that is designated on the Master Plan.

I find it ironic that the VCDD and the POA can make and enforce rules that are supposed to protect the quality life and the look of this community, but a group can negate that by considering a noise nuisance that would impact a homeowner in an area surrounding a pickleball courts for up to 12+ hours a day. Noise that would be heard both indoors and outdoors. Seems a bit disingenuous.

I ask each of you, who are voting on this change, to ask yourself, would you want a pickleball court added in your backyard after you had done your due diligence in selecting your home site? If not, please deny this petition and amendment.

To: Members of the Venice City Council May 5, 2021

Re: Ord. No.2021-17 May 11, 2021 Agenda

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Dear Council Members:

I have submitted a 15-page document containing 181 signatures of residents of the Venetian Golf and River Club that approve of and support the Pickleball / Dog Park project on your May 11, 2021 agenda. These signatures we gathered in the last three weeks.

I have also submitted a 16-page document containing 300+ signatures that were previously submitted in 2019. These signatures we're in support of the Dog Park at the location of the Pickleball / Dog Park project.

There were two widely publized Community Meetings held at the Venetian River Club in 2019 at the inception of the Pickleball / Dog Park project. At both of these meetings, the support for the project was overwhelming. This was the time for those opposed to the project to voice their disapproval and stop the project before all this time, effort, and money have been expended.

Your approval of this project would provide the Venetian Golf and River Club with amenities for the current and future residents of the community.

Thank you for all you do for our great City

Røger Quinn

101 Mestre Ct

Venetian Golf & River Club

Why A Dog Park For Our Community

- Estimated 500 households with a dog
- Dogs need an area to run, play and socialize off a leash
- Residents are enthusiastic about the possibilities (300 plus names on interest list)
- Would be a positive amenity for people with dogs looking to purchase a home in the Venetian
- New housing in the Venice area have dog parks –
 Grand Palm, Verona Reserve, and Neal planning in his developments

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We the undersigned residents of Venetian Golf and River Club would like the CDD to fence in an area for a dog park

Thank-You for your Support

Please sign if you would like to see a dog park in the Ventian Golf + Rimer Club! Theyou

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From: <u>Tracy Greco</u>

To: Lori Stelzer; City Council; Planning Commission

Subject: City Council Meeting May 11, 2021-Pickle ball courts in VGRC appeal

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:15:27 PM

Attachments: city council meeting.pdf

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Anthony and Tracy Greco 109 Treviso Court North Venice, Florida 34275

Dear Mayor Feinsod and Venice City Council,

We are writing to you in reference to the appeal by the VGRC Board of Supervisors of the City Planning Commissions denial of the pickle ball courts and dog park on Pesaro Drive under the electric lines.

This location is not a safe area for such activities due to the proximity of the electric lines. The area also does not support the amenities needed for these activities, such as restrooms and water fountains.

Furthermore, there are many homes in close proximity that will be negatively impacted by such additions. Homeowners purchased in this location due to the serenity. Their quality of life will forever be negatively impacted by the noise volume of participants and associated traffic. Previously, the VCDD Supervisors approached Lennar to lease property at the Golf Club for the same purpose. Lennar denied the request for the second time. The home owners in close proximity to this location will also be negatively impacted by the sound volume of the players and paddles if ever approved.

It is extremely unfortunate that this is being pursued because a small percentage of the homeowners in the Venetian Golf and River Club want pickle ball courts. It is even more unfortunate that these residents only care about what they want and do not care about the diminished quality of life and home values of dozens of homes in proximity to these locations.

The VGRC has an amenity center, The River Club. To our understanding, there is room for three pickle ball courts. Homeowners who purchased in this location chose to be near the amenities. The River Club provides: locker rooms with showers, water fountains, food, beverage, defibrillators and the scheduling office for court times. This is the only appropriate location in the Venetian Golf and River Club.

Another solution is to not put pickle ball courts in the Venetian Golf and River Club. The proposed park in North Venice is an ideal location. Shade, benches, restrooms, water fountains and multiple courts for team play would be ideal.

We purchased in this community in 2003. The billboards lining 41 and all of the literature for the community were "The Venetian Golf and River Club, Where Living is an Art". Potentially destroying the lifestyle we all sought when we purchased here is so unfortunate.

In summary, we ask you to oppose any pickle ball court development in the Venetian Golf and River Club unless it is at the only appropriate location, The River Club.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anthony and Tracy Greco

From: <u>Janet Konkel</u>
To: <u>City Council</u>

Cc: <u>Lori Stelzer</u>; <u>Lori Stelzer</u>

Subject: Pickleball/dog park Negative impact **Date:** Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:22:03 PM

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Hello,

We're writing in regards to the negative impact a pickleball/dog park would have in our area in the Venetian Golf and River Club.

We are new to this area, just moving here in February of 2021. At the time, we had no idea that a location for a new pickleball/dog park was being planned right outside our back lanai. The noise level of both of these would definitely be detrimental to our peace and quiet that we were hoping to have here as we are enjoying our retirement years.

Our property value would only go down as our view over the pond would now include seeing a parking lot, increased traffic and hearing the constant popping sound of the pickle ball games. The sound of the constant popping may also be detrimental to our health.

We are not opposed to having a dog park or pickleball court in the Venetian Golf and River Club. We just think a better location may be near the tennis courts, which already have lighting, parking and bathrooms available for those who wish to enjoy those facilities.

Sincerely, Janet and Larry Konkel Savona Way

Sent from my iPad

From: <u>Lori Stelzer</u>
To: <u>Mercedes Barcia</u>

Subject: FW: Denial of Petition 20-38SP, City Council PB courts.pdf

Date:Friday, May 7, 2021 11:52:11 AMAttachments:City Council PB courts.pdf

Lori Stelzer, MMC City Clerk City of Venice 401 W. Venice Avenue Venice, FL 34285 941-882-7390 941-303-3486 (cell)

From: Margaret Palmer < meglpalmer 7@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 11:51 AM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Denial of Petition 20-38SP, City Council PB courts.pdf

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Dear Ms Stelzer,

My apologies. I sent this letter before converting it to PDF. Please send this copy instead, in case the recipients are unable to retrieve the prior format. Sorry for the trouble!

Peggy Palmer

Sent from my iPad

Dear Mayor Feinsod and Venice City Council,

We are writing to you to ask you to uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the petition for pickle ball courts and dog park on Pesaro Drive.

This is not a safe location due to the proximity of overhead electricity lines. The area also does not have rest room facilities. An important consideration is that many homes nearby would be negatively impacted by noise factors and increased traffic. One of the main reasons, we and every resident we know bought in the Venetian is because of serenity factors. Homeowners in close proximity to this location would be negatively impacted by the sound volume of paddles and players.

A short time ago, our CDD approached Lennar about renting a portion of the Golf Course parking lot for courts. The proposal was turned down, but again this is another inappropriate location! It would disturb the serenity of many homeowners. Home values would be negatively impacted to homes nearby pickle ball courts!

The only sensible location for pickleball courts in this community is by the tennis courts near the VGRV amenity center. The River Club provides: rest rooms, showers, water fountains, defibrillators, food, beverages and a scheduling office for court times.

Since pickleball courts are in high demand, perhaps you might consider doubling the proposed number of courts for the proposed park in North Venice.

We hope that you will oppose pickle ball courts in VGRC unless they are located at The River Club.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely, Peggy Palmer and Mike Downey 113 Treviso Ct, VGRC From:Lori StelzerTo:Mercedes BarciaSubject:FW: Petition 20-38SP

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2021 11:55:54 AM

Lori Stelzer, MMC City Clerk City of Venice 401 W. Venice Avenue Venice, FL 34285 941-882-7390 941-303-3486 (cell)

From: Pamela Pratt <ppratt5011@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:29 AM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Petition 20-38SP

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Please know that I am not in favor of pickleball courts and a doggie park on Pesaro Drive in the Venetian Golf and River Club. Should you have any questions I can be reached at (863) 838-6288. Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela Pratt 177 Savona Way North Venice, FL 34275 Resident Public Comment for May 11 Public Hearing Michael and Nancy Mundorf 134 Martellago Dr.
North Venice, FL 34275
mundorf@comcast.net
941-488-6875

RE: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission's denial of Site and Development Plan Petition No. 20-38SP for the construction of pickleball courts and a dog park along with associated parking and landscaping for the property located at 200 Pesaro Drive.

RE Ordinance No. 2021-17

Please uphold the Planning Commission's denial of the Site and Development Plan Petition; and do not approve the PUDI VGRC Zoning Amendment 20-37RZ.

We are full-time residents, who bought the property at 134 Martellago Dr., in November 2002, and paid \$110,000 premium for a lot based on the Master Plan for the community. The Master Plan showed recreational facilities by the River Club and nothing additional at the Golf Club. We bought the property in good faith that a Master Plan means just that – not a negotiable plan that can be changed at the whims of a committee.

If pickleball courts are built near homes at either the proposed site under the FPL lines or in the "sometimes discussed" west area of the Golf Course parking lot, the noise will impact numerous homeowners. It is a fact, that noise is amplified as it goes over water. Homeowners on Pesaro, and Savona would have noise problems if the courts are at the FPL site; and those on Martellago, Treviso, Palazzo, and parts of Padova would have noise from the golf course parking lot site.

Since 4 of the 5 homes near the proposed pickleball and dog park by the power lines are now for sale, it shows that residents that are affected by something that was NOT indicated on the Master Plan or when they purchased their home, is NOT acceptable. The value of the house is also impacted as seen by the asking prices.

If the CDD has decided that the community must have pickleball courts, then the ONLY place that should be considered is the area by the River Club that is designated on the Master Plan.

I find it ironic that the VCDD and the POA can make and enforce rules that are supposed to protect the quality life and the look of this community, but a group can negate that by considering a noise nuisance that would impact a homeowner in an area surrounding a pickleball courts for up to 12+ hours a day. Noise that would be heard both indoors and outdoors. Seems a bit disingenuous.

I ask each of you, who are voting on this change, to ask yourself, would you want a pickleball court added in your backyard after you had done your due diligence in selecting your home site? If not, please deny this petition and amendment.

To: Members of the Venice City Council May 5, 2021

Re: Ord. No.2021-17 May 11, 2021 Agenda

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Dear Council Members:

I have submitted a 15-page document containing 181 signatures of residents of the Venetian Golf and River Club that approve of and support the Pickleball / Dog Park project on your May 11, 2021 agenda. These signatures we gathered in the last three weeks.

I have also submitted a 16-page document containing 300+ signatures that were previously submitted in 2019. These signatures we're in support of the Dog Park at the location of the Pickleball / Dog Park project.

There were two widely publized Community Meetings held at the Venetian River Club in 2019 at the inception of the Pickleball / Dog Park project. At both of these meetings, the support for the project was overwhelming. This was the time for those opposed to the project to voice their disapproval and stop the project before all this time, effort, and money have been expended.

Your approval of this project would provide the Venetian Golf and River Club with amenities for the current and future residents of the community.

Thank you for all you do for our great City

Røger Quinn

101 Mestre Ct

Venetian Golf & River Club

Why A Dog Park For Our Community

- Estimated 500 households with a dog
- Dogs need an area to run, play and socialize off a leash
- Residents are enthusiastic about the possibilities (300 plus names on interest list)
- Would be a positive amenity for people with dogs looking to purchase a home in the Venetian
- New housing in the Venice area have dog parks –
 Grand Palm, Verona Reserve, and Neal planning in his developments

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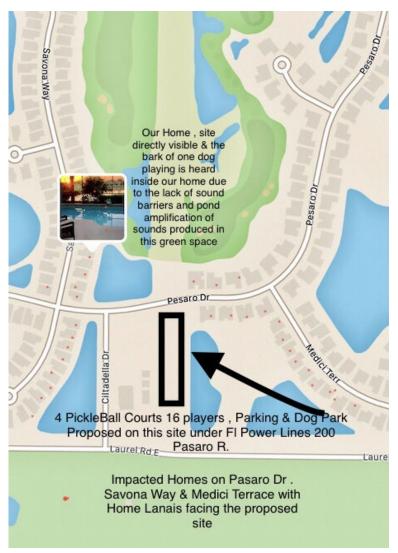
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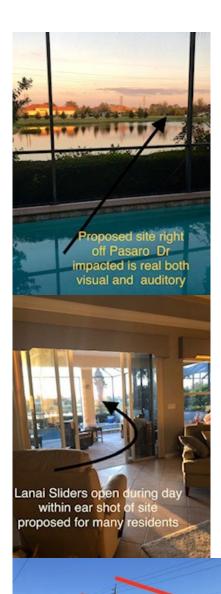
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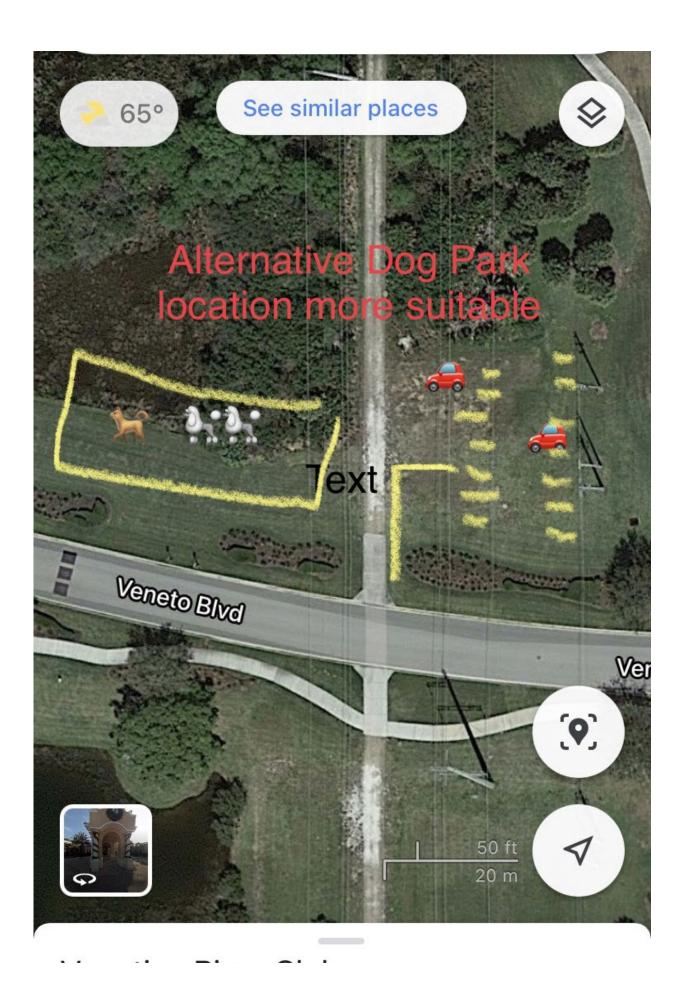












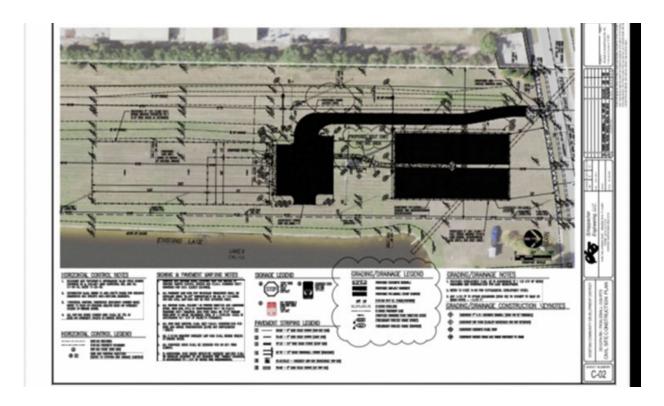
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Content Addresses: Public Hearing Scheduled for May 11th Tues. 9 am & May 25th related to Venetian River Golf Club Appeal related to 200 Pasaro Drive Lot and Proposed Site Plan for Pickleball Courts, Parking and Dog Park

YENICE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS,

May 5, 2021

THANK YOU for your time reading this correspondence. Our gratitude extends to your patience and due diligence in considering this matter which gravely concerns us as residents in the VGRC. I would ask you print this letter for its possible relevance for later reference related to the Public Hearing scheduled for this next Tuesday May 11th at 9 am and a second Public Hearing scheduled for May 25th. We appreciate your service and impartiality moving forward.

We are sending this letter because we are OPPOSED to the proposed rezoning of the 200 Pasaro Drive Lot within the Venetian Golf and River Club and the rezoning request / appeal pursued by the VCDD to amend the existing VRCG planned Unit Development (PUD) for the development of Pickleball Courts, Parking and a Dog Park on the Lot beneath the Florida High Power Lines for several legitimate reasons along with the personal concerns given our real proximity to the site and the assured negative impact on ourselves along with several property owners who shared their objections with you formally prior to and during the Ist hearing held by the Venice Planning Board and most recently through petition signatures and email letters sent over the past few months following the hearing once residents had learned that the decision to deny the rezoning was being appealed by the VCDD Board. The VCDD Board are the Communities elected officials however only voter / license registered residents of Florida are permitted to caste a vote in elections within the community where they sit in this supervisory capacity. Many residents within the community at the Venetian are residents for a portion of the year and hold residency in other states so yes they act in an official capacity but I assure you they don't represent the entire respective community as dissenting opinions are strong about every expenditure and big decision that presents itself. We have been residents in Venice 6-7 months the past 4 seasons here at the VRGC. We understand that during the election this past fall other candidates lost the seat by a margin of only two dozen votes due to the Florida Laws regulating Community positions.

Related to this site proposal situation only 3 of the 5 VCDD Board members voted on February 9th to appeal the decision that was denied by the Town of Venice. It was not an overwhelming margin and did not allow or permit resident / community input as it should have weighed in with residents with at least a notification that they were discussing the Response related to the Venice Planning Councils denial to approve rezoning in the site the VCDD had proposed and considering an appeal. Thankfully 2 of the VCDD Board Members felt the Venice Town Zoning Board Members had fairly heard the proponents for and against the 200 Pesaro Dr. Lot Florida Power Line rezoning proposal related to permitting Pickleball , Parking & Dog Park amenities therein and had understood why the town had denied the proposal and the site and did not advocate for the appeal. They felt the Venice Town Council had reasonably assessed the information presented and that it was and clearly is deemed as an unsuitable site. They did not advocate for an appeal but felt the decision was a fair one. Yet 3 of the 5 Board Members decided to try for an Appeal and decided to enlist a lawyer not personally affiliated with the respective groupings. We were rather surprised when Jerry Jasper a former Chairman and long standing recent VCDD Board Member within the Venetian Community did not recuse himself during the rezoning planning hearings. As a member of the zoning board and a resident of the VRGC there would appear to be a conflict or interest and impartiality seems in question. He voted for the rezoning proposal site on Pesaro Drive and said the VCDD are the elected officials and are essentially the voice of the people of the community and if they want it they have studied this and listened to the residents. Well, we respectfully disagree with the statement and feel his view is not reflective of the residents. We know he is a respected entity in the community and has volunteered admirably his services to the VCDD Board for many years. We do feel he is also influenced by his closest friends within the Venetian Community and has a certain BIAS related to the two issues presented and know that his wife Barbara Jasper is a Skilled League Tennis Player in the Venetian with perhaps strong viewpoints related to Pickleball Court site location near the existing Tennis Courts.

The Venice Planning / Zoning Board was attentive, respectful and concise in their views shared in their turns taken rendering their opinions prior to voting during the late afternoon of the Hearing on Feb 2nd around 4 pm which is available on video to review. I truly hope the Venice Town Council Members involved in this next hearing on May 11th take the time to listen to the Hearing presentations shared on Feb 2nd to aid in their preliminary understanding of what has ensued and the fairness of what has already played out. The Towns recording / video is well done. Although the proceedings played out over 4 hours it is easy to review. The Planning Rezoning Venice Council Members voted it down by a significant margin stating the inappropriateness of the site proposed for many, many reasons. They did say you can have these amenities but that the Venetian Community had to find a more suitable site. We listened into the VCDD Board meeting recording which is on utube and unfortunately a tragic technological blunder and torture to hear unless truly committed on Feb 9th where the VCDD Board decided to appeal the decision. We had zoomed into the Feb. 2nd Venice Town hearing and replayed both hearings several times. It was clear that the Chairman of the Board was going to appeal the decision regardless of other opinions shared and two other board members accommodated Mr. Bracco and the Appeal was launched without we feel due process and appropriate protocols.

Unfortunately the Chairman of the Board Mr. Braco in the VRGC during the Feb 2nd meeting seemed to be mis- informed about the renderings of the Rezoning Council Members because in our opinion, he was reactive and appeared very upset, annoyed, offended (a how dare you deny this to us state of mind) because he was told and under the impression that the Venice Council felt the Venetian Community had many nice amenities, nicer than other communities, and that we were far more fortunate than other communities with the Dining Facility, Swimming Pool areas, Tennis Courts, Fitness Rooms, on site Golf Course etc. and that we could wait and see what the future holds with other build site feasibilities presenting themselves as likely in the future, The Venice Board did say that other options may also present themselves in the future given the FOR SALE Status of the current Welcome Center Property and the GOLF CLUB FACILITY which yes is a foreseeable future prospect for other site amenities. The Zoning Board shared that the VGRC needed to look at the feasibility of other more appropriate sites and could also wait to see what the Venice Parks and Recreation Build Site would encompass given it would likely provide Pickleball Courts nearby for residents. The decision if you review the Hearing was a pragmatic reasonable response to the request. The Parks Survey collected and shared publicly about the desires of residents was reflected in 900 responses in the N. Venice Communities and conveys the almost certainty of N. Venice Pickleball Courts built on a nearby to be determined land site.

To be fair and mindful of the Chaiman's role in the VCDD, understandably perhaps Mr. Bracco decided to proceed with the appeal due to pressure from the committee who had worked hard to put this site plan together. The Committee members who had vested time in the project were likely very upset with the outcome at the Feb. 2nd Town Planning Hearing and may have applied a lot of pressure on the Chairman to seek the appeal. Unfortunately the existing committee who undertook this site plan project didn't realize the need to involve the residents in surveys and directly contact / communicate regularly with any updates / plans/ with the closest impacted residents. Very few of the impacted residents and a great deal of the community had no idea where this proposed Pickleball Court /Dog Park Amenity was going to be built. In fact no signage was placed on the site proposed until 3 weeks ago . Honestly the communication piece was the issue . Many people knew about a plan to incorporate a Dog Park and Pickleball into the Community but where ?? FEW really knew the site location plan being proposed. We did not realize the site proposed was near us until we received a Post Card Notice from the Town of Venice a few weeks prior to the Feb 2nd meeting. Folks want the two amenities but not in this proposed location. It isn't just the NIMBYS (Not In My Backyard Residents) who feel the site is not suitable. The petitions and speakers reflect people from many different community realms here.

WE not just a few residents were actually rather shocked at the audacity of the VCDD Board during this Feb 9th meeting because we are convinced the Sunshine State Laws related to Community Transparency related to pertinent discussions was ignored. We feel proper protocol was not followed and in fact a violation of the due process given community funds were assigned to pursue the Appeal. We again not just a few residents don't feel that the allocation of funds to pursue an Appeal with the cost of hiring a lawyer to do this falls under permissible discretionary practices of Board Members when the decision is not a unilateral one and the public is not involved in the discussion process with proper agenda notification provided prior to the meeting.

As stated the VCDD video created on Feb 9th of the River Club Meeting was very poorly taped and you couldn't hear the discussion that pursed very clearly unless you turned the volume up to the highest level and placed your ear on the speaker. It took us several times listening with our ear to the computer speaker to determine what had transpired after the fact. We felt along with many others that the agenda released related to the meeting to be held on Feb 9th was not forthcoming and deceptive. The Community was not informed that the outcome of the Hearing and Determination of the Next Steps were going to be discussed at the Feb 9th meeting. The meeting was held at the River Club and so badly televised through zoom access that few residents likely had the stamina and determination to try and disseminate the utube video provided. Again NO notice /reference to the Town Zoning Hearing related to the Pickleball Courts/Dog Park outcome and intended response was communicated publicly. The agenda simply stated RESPONSE as one of the agenda items provided to the Venetian Community residents through email. This negated public input and relevant discussion. This feels like a serious infraction not implied but real related to what occurred during this meeting which was a false representation of what had transpired during the Town Rezoning Meeting held on Feb 2, The VCDD also decided to hire a lawyer and proceed with the appeal during the meeting. Had we been dutifully notified we would have attended the meeting in person along with other impacted and concerned residents. Impacted residents are UPSET at the LACK of TRANSPARENCY around this proposal and the fact so many of the residents nearest to the site had no knowledge of this plan. Again if they were lucky enough to be present in their homes here and not elsewhere in the US or Canada then they became aware when the TOWN sent us the Notice of the Public Hearing.

We have been concerned about the transparency with this project pursuit given several notifications to impacted residents has not occurred. The town conveyed to the VCDD Board last year that to move forward with this rezoning proposal they would have to notify impacted residents and conduct a workshop. We saw that on the Town site provided as a stipulation. Apparently a workshop was held in July of 2020. BUT Seasonal folks who number close to ½ the community obviously were absent . We never received any notice of a workshop and a great many of our impacted neighbors were also unaware of the intent to build the Pickleball Courts and Dog Park under the Power Lines nearby until recently, Our question is who attended this workshop and who received this mail notification and email notification. Nobody we know received any notice. In fact we only found out about the actual proposed architecturally rendered site because of a postal notice card we received in the mail from the town 3 weeks before the hearing. At that point we went online to look at the proposal and were shocked to learn where they wanted to site these two amenities. An advisory committee did all the work and they report back to the VCDD Board. It seemed the summer and fall months were all consumed in the VGRC with a barrage of emails about the upcoming community elections. Many of our impacted neighbors were all unaware as well until the Town sent the postal card notice about the Hearing. They also didn't realize until informed by others that the denial for the rezoning had been appealed. Communication has been a concern as the stack holders are not properly notified. Granted property owners are not always present and a lot of Canadian owners have not been able to be here. Many Properties have sold within the past 2 years since the committee started the project so communication is key with its residents and many new owners are still learning the ropes. At least two dozen impacted property owners are new to the community within the past 12 months, Homes have been selling like hot cakes without contingencies for a great deal more than they did even a year ago . The fact that the Venetian Community does not have a Dog Park or Pickleball Courts has not deterred buyers or impacted the cost of homes given a home selling 4 years ago for \$ 300 K here is now selling for \$500K. We would like to see the amenities here but not at a site that is completely unsuitable. There is a less costly viable alternative site at the River Club for the Pickleball Courts , not 4 courts but 3 courts can be built at the Club .

Another concern is that at the Feb 9th VCDD meeting the Board decided to pass along the pursuit of alternative pickleball sites to the Racket Advisory Committee. The Racket Advisory Committee met in March but decided to wait and see if the Appeal is granted to locate the courts under the power lines. The GOLF site is presently not a consideration due to its FOR SALE status and unknown future but the original PUD plan I am told allows for at least the permissible location of tennis courts there. The committee has a lot of tennis players on it which creates a conflict of interest because many, of the tennis players during the meeting scoffed, others laughed at the idea of having the Pickleball Courts at the River Club sharing that , THE NOISE generated from the Pickleball Paddle activity was too distracting to tennis players. A few of the Committee Members said locating the Pickleball Courts behind courts 5 & 6 would never happen. The directive to consider alternative site placement was not pursued in relation to the feasibility / relevant discussion of locating the PBCourts at the River Club. The VRGC Engineer has stated numerous times that 3 Pickleball Courts could be built in this parking lot area. Presently this very viable alternative site it is an unused parking lot area where formally a playground existed and burned down. Granted you could not locate 4 courts only 3 here.

The land use is permissible at the River Club for courts, can accommodate the need and provides a great deal of amenities already: parking, bathrooms, drinking water/ice station, hired tennis pro shop manager and staff, daily court scheduled postings, lighting, an emergency phone and trained staff, showers and casual dining opportunities after court play periods. The Power Line Location provides none of these amenities is far more costly to construct and there is no personal to ensure proper scheduling of play times to mitigate noise impact on nearby residents. It is a permissible use of the property at the River Club. Folks who purchased homes near the River Club contend with the noise knowing what they bought into. The Condos closest to the River Club and existing tennis court area (info gleaned from owners) have very thick sound barrier walls and that the residents can not hear the noise created even from dogs barking in their interiors in side by sides. The lanais in the nearest condos to these courts face the back of the homes and not the court areas because they were built after the Tennis Courts existed to help mitigate noise. However the folks who bought on Savona Way, Passaro Drive and Medici Terrace which is roughly around 53 homes have lanais facing the proposed amenities and we are talking about two great nuisance noise producing amenities in an inappropriate site with 4 ponds acting as acoustical sound amplification systems.

Please do not amend the official zoning Atlas for Venice or amend the existing PUD Development Plan for the Venetian River Golf Club to allow for Pickleball Courts, a parking lot and a Dog Park on the 200 Pesaro Drive Lot under the Florida Power Lines. You will see only the names of Tennis players supporting this proposal site or residents who want Pickleball but don't realize that the River Club can accommodate 3 courts and other existing tennis courts can be reconfigured to accommodate both tennis and pickleball play times. Residents who want Pickleball Courts I am sure would prefer to see the courts exist at the River Club due to the available amenities there. This is not a NIMBY issue (Not In My Back Yard) . The nuisance issue and negative impact on quality of life , home values of nearby residents is REAL not fictitious. Would you honestly buy or build a home located next to a DOG PARK and PICKLEBALL COURTS with your lanai areas and glass slider doors into your home off your lanai and master bedroom suite area facing these amenities? Google Punta Gorda Pickleball Complaints . Pickleball is set up in Parks and Gyms for a reason . Dog Parks are located removed from resident homes for the same reason. The reverie of players , the hullabaloo and playful Bark Park sounds emitted would drive you insane. You will see many residents who signed the petition opposing this site as residents removed in proximity but seeing the rationality of the inappropriateness of locating the amenities at the site proposed and many signed a petition sharing their belief that the River Club is a very suitable doable & a pragmatic alternative .

The regular tennis players who are on the courts a few times weekly are around 150 players. Some players would argue that they can't get court time. Well they can but everyone wants to play tennis during the mornings. The courts are rather free afternoons and evenings. The number of occasional players is greater around 250 throughout the season. They have leagues and social groups. Interestingly enough though the courts are booked during prime time hours beginning at 8 am with court times lasting $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours with a 9:30 slot and 11:00 slot for courts that are often filled. The prime time slots were considered the 8 and 9:30 slots and booking for that is competitive given a lot of social groups and some league practice groups in play. They are now considering calling the 11:00 time as

a prime time. In the past court time was an hour. That could be considered another alternative to permitting both sports more equal time. The citizens of the Community all pay a CDD fee. Everyone pays for the Tennis Club amenities and many courts sit empty after 2 pm. There is often availability on one or two courts after 11 am. So why can't the VRGC consider doing what Pelican Pointe did. They have two tennis courts but within those courts there exists markings for two Pickleball Courts in each tennis court. It works nicely. In our Community if you play tennis or choose not to, if you use the pool or choose not to, if you take fitness classes or choose not to it is no matter. The yearly CDD fees everyone pays is the same unless you decide you want tennis lessons or a private trainer session with the fitness instructors. The cost is incurred by everyone. The entire Community pays for the Pro Shop Manager and staff salary at the River Club.

Why locate Pickleball Courts elsewhere , it simply makes no sense. The bookings in the Oct-April months are busiest with folks playing later court times. However surprisingly if you look at the schedule over several months of the courts you will see at least 3 courts unutilized after 3 pm and you will rarely see anyone on the courts at night with the lights on. I have taken photos of the court schedules to share with the Council. 6 courts exist but could some be set aside for Pickleball use on weekend mornings and 2 -3 days a week during the cooler season in the afternoons. Many courts are free a lot of the afternoons and all evenings and sometimes a few around 11 am. The courts are open, available and not booked after prime time Many courts sit empty after 2 pm even in the height of the winter season. I have photos I took of the schedule even through the busiest months . If the Racket Committee actually had taken to task the request asked to look at alternative sites after the denial to rezone the FLORIDA Power Line Lot had occurred , conducted a survey asking the community here and /or explored the River Club site and / or properly asked through a survey Tennis players and Community members whether they would prefer courts at the River Club or Passaro Drive Power Line Lot they would have discovered that folks want the Pickleball Courts at the River Club and a lot of Tennis . But UNFORTUNATELY you always have a few Committee Members who call the shots and don't think outside the box our remain as impartial and conciliatory. There is not an overwhelming majority of people who would tell you in the community to build the Pickleball Courts under the Power Lines a mile and a half away from the Club House where no water exists on the site. We live in Florida. Pasaro Drive Lot has limitations. The height of the fencing is restricted, the type of shade cover is restricted, you can not have canopy trees under the power lines. The parking is insufficient, you can't properly mitigate the noise, you don't have access to drinking water, bathrooms, equipment, lighting, emergency phones, trained first aid staff, proper shade structures, shower facilities, the pro racket manager and staff, food/beverage, The idea is not on par with the Community Build standards and downgrades the character of what is here given the inappropriate visual appeal of the site. Fire Ants are prevalent in this area along with snakes and deer ticks. Older citizens have bathroom needs. Unavailable bathrooms results in folks relieving themselves which attracts animals. This makes no sense.

So why not build the 3 Pickle Ball Courts in the available parking lot area that often sits empty behind Courts 5 & 6 . The District Engineer said we can have 3 courts there. In fact they could even create demarcation lines allowing for 3 courts and a basketball court on that surface area where formerly a playground existed and currently an often empty parking lot sits. Unfortunately the courts we have are clay but could one court be converted to a hard surface court and then we could create as Pelican Pointe did , two Pickleball Courts within one tennis court . Pelican Pointe simply created different painted lines / demarcations for both sports. The surface is a hard surface but the tennis net remains in place and the Pickleball nets sit to the side and are simply and easily set up given their light weight. (Included in attachment is a video clip of Pelican Pointe Courts) I don't think we host that many Leagues here and have that many serious or competent league players in the Venetian and wondering why the whole community has to accommodate a few League players if the stipulation is that 6 clay courts must exist for League Status. Is that the issue? The VRGC needs to determine what the need is and demand is for Pickleball Play time. We have close to 1,400 homes in this Community and we have to consider the needs of the entire community and over the past 7 years there has been a 40 percent turn over in homes here. WE would like to see the amenities but the site has to be appropriate and not exist where it should because a few tennis players will be inconvenienced because of a tighter court schedule or the noise factor of Pickleball itself. The Racket PRO Shop exists at the Club with a manager and staff at the River Club for a reason. They can buy the softer greener paddle ball sound mitigating supplies

and insure playtime / players are scheduled fairly and use is restricted to proper time noise ordinance rules etc. The pro shop manager posts a daily schedule at the River Club sharing the court schedules .

Reflecting quickly on the DDG PARK amenity is important as well. IF the VRGC had surveyed folks asking who would utilize amenities under the Florida Power Lines it would have become apparent that many people would not utilize these two amenities because of the location proposed. Daily dog walks and interactions with other dog owners over the past several months has revealed that many dog owners have no interest in taking their dog to this site given its location and lack of truly desirable amenities. Many feel the Dog Park is not given enough financial merit and designed poorly. Sufficient funds are not being allocated to properly provide a desirable Dog Park. Where are the surveys conveying what people truly want? The Milano Community nearby is a considerably smaller community. Folks who bought and built knew a Dog Park would be built where it is there. It was likely part of the PUD Community Build Plan. Durs is not part of the PUD Plan. It is outside the community area of Jacaranda Blvd. We are a much larger Community then Milano which means a lot more dog activity in a park. They don't separate large and small dogs but that park is also not shaded well and there seem to be very few visitors to that park. The proposal site is not off the back of the lot that extends to Laurel Rd where it would be less likely to impact residents.

There is no plan in this Dog Park design to separate large dogs and small dogs, or create a system to insure dogs are vaccinated properly, dog entry needs to be regulated to insure the noise factor is not problematic or that a problematic dog is dealt with fairly through established rules/precedents set, a Fob system can see who utilizes the park and the time of entry if a problem arises and it controls who has access which is something a community with nice amenities provides. Web cams may be needed to help regulate its use and help owners determine if they want to visit based on who is present in the Dog Park area. Owners visiting need to be registered residents and insure if problems arise the owner can be contacted. Proper Dog Parks have Fob Systems, proper dig water stations and fountain water supplied, separated large and small dog areas, proper shaded areas and a registry. This park proposal does not factor in the true cost or true needs of what should exist in a proper Dog Park. It is also located far too close to residents. Little Dogs have sharp little voices that carry rather far especially during playtime. I have attached a small 8 second video clip of a single dog playing in that space I took briefly in our lanai. That one little bark is heard in our lanai. One dog enjoying a romp in free play without fencing is not a concern. That happens infrequently 8 usually when temps are cooler in the now open green space under the power lines.

We love dogs, have a dog ourselves and have many resident friends with dogs, Many residents feel this site is one they would not use as well. Some people shared they would use it but like to go there when other dogs are not present or when they can visit with known other well behaved, controlled, compatible dogs. Osprey Pet Hotel has a temperament behavioral evaluation they conduct on any dog who stays over or plays and they insist on two flu shots and kennel cough shots etc. prior to boarding or play time there. Who will regulate properly this Dog Park? We would love a Dog Park and included in the attachment a Dog Park that covers all bases in a Community much like the Venetian. The Dog Park proposed is simply a fenced in site and not adequate or reflective of the caliber of amenities the Venetian offers (Included in the attachments with this letter or a following email is a photo slide show of a respectable safe well conceived dog park) The site though should not impact resident neighbors negatively and hurt their property values. If you surveyed people independently and not through the VRGC you would find this to be a truthful conveyance.

Presently owners take their dogs singly in Golf carts occasionally to the open green lands under the Power Lines to play an occasional game of fetch. This is not an issue. Although we hear the dogs playing it is not a common occurrence with several dogs throughout the day. Who is responsible for that injury that occurs in a Dog Park? Part of our daughter's ear was bitten off by an older dog that had been friendly but was suffering an unknown injury but this was not conveyed to us. We want a Dog Park but the location is not acceptable, perhaps at the back of the lot with an entry area off of Laurel Rd might be more suitable. We would not want anyone on Medici Terrace though to be impacted by piercing barking dogs throughout the day. NOISE studies have not been conducted. Proper Engineer Studies have not been conducted. You can't just redesign a community placing two INCREDIBLY NOISY amenities near so many homes that were purchased prior to anyone conceiving of this concept given it wasn't permitted or part of the PUD Plan. We

would never have bought a home with our lanais facing these entities. We spend at least $\frac{1}{2}$ our days on our lanai areas and have our sliders open to the lanai most the cooler winter season.

The cooler months are when folks would be playing Pickleball and running their Dogs in the Parks which would mean that our interior homes would be invaded by this barrage of constant noise during the days and early evening hours. For many these homes are our retirement homes our sanctuaries our reading, entertaining retreat areas. We have the time and spend it on our lanais and in our homes, enjoying our senior golden years enjoy listening to the array of birds and natural surrounding sounds of nature, music and the relish the tranquility of reading time on our lanais along with entertaining community friends in our lanais. Older folks do not tolerate noisy entities and deserve this peaceful period in our lives. That pop, pop, popping sound and high pitched bark, bark, barking sound is something that we would hear inside our homes.

It is so very unfair to all the folks on Pesaro Dr, Savona Way and Medici Terrace that have lanais facing that lot, both the visibly and auditory disturbance would be unbearable. The parking isn't sufficient as the Rezoning Venice Board Members stated and that would lead to street parking and parking in the green space directly in front of our lanais and in front of the Ist home on the left on Passaro Drive. There would be overflow and street parking and this is an unacceptable impact disturbance. We are in favor of creating these amenities in our community but feel the site proposed is a disastrous idea.

Certainly we see the value of these amenities and applaud the efforts and the ingenuity in the task of sourcing the land to meet the needs perceived and we don't disagree with the expenditure but feel we were not involved or informed during the various stages of this exploration. We apologize to the well intentioned group of residents who have pursued this avenue. So the take away in summary: We oppose the Pickle Ball Court construction on this Pesaro Drive parcel and feel the River Club can accommodate this need. We oppose A Dog Park on this site but also feel that the perhaps if Noise Studies are dutifully done perhaps the back portion of the Pesaro Dr Lot on Laurel Rd can be utilized as the access for parking and then the PAW PARK area perhaps can be located near the rear back end of the parcel near Laurel Rd to minimize impact on Venetian Residents and not present and clear and present eye and ear sore. If this location is still problematic to Medici Terrace residents or Savona Court residents then it should not be approved since they purchased their homes without this entity present and it would require an amended rezoning approval that we assume would require the permission of the home owners. Thank you for your patience allowing us to share our concerns and suggestions.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. We are simply distraught along with many people who have sent you correspondences, signed petitions and with numerous residents who plan on speaking and are very disappointed with the appeal being pursued by the VCDD given the FAIR Impartial Hearing that occurred in early February denying this site proposal. We are sorry this is not a bulleted narrative of the rational for dismissal or denial but sometimes a scenario is relevant in understanding what residents have dealt with surrounding a proposal. Attached are relevant photos of homes, their lanai views of the proposed site, aerial maps of impacted homes, photos of the River Club House alternative site feasibility along with other relevant visuals and videos pursuant to this action being appealed by the VRGC. Your patience and service is appreciated. We appreciate the efforts of the folks who explored this idea and understand the angst they must feel dealing with residents who oppose the location and the tug of war struggle it is causing with the vested volunteers who have spent a great deal of time looking into these amenities for VRGC Residents. The prospective N. Venice Recreational Park was not a viable entity when they started this exploration.

RESPECTFULLY,

MARK & SUZANNE JERRY

Venetian River Golf Club Community
VRGC 118 Savona Way N. Venice FL 34275

From: <u>Lori Stelzer</u>
To: <u>Mercedes Barcia</u>

Subject: FW: To Accompany Letter sent to Town for May 11 th meeting

Date: Friday, May 7, 2021 9:06:38 AM

Lori Stelzer, MMC City Clerk City of Venice 401 W. Venice Avenue Venice, FL 34285 941-882-7390 941-303-3486 (cell)

From: Suzanne Holway Jerry <schkitchen58@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, May 6, 2021 6:55 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: To Accompany Letter sent to Town for May 11 th meeting

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Lori,

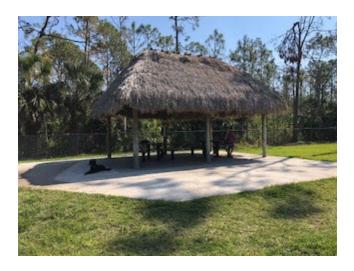
I sent a previous letter with photos and video at 6:30 pm May 6 th prior to this email . Please forward this as an accompaniment to our letter to the Venice Council Members regarding the May 11 th VRGC Appeal Hearing .

Thank you Mark & Suzanne Jerry VRGC 118 Savona Way N. Venice























Sent from my iPhone Suzanne

VOTE NO ON THE APPEAL of the VENETIAN Paddle Ball and Dog Park

Do not over turn the Venice City Planning Board. They got it right!

The location is not right for these activities. They are in the middle of a residential area.

They are Noisy. Paddle Ball hits-klunks, klunks, klunks from 9am to 9pm -You won't want to hear that by your house.

The property values of these home in the area will be greatly reduced. That is not fair!!!! They purchased when these things were not on the plans.

We have 1400 homes at the Venetian and these two activities would service very few residents. It is estimated about 10%.

The Venetian CDD board needs to wait until they buy the Welcome Center. That would be the perfect area for these two activities. It is not that we are against the activities, we are against the location. They made the wrong decision. The Venice City Planning Board thought so.

If the CDD was required to hold a whole town vote for the approval it would be voted down!

The 5 CDD officials for some reason don't want to listen to the majority of the residents. They don't represent the majority on this issue.

VOTE NO ON THE APPEAL!!

Michael & Juanita Churilla

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160 Pesaro Drive, Venetian Golf and River Club Community

Juanita Churella

Subject: FW: May 11, 2021 Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission"s Denial of Petition for Pickleball and Dog

Park at the Venetian Golf & River Club (Petition No. 20-38SP)

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 5:17:28 PM

Lori Stelzer, MMC City Clerk City of Venice 401 W. Venice Avenue Venice, FL 34285 941-882-7390 941-303-3486 (cell)

From: faf99@aol.com <faf99@aol.com> **Sent:** Friday, May 7, 2021 4:55 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer <lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: May 11, 2021 Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission's Denial of Petition for

Pickleball and Dog Park at the Venetian Golf & River Club (Petition No. 20-38SP)

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To the Attention of the City of Venice Council Members:

As homeowners at The Venetian Golf & River Club, we support reversing the Planning Commission's decision which denied the construction of pickleball courts and a dog park. These amenities have been discussed numerous times within our community and have been supported by the majority of homeowners, including the Venetian's Board of Supervisors. These projects will benefit residents and promote additional healthy outdoor activities. I play pickleball and acknowledge that several properties may be minimally impacted by some noise during playing hours. I also play inter-club tennis at associations throughout Sarasota County and several of these gated communities also have pickleball courts next to their tennis courts. I did not find the sound of the ball hitting the pickleball paddles to be a nuisance. Also, the petition for the pickleball courts and a dog park did not include lighting at the proposed location. We hear the sounds of approved offsite construction nearly every day and recognize this is a minor inconvenience to support a growing, progressive, desirous lifestyle. We think the benefits of adding pickleball courts and a dog park at The Venetian far outweigh the possible disadvantages.

We certainly hope the members of council carefully recognize the benefits to the majority of homeowners at The Venetian and support the effort to reverse the Venice Planning Commission's earlier decision.

Thank you for your consideration!

Mark & Livvy Faford 494 Padova Way Venetian Golf & River Club homeowners

Subject: FW: Venetian Golf & River Club - PickleBall Proposal

Date: Friday, May 7, 2021 1:54:02 PM

Lori Stelzer, MMC City Clerk City of Venice 401 W. Venice Avenue Venice, FL 34285 941-882-7390 941-303-3486 (cell)

From: Keith Matthews <keith.kelron@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, May 7, 2021 1:04 PM

To: Lori Stelzer <|stelzer@venicefl.gov>; citycouncil@vanicegov.com

Cc: rdbracco@vcdd.org; skleinglass@vcdd.org; cchorba@vcdd.org; rmccafferty@vcdd.org

Subject: Venetian Golf & River Club - PickleBall Proposal

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To Venice Council

My name is Keith Matthews and my wife Kelly are writing to you to oppose any decision to locate Pickle Ball Courts on the Golf Course Property and off of Pesaro Drive under the power lines. Kelly and I bought our Home at 193 Treviso Court in August of 2013 after not only falling in Love with the Beautiful View of the 9th Green on one of Sarasota County's most beautiful Golf Courses, but the quiet back yard overlooking the pond to the Golf Course.

We also did a lot of research into the community and consulted with authorities at the VCDD with our Real Estate Agent, Pat Guenther, about the rules, restrictions, master plan and associated CDD fees with our purchase. It was very clear to us that the Recreational activities were designated to the River Club as per the Master Plan. It has come to my attention that there is a proposal on the Table to locate Pickle Ball Courts behind our home on the Golf Club Property and/or under the power lines off of Pesaro Drive. Its astonishing how the VCDD can be so strict in enforcing the rules of the Community yet, can make a major change to the Master Plan that directly contravenes what the Master Plan was set out to accomplish, the integrity of the community. Not to mention, this decision directly impacts our decision to purchase the property in the first place and is therefore unfair to all those who purchased their property's close to the proposed location, predicated on what was believed to be a "Cast in Stone" Master Plan of the Community.

My understanding of the VCDD is to serve and protect the integrity of the community, not diminish it in any way and that's exactly what this decision will do. The City of Venice has earmarked \$3.5 Million to Parks that will have PickleBall close by and will offer a no-cost solution to our community for those who wish to play PickleBall.

If PickleBall was a quiet sport this would be a non-issue however, unfortunately it is a loud sport and would

definitely impact the integrity of our neighborhood and common sense would dictate that it should be done somewhere other than in the backyard of people's homes.

What's even more perplexing, is that for anyone who plays Golf would know, that it's important to have quiet and stillness etiquette when putting and taking shots, yet, the Golf course and the membership would even consider such a proposal to have this racket behind them on the 9th Green and 1st Tee blocks, let alone the Driving Range.

The City of Venice Planning Commission has already made a decision to deny the application to build them under the power lines for a variety of reasons.

We urge you to uphold your decision to disallow PickleBall Courts in the Venetian Golf Club Parking lot and under the power lines off of Pesaro Drive.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Keith & Kelly Matthews - 193 Treviso Court, N. Venice, FL Toronto Direct :416-628-4610 Cell 416-768-7900 Venice, FL - 941-209-5762



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From: Lori Stelzer

To: Mercedes Barcia

Subject: FW: VCR dog park

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 5:09:45 PM

Lori Stelzer, MMC City Clerk City of Venice 401 W. Venice Avenue Venice, FL 34285 941-882-7390 941-303-3486 (cell)

From: Marcia Platt <platt.marcia@aol.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 8, 2021 4:01 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: VCR dog park

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Hello,

My name is Marcia Platt-Hefler and my husband and I live at 487 Padova Way in the Venetian Golf and River Club.

I am so relieved to know that the ordinance for a dog park is being reconsidered. (ord. #2021-17). My puppy will now be able to get the proper exercise she will need since there are NO opportunities for dogs to "just run and play ANYWHERE in our community.

I think the dog park is absolutely essential not only because we truly need it, but to remain competitive with the new communities being built all around us - some of which already have dog parks and other communities that surely will.

The pickleball courts will be equally valuable to current and future homeowners.

I sincerely urge you to approve and pass this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Marcia Platt-Hefler

From: <u>mike@nevilledg.com</u>

To: <u>Lori Stelzer</u>

Cc: <u>City Council</u>; <u>Planning Commission</u>

Subject: Opposition to Pickle Ball courts in the Venetian Golf and River Club Community

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2021 6:08:22 PM

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May 8, 2021

City of Venice Governing Board

Venice Governing Board:

It has recently come to my attention that the Board of Supervisors of the VCDD in the Venetian Golf and River Club has approached the City of Venice to lease land from the developer on the west side of the Venetian Golf Club parking lot for pickle ball courts.

As you may be aware, the property in question is directly adjacent to Treviso Court where I purchased my retirement home (137 Treviso Court) last spring. We live part-time in Michigan in a community that has 16 pickle ball courts. The location of this complex in our community is isolated from all residential homes. The sport of pickle ball is loud due to a hard paddle striking a hard plastic ball. The noise is very loud and consistent in nature.

Last year, we attended dozens of open houses to purchase a retirement home in this community. We selected our home on Treviso Court because of its peaceful environment and great views.

I am **strongly** opposed to this proposed location and urge you to deny this land lease by the VCDD. I am sure with community collaboration and agreement a suitable location can be reached without affecting any adjacent homeowners.

Sincerely,

Mike & Pamela Neville

137 Treviso Court

Subject: FW: VENETIAN GOLF AND RIVER CLUB PICKLE BALL AND DOG PARK

Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 10:04:09 AM

Lori Stelzer, MMC City Clerk City of Venice 401 W. Venice Avenue Venice, FL 34285 941-882-7390 941-303-3486 (cell)

From: Bill Tominosky btominosky@gmail.com

Sent: Sunday, May 9, 2021 9:17 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: VENETIAN GOLF AND RIVER CLUB PICKLE BALL AND DOG PARK

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Media reports that "residents" want pickle ball courts and a dog park are grossly misrepresented. Regarding these issues: No votes were taken, no survey was conducted - this effort is solely based on the VCDDs decision. We don't want nor did we request either "amenity" in our community. We respectfully request a denial of approval to the appeal. We don't want and don't need pickle ball or a dog park.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

William and Margaret Tominosky 173 Treviso Court Venetian Golf and River Club

Subject: FW: Concerns with proposal **Date:** Monday, May 10, 2021 10:04:13 AM

Lori Stelzer, MMC City Clerk City of Venice 401 W. Venice Avenue Venice, FL 34285 941-882-7390 941-303-3486 (cell)

From: MIKE HOUPT <mhoupt@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, May 9, 2021 11:42 AM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Concerns with proposal

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I would like to voice our concerns about Petition No. 20-38SP and 20-37RZ. We have lived in the Venetian Golf and River Club for the past 10 years. We enjoy the quiet nature of our community and hope it will continue. We are opposed to the addition of the Pickle Ball courts and Dog park that are proposed as we do not want the constant noise from the courts, night lights and barking dogs. We ask for the counsel to deny the proposal so we can continue with our quiet community

Mike and Margo Houpt 181 Treviso Ct

Subject: FW: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commissiom"s denial of site and development plan Petition NO.20-

38SP and No. 20-37RZ

Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 10:04:12 AM

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From: rex rudy <rexerudy@aol.com> **Sent:** Sunday, May 9, 2021 12:38 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer <lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

Subject: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commissiom's denial of site and development plan

Petition NO.20-38SP and No. 20-37RZ

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We are requesting that the council uphold the Planning commission's denial of the above mentioned..

We aren't against pickle ball, but the location and the liabilities that the community assumes .All of our other amenities for the Venetian are located at the River Club, that is how it was planned and it should remain that way.

Rex and Diane Rudy

178 Bella Vista Terrace Unit D

From: Jeanne McBride
To: Lori Stelzer; City Council

Subject: Public Hearing 9am May 11 2021 - Construction of Pickleball Courts and Dog Park

Date: Sunday, May 9, 2021 12:34:52 PM

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Hello, my name is Jeanne McBride and I reside at 130 Savona Way, North Venice.

I am writing to express my objection to the appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission's denial of Site and Development Plan Petition No. 20-38SP for the construction of pickleball courts and a dog park along with associated parking and landscaping for the property located at 200 Pesaro Drive. I am not against the idea of pickleball courts and a dog part but the **LOCATION.** My primary concern is the noise from the courts and the affect it will have on my lanai. My lanai is another very important room in my house and the one that is probably second most used. The noise from the courts will spoil my quiet time on my lanai and living next to the noise has been proven bad for one's health as show in studies. (Studies have show that constant noise causes anxiety, hypertension, insomnia and stress.)

In Florida our LANAIS especially in retirement years and late senior years are not just occasional sit a little spell porches but our true daily and nightly utilized real living areas, where we cook, entertain, dine, enjoy our leisure time. The often large screened lanai areas are used extensively / intensively due to the Sun State weather so ideal for screened outdoor true living. The late fall, winter and spring months are when we utilize our lanais rather exclusively and also the height of the racket sport play times. Some residents are only here during the 6 month period between late Fall and late Spring and of course this is when the Pickleball Courts would be in high demand time creating a real nuisance for homes nearby. Lanais in the Venetian are expansive are our living rooms our breakfast, lunch and dinner retreat areas. Lanais have larger covered ceilings than the newer builds and are utilized for many over 50 percent of the daytime especially given the ceiling fans, eating patio tables, entertaining seated areas, patio tables, grilling, outdoor kitchen set ups and numerous pools. Many folks have spent more money on their lanai furnishings than their living room furnishings. Why because it is Florida and the screened areas permit true living outside and are true extensions of our homes. We retreat there to read, talk on our phones, relax and entertain others. This would all be ruined by the noise of the pickleball courts. One option for a different location would be to use some of the tennis courts at the Venetian Golf and River Club.

I also am a dog owner and love the thought of a dog park, but the location chosen is not the best option. We would love a Dog Park , a nice one that truly factors in the needs of what an acceptable park should be. The dog park doesn't provide enough area , needed provisions and is not adequately funded enough to provide adequate ground care and supervision with allocated funds . The dog space does not even set up different areas for large and small dog play. The dog park area should be located further back on the lot closer to Laurel Rd for access similar to MILANO's access created off Jacaranda Rd. Positioning of the Dog Parking the site plan is too close to homes given the natural barking playful reverie that occurs in Paw Parks. The Pesaro land lot under the power lines is expansive and extends to Laurel Rd where an access could be created off this roadway rather than

off the Pesaro Drive Community road. The present location impacts neighboring residents negatively given the proximity to homes and lanai areas facing the proposed site. The VCDD may try to keep the Dog Park on the lot but would recommend studying whether it could be set back on the lot closer to Laurel Rd to accommodate folks without disturbing residents.

I just moved into my home last November and would prefer to keep the tranquil setting that I have where I hear the birds and occasional golfers tee off vs the sound of the pickleball players and balls along with dogs. I also prefer to keep the value of my home vs seeing it depreciate due to the negative impact this appeal would have on my home if it is won. Please, please do not overturn the original decision.

Jeanne F McBride 130 Savona Way

Subject: FW: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission"s denial of site and development plan Petition No. 20-

38SP and zoning map amendment Petition No. 20-37RZ to amend the PUD, planned unit development plan.

Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 12:48:54 PM

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From: JIM HART <jdhnd71@aol.com> Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 12:39 PM To: Lori Stelzer <lstelzer@venicefl.gov> Cc: Hart Carol <cayhart@aol.com>

Subject: Appeal of the City of Venice Planning Commission's denial of site and development plan Petition No. 20-38SP and zoning map amendment Petition No. 20-37RZ to amend the PUD, planned unit development plan.

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Hello,

I am a Florida resident and a 17 year resident of the Venetian Golf and River Club. I am not an abutter to the proposed location.

I am writing this to you opposed to the location of the proposed Pickle Ball Courts and Dog Park.

While many, including me, might enjoy the addition of Pickle Ball courts to the Venetian I think it's completely unfair to place them near residents who through no fault or mistep on their part may now have to put up with unwanted noise and perhaps depreciation of their property values. I'm frankly surprised that other Venetian residents have such little regard for their neighbors concerns.

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Finally, I am opposed because the VGRC has no control over the property. The FPL can request that the courts be removed at their discretion. Should that occur the VGRC would be out all of the money invested in those courts.

For these reasons I am opposed to this proposal.

Sincerely,

James Hart 102 Caneletto Way

Subject: FW: Venetian pickle ball courts

Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 10:04:11 AM

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From: joy taylor wolf <jtaylor049@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 9:43 AM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov> **Subject:** Venetian pickle ball courts

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My husband and I are residents of Venetian Golf and River Club. We are NOT in favor of the proposal to build the pickle ball courts and dog park under the FPL wires. If situated in this location, we will not use these amenities. We would use the courts and dog park if located in a safer area, with no noise impact on other residents.

We are dog owners.

To the city council, please deny today's appeal.

Thank you.
Joy Wolf
114 Palazzo Ct
Venetian Golf and River Club
NOrth Venice FL 34275

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From: Monica Renkens <mrenkens@gmail.com>

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I am a resident of the Venetian Golf and River Club and I am opposed to the proposed pickleball and dog park!

My address in the Venetian is 406 Montelluna Dr.

Monica Renkens

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Monica Renkens 920-766-1193 920-470-0221 cell

Subject: FW: Dog park @ Venetian Golf & River Club Date: Monday, May 10, 2021 12:48:24 PM

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Dear Ms/Mr Stelzer,

I am a resident of the Venetian & am writing to you to strongly advocate for a dog park here. There are many dog owners here and a dog park would be a significant benefit to the community. Also, it would be a strong selling point for the homes in the community making our homes competitive with homes in surrounding communities such as the Milano which has a dog park.

I'm certain that non-pet owners would prefer having the dogs walked and played with in a confined space as opposed to all over the community. I hope the Council will give this option another, fresh look.

Sincerely,

Stephen E Hefler MD

From: Lori Stelzer
To: Mercedes Barcia

Subject: FW: Pickleball - vote yes!

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From: Iris Williams <iris.j.williams@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 3:03 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer@venicefl.gov>

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Please vote in favor of the Venetian dog park and pickle ball court. Our community needs to stay current with the amenities available at other communities. While housing is selling rapidly now, that's not always the case.

In addition, both are welcomed opportunities for additional socializing at our full time home. We do have pups and would thoroughly enjoy a clean, safe place for them to play. Pickle ball isn't of personal interest to me, but I think it's as important an amenity as tennis.

Thank you!

Iris Williams 198 Bella Vista Ter, Unit B 414-378-0800

Subject: Fwd: pickleball courts at Venetian Golf and River Club

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From: CONNIE HUMBLE <chumble186@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, May 10, 2021 7:55:58 PM **To:** Lori Stelzer < lstelzer @venicefl.gov>

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We are definitely against the construction of the Pickle Ball courts to be built on Pesaro Dr. in the Venetian Golf and River Club. Although this is a popular sport the proposed construction site is not acceptable. The reasons we cannot support this project include: 1. the ball/paddle noise would be VERY disruptive to the neighbors in this area, 2. the project would be costly and it is questionable if it would add to our property value, 3 it could potentially be dangerous in regards to the courts being built under the high voltage power lines and 4. the additional traffic/ parking issues this project would cause along Pesaro.

Thank you, Connie Humble and William Delagrange, 146 Medici Terrace N. Venice, Florida 34275

From: Lori Stelzer

To: Mercedes Barcia

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Doug Orange 118 Tiziano Way N. Venice, FL

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Yours truly,

Eric Schneider Venice Gardens Venice FL

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To: <u>Istelzer@venicegov.com</u>

Good Morning, please forward this letter to our City Council Members for the May 11,2021 Zoning Meeting.

Thank You,

Val Wurster

Dear Council Member,

I urge you to **Vote No** on Ordinance 2021-17: Zoning Amendment for the Pickleball Court and Dog Park for Venice Gulf and River Club.

As a resident that is directly affected by this decision, I am concerned because the location is particularly unsuitable for this activity for the following reasons:

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Thank You,

Valerie Wurster 138 Medici Terrace VGRC

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Introduction

Good morning City Council Members. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern regarding the appeal of Development Plan Petition No. 20-38SP.

My name is Ruth Cordner and I am a resident of the VGRC. I am here to voice my opposition to the proposed location under the powerlines for the VGRC pickleball courts.

Before I begin my statement, I want to thank you or the persons responsible for the placements of the notices for this hearing. The prior hearing held on Feb 2nd, I only saw one notice and it was posted in a **non-conspicuous** location. For this meeting, I was pleased to see several notices placed in suitable locations visible for people throughout the community. Whoever spearheaded that initiative – thank you.....

The meeting that was held on February 2, I did listen to the arguments for and against this proposed location. Hearing all the arguments and comments, it left me with more questions than answers. I am concerned about several red flags that could potentially result in some serious consequences ultimately impacting the community at large.

As a resident, I walked away from February's meeting with a few concerns and questions, and I am not sure whom to address them to so I will present them here today.

- 1. One disturbing statement was that the VGRC was to sign a document that would relieve the FPL from all liability should an unforeseen event occur that results in property damage, personal injury or even death. This legal risk could result in costly fines or other punitive measures levied against the VGRC residential owners. Why would the VGRC be willing to sign a waiver that relinquishes the power company's liability?
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- 3. Why should we pursue a public amenity without appropriate restroom facilities, first aid/emergency equipment, water, benches, shaded areas or landscaping?
- 4. I know the pickleball location has been reviewed and the materials required for the courts as well as parking. Was this assessment done by an independent third-party certified and/or licensed professional? Will there be a transparent bidding and selection process that is communicated to the VGRC community with regular updates and status reports? Who will take responsibility to certify that the functionality and condition of the courts comply with applicable laws and regulations?

Ruth Cerdn 5/11/21

- 5. Recently homes were purchased in and around that area have these new homeowners been informed of the project prior to purchasing? Whose responsibility is it to ensure homeowners are informed? Do these homeowners have any recourse against the VGRC? If so, how will restitution be handled?
- 6. Noise mitigation. If the pickleball is noisy, how noisy? Was this project reviewed by acoustical engineer or some similar authority? If noise mitigation is not adequate and the amenity is unsightly, could this lead to ongoing disputes with neighbors and formal complaints? What will be the VGRC's complaint handling process?

For the council:

- What due diligence was performed from your prospective what aspects of the City of Venice liability was assessed?
- Will the City require the VGRC to assume the City's responsibilities as well?
- Have the originators established a comprehensive risk management framework or assessment that effectively identifies, measures, monitors, and controls the risks associated with the proposal? Did this assessment address the legal, operational, reputational and financial risks? What is the VGRC's risk tolerance? Is a copy of this analysis available to the public? Did the City Council receive and review the risk assessment and found it satisfactory?

Please note, I am not at all opposed to pickleball – just the location. The decision to add amenities like pickleball courts and a dog park are commendable and are nice additions. VGRC is a wonderful and desirable community. Being one of the most mature communities in the area is a huge competitive advantage. But we are facing contest with surrounding communities recently build or under construction. Look at the amenities these communities are offering playgrounds, dog parks, pickleball etc. It is forward thinking that our community is addressing some of these issues. But the placement of a pickleball court amongst homes, in a location that looks undesirable without restroom facilities, shaded areas, benches etc., is not an optimal enhancement. There must be other locations within the community that would be aesthetically appealing.

I would like for all residents, which includes part-time residents of VGRC, to be informed of all potential risks. If these risks are not identified and effectively managed, the pickleball amenity at this proposed location may expose the community to risks that can result in fines, financial loss and litigation and potential hamper our home prices.

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To: <u>Istelzer@venicegov.com</u>

Good Morning, please forward this letter to our City Council Members for the May 11,2021 Zoning Meeting.

Thank You,

Val Wurster

Dear Council Member,

I urge you to **Vote No** on Ordinance 2021-17: Zoning Amendment for the Pickleball Court and Dog Park for Venice Gulf and River Club.

As a resident that is directly affected by this decision, I am concerned because the location is particularly unsuitable for this activity for the following reasons:

- 1. The location for the court is adjacent to our homes. The increase in noise and vehicle traffic will affect the livability and value of our property. Noise abatement notwithstanding......
- 2. The location is in an FPL easement with overhead power lines. FPL refuses responsibility for any damage or injury incurred with recreational use.
- 3. VGRC will be responsible to indemnify loss or injury if appropriate. VGRC is part of the City of Venice.
- 4. The plan does not allow for oversight during use. VGRC is a large community with the usual issues of scheduling, disagreements and other issues arising from its current amenity usage. The club currently struggles to meet its current requirements.

Because the Courts and Dog Park are proposed for FPL land that is not designed for use, will significantly affect the livability for my neighborhood and increases the City's liability, I urge you **to Vote NO on ORD. 2021-17.**

Thank You,

Valerie Wurster 138 Medici Terrace VGRC

HOW CAN THIS BE!!

Will you please explain to me what changes have occurred in the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code that previously found residential development amenities under high tension power lines at the Milano Development acceptable & now finds such amenities under basically the same power lines unacceptable @ the Venetian Golf & River Club. In fact, it goes beyond that as in the case of Milano, approval was given to a developer and in the case of the VGRC, approval was denied to a Community Development District Board that are not only owners of the land in question as in the case of the developer, but also a duly elected body representing the District homeowners as provided for in the state of Florida Statues. Do I note favoritism to a developer over that of an elected homeowner representative body? I HOPE NOT

EMF's (electric & magnetic fields)

It seems that there are some misconceptions about the safety of our location on the FPL right of way. There have been many studies over the last 50 years & one of the latest studies shows that EMF's from utility lines are unlikely to cause any adverse health effects! Per the International Agency for Research the EMF's produced by mobile phones are classified as "possibly carcinogenic to humans".

Also, I have documentation from 6 of our surrounding communities showing the distance between residential homes & amenities similar to our proposal. Some have as little as 14.5' between homes & residential lot lines & with the most footage being 100'.

I have also attached pictures of our proposed location showing footage from the Pickleball courts to the rear of residential lots on Medici Terrace. The closest home on Medici is 450' away from the courts. Also there is approximately 25 feet of assorted vegetation & a pond between the two. The proposed pickleball courts will have a type of acoustifence to minimize sound along with planted vegetation.

The 3 homes that I feel would be impacted are noted as A, B & C on the photo. The owner of home B attended a Pickleball Meeting in 2020 & was satisfied with answers to his questions. Also, all 3 homes are on the market to be sold. The Florida Law regarding disclosures states the seller "must disclose any facts or conditions about the property that have a substantial impact on its value or desirability". These homes will be purchased with full knowledge of the land use adjacent to their property.

Sandra Nick

Venetian Golf & River Club Resident.

Comments on amenity location documents.

1. Aria Amenity Center

a. Distance from Pickleball Courts to Residential Lots vary from 15.53 ft. to 16,52 ft.

2. Generation at Venice

- a. Distance from Pickleball Courts to Residential Lots vary from 70 ft to 75 ft.
- b. Distance from Dog Park to Residential Lot is 20 ft.

3. Milano

- a. Distance from Pickleball Courts to Residential Lots vary from 21 ft. to 60 ft.
- b. Only 12 parking spaces to accommodate, club building, swimming pool, bocce ball and pickleball.

4. Toscana Isles

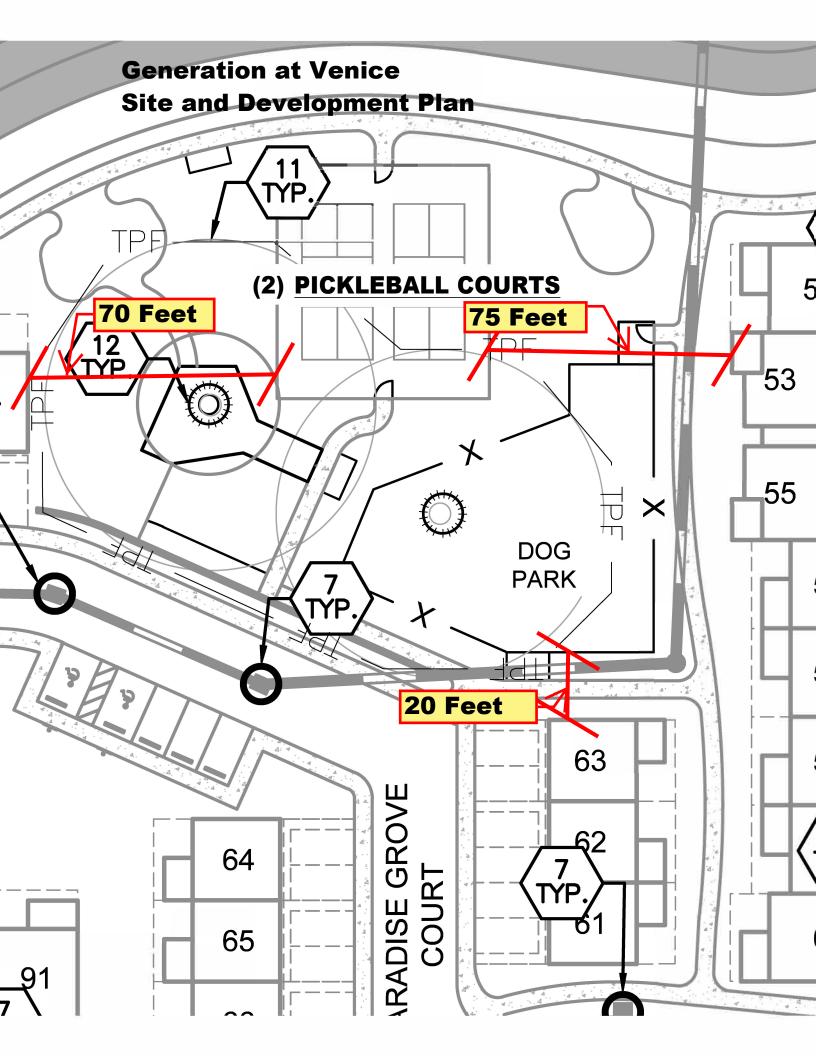
- a. Distance from Pickleball Courts to Residential Lot is 50 ft.
- b. Distance from Children's Playground to Residential Lot 41 ft.
- c. Distance from Bocce Ball to Residential Lot is 30 ft.

5. Venice Woodlands

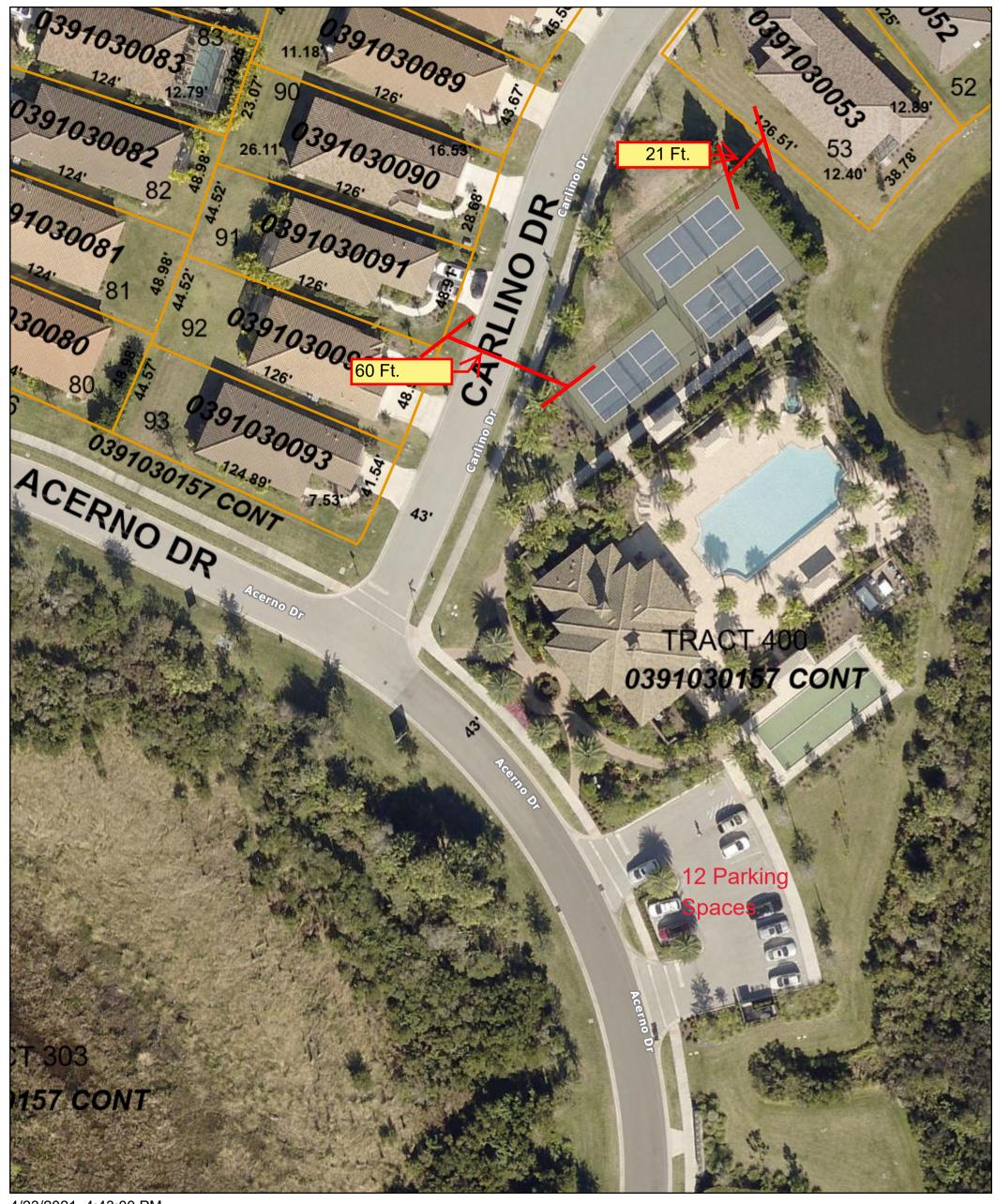
- a. Distance from Pickleball Courts to Residential is 11 ft.
- b. Distance from Pool to Residential Lot is 45 ft.
- c. Distance from Bocce Ball to Residential Lot is 8 ft.
- d. Only 7 parking spaces to accommodate Club Building, Swimming Pool, Pickleball and Bocce Ball Courts.

6. Willow Chase

- a. Distance from Pickleball Courts to Residential Lot is 100 Ft.
- b. Only 7 parking spaces for club building, pool, basketball, swimming pool.



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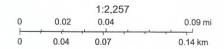
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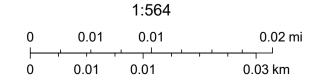


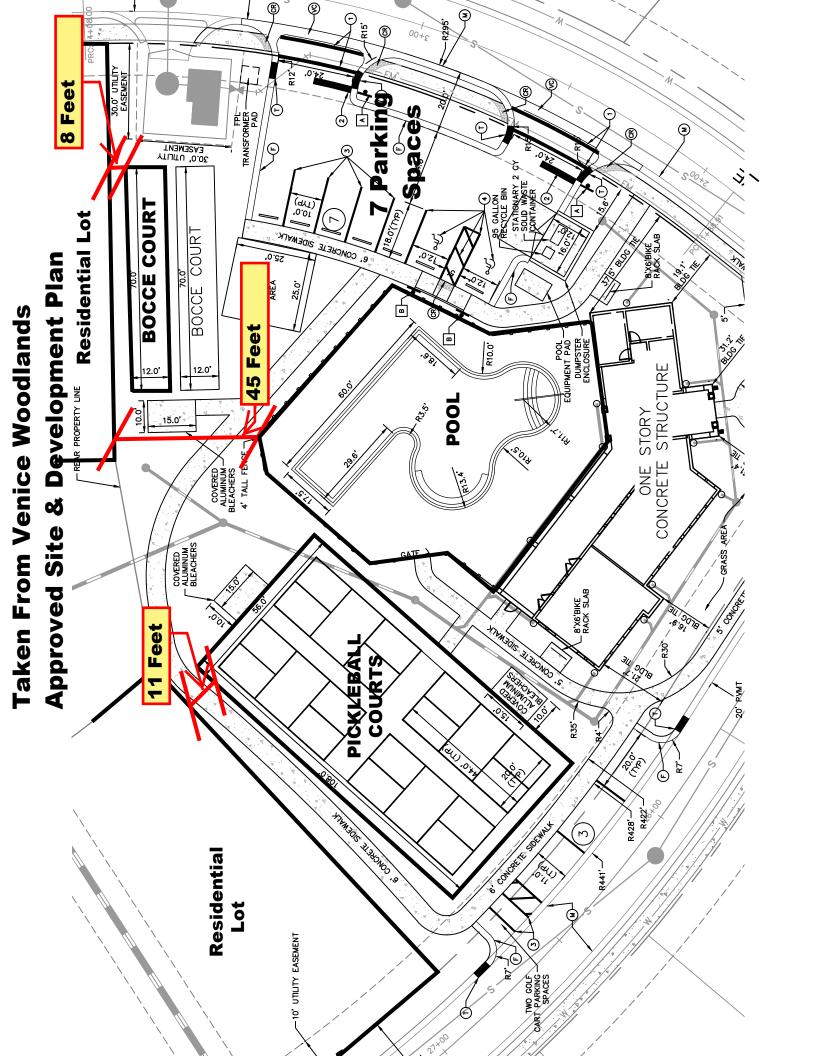
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