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Village Council Meeting

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Myself

#### Date

11/15/2021

# Agenda Item No. or Topic

2021-12

I am a resident of Jasmine Bay South . I live directly across from this project. I have previously filed my objections with the two council members who represent West Bay and asked that my letter be made part of the public record. To summarize, I am against the proposal because the building is too high for West Bay and the Village, and it is not compatible with the architecture of West Bay or the Village. There is no compelling reason to have a contemporary glass structure which is 50' higher than Jasmine Bay and also substantially deeper. The Planning and Zoning Design Board said in its deliberations that it was a fair trade to have a taller building, (in violation of current zoning) in exchange for 12 less units. That is not the job of the PZBD. It is the job of the PZBD to act in accordance with the LDC and CP of the Village. The applicant has attempted to avoid the regulations pertaining to variances and has not requested. a change to the LDC which would require an amendment to the LDC. He has applied for a deviation which requires a lesser standard and less of a burden in terms of proof or time . The developer did not even meet that lesser standard. There was no competent evidence that the project either promoted the health safety and welfare of the Community or that a taller, fatter building would improve the quality of the project for the community. The staff relied solely upon the self serving statements of the applicant The application should be denied because : 1. it is inconsistent with the CP and the LDC and would require a variance or amendment to the LDC and CP not thru a deal with the PZBD; 2. the substantial height relief sought by the applicant should be done thru an amendment to the LDC and CP or a variance; 3. a deviation should not be used on such a substantial change to the LDC which is change is inconsistent with the Village's history of only granting small height deviations and generally in commercial or retail settings, and 4. if the Council determines it is appropriate to use the deviation process the applicant did not meet two of the requirements for a deviation. Respectfully submitted; Steven D. Bartelstone

# Notes



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Stuart & Harriet Schweitzer

## Date

11/15/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

Application of West Bay Hill Partners at POD 5 West Bay

I respectfully request that this application be denied. The proposed structure is too tall and is incompatible with the architectural character of West Bay and the Village of Estero. Zoning rules are there for a reason, and this project does not comply with them. While there is scope under the Zoning rules for a deviation from the Zoning regulations, this project does not comply with the requirement that any such deviation improve the quality of the project and promote the health, safety and welfare of the community. This test has plainly not been met except in the eyes of the developer. I urge the Council to refuse the application and send the a message that the Village of Estero can be counted on to stick to its Zoning requirements.

The Developer's Plan does not comply with the Comprehensive Plan or the LDC

The substantial relief from the height regulation of 220' sought by the applicant should be done through an amendment to the LDC and Comprehensive Plan or a variance and not as a deviation

A deviation should not be used on such a material change to the LDC, such a change requires a variance and proof of hardship Even if the Council determines it is appropriate to use the deviation standards the applicant did not comply with the requirements of a deviation which requires that the deviation will improve the quality of the project and that a taller predominately glass building somehow promotes the health, safety and welfare of the community

# Notes



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Village Council Meeting

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# Representing

West Bay Club Community Association

## Date

11/15/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

West Bay Island Parcel Condo

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Regards,

Jerry Beaubien WBC CA BOD - President

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## Representing

resident

## Date

11/17/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

West bay club Pod 5 rezoning

## Comments

I am in favor of the revisoin to the zoning code to allow the higher height of the proposed condo building. It will benefit not only West Bay the entire Estero Community.

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added November 14, 2021 at 6:40 pm

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# **Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On**

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Maurizio Nisita

#### Date

11/14/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

zoning variance

## Comments

I am opposing the variance regarding the new high rise planned for the West Bay Club. Specifically I oppose the height increase and the design which is not consistent with the architectural style pf the community. I know that many residents have opposed the subject variance and do not understand why the interest of the developer should prevail. I am sure that if I wanted to make substantial modifications to my existing home, such as adding a couple of floors or expanding the footprint beyond the allowed parameters , my request would be rejected. The rules then should be the same for everyone and not bent for the financial interest of a developer to the detriment of the majority of members of the entire community

# Notes



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Village Council Meeting

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# Representing

Myself

## Date

11/14/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

West Bay High Rise Deviation Application

I am disappointed that the Village of Estero Planning and Design Board (PZD) have sent the Town Council their recommendation to approve the application to increase the height of the new high rise from 220' to 290'. This recommendation also includes having the design be non conforming to the West Bay's and the Village of Estero's existing architectural design standards. To allow the PZD to sneak this application under a "deviation" versus a "variance" sure looks like questionable business practices.

Although there were over 40 residents who sent in e comments to the PZD in opposition vs 8 residents in favor, the PZD chose to recommend an approval.

Why would the PZD chose to change the rules for this developer ? There was absolutely no compelling reason to do this. I purchased in Natures Cove knowing that someday there would be a 220' high rise that conformed to the West Bay and Village of Estero architectural standards. I do not understand why our elected officials would not protect us and allow a developer to change the rules only for his own financial benefit.

Please vote NO to this recommendation. If the applicant wants to build, make him work within the existing regulations.

Thank you

# Notes



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added November 14, 2021 at 8:54 am

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# Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On

Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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## Representing

Self

## Date

11/14/2021

# Agenda Item No. or Topic

Natures cove high rise, West Bay Club

## Comments

I thoroughly oppose the recommendation to allow a a zoning change from 220 feet to 290 feet. This will disrupt the character of the community and my view. I am against!

# Notes

# Admin Notification (ID: 5e70ca9c71a8d)

added November 14, 2021 at 8:47 am

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District 1

## Date

11/11/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

Island Tower at West Bay Club

## Comments

I oppose the 50ft height variance requested by the Island Tower developer and oppose glass facade due to reflecting sun. The building should conform with the existing West Bay architecture.

Thank You for your consideration.

# Notes



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added November 11, 2021 at 9:56 pm

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Village Council Meeting

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## Date

11/10/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

Island tower height

## Comments

I prefer that the height is not approved to be 50 feet higher than Jasmine Bay. Thank you.

# Notes



Admin Notification (ID: 5e70ca9c71a8d)

added November 10, 2021 at 8:14 pm

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# Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On

Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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# Representing

Myself

#### Date

11/17/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

Island Bay Tower

## Comments

Please don't allow the builder to get any more height then the original plan. Nobody like it!!!

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# Admin Notification (ID: 5e70ca9c71a8d)

added November 10, 2021 at 3:29 pm

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# **Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On**

Planning Zoning and Design Board Meeting

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## Representing

Self

#### Date

11/10/2021

## Agenda Item No. or Topic

Zoning amendment for development of island property in West Bay,

#### Comments

This site is presently approved for a 220 foot condominium tower. On Nov. 17, 202 at 9:30AAM, They are applying for a zoning amendment for a to 270 foot tower as well as architectural approval of a predominantly glass structure. They have made some changes to their initial design, however we are still very concerned that the tower is mostly glass, and given its closeness to the existing Jasmine Bay towers, we have a major concern of glare off this building from morning and setting suns which will absolutely spoil our enjoyment of our balcony. We have visited the new site, and it's closeness to existing towers is concerning, as related to glare from the glass. In closing, we are opposed to a glass building and believe that another surface would be in keeping with an updated West Bay Architecture Plan.

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# Choose The Meeting You Are Commenting On

Village Council Meeting

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Jasmine Bay Condominium

## Date

11/10/2021

# Agenda Item No. or Topic

West Bay

The developer WBH/IHC choose to debut this project during low season at a meeting on July 7. Residents have always known that a high rise condominium building was to built on the site but the height was restricted to 220 feet and the number of units to a maximum of 101. There is no opposition to development of the site, rather to the building height and the design linked to it. Developer reasons for requesting a height variance/deviation include the ability to build a "more exclusive" product and decrease the number of units from 120 to 88.

Apart from a monetary incentive I find no compelling reason why the developer requires a height variance and I see no benefit to the WB community.

1). There is no non-economic reason a "higher quality" or "more exclusive" product has to be 23 instead of 20 stories.

2). The numbers of units allowed was never 120 but a maximum of 101 and the developer's belief the community would prefer 88 to 101 units is suspect (101 units would result in more HOA fees for the community).

3). In fact there has been no attempt on the part of the developer to ascertain community input on this project. The only survey performed was by the adjacent high rise (Jasmine Bay South) and showed 84% of residents favored a 220' height restriction and an architecture consistent with existing residences within West Bay. This negativity rate was confirmed by the percentage of negative comments to the PZD board.

4). A taller tower will impact a pre-existing neighborhood. Despite claims to the contrary the developer's own shadow studies impact residents in the Nature's Cove neighborhood one hour prior to sunset between the months of March and June.

5). Glare from a taller predominantly glass building (despite the use of non-reflective glass) will have significant effect on adjacent neighborhoods in particular the Jasmine Bay development not to mention the energy inefficiency of a predominantly glass design. The developer's own drawings submitted with his application show glare from the predominantly glass structure.

6). A taller structure allowing a predominately glass design is not consistent with the comprehensive community plan for West Bay nor consistent with existing architecture of the community. These are standards to which which everyone else in West Bay must conform when building or renovating an existing structure. No matter how many architectural adjectives are offered pictures show the structure proposed is clearly inconsistent with existing structures within West Bay.

7). The taller modernistic design does not complement surrounding West Bay developments, does not meet residential compatibility standards and is not in compliance with the Land Development Code of the Village of Estero protecting neighborhoods from incompatible encroachment.

# Notes



# Admin Notification (ID: 5e70ca9c71a8d)

added November 10, 2021 at 8:39 am

From:	Mary Gibbs
To:	Tammy Duran
Cc:	Carol Sacco
Subject:	FW: WBC Island Parcel Condo Proposed Design
Date:	Monday, November 15, 2021 12:10:33 PM

Can you place this in with the e-comments for West Bay Club case? Thanks, I noticed a couple email addresses were incorrect.

From: GERALD BEAUBIEN [mailto:gabeaubien@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 11:38 AM

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**Cc:** Mary Gibbs <gibbs@estero-fl.gov>

Subject: WBC Island Parcel Condo Proposed Design

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