



# FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE

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Mayor Lynne Mathews and City Council Members  
326 W. Marion Ave  
Punta Gorda, Florida 33950

RE: Fishermen's Village

Dear Mayor Mathews and City Council Members,

It has been my intent to create a project that everyone loves and can get behind which allows Fishermen's Village to grow, and which meets the City's longstanding goal of increasing the business tax base in Punta Gorda. Prior to submitting our PD proposal, we held numerous meetings with community organizations and with members of the public and were able to incorporate several changes to our plan based on input we received at those meeting.

Once the PD was submitted, we were surprised at the level of pushback the project received and continues to receive in the community. In the succeeding weeks we have been working hard to make all the puzzle pieces fit, for City Council, the public and the project. Not an easy task and not possible for a complete and full redesign for the next Council Meeting.

I respectfully ask for the City Councils consent to withdrawal the Planned Development without prejudice (specifically that the 12-month time limit for re-application shall not apply) so we are able to seek a path forward to evaluate options utilizing an alternative method for the development of the properties. This would include working closely with the community, Council, and staff. This will allow us ALL to work together as a public private partnership to ensure feasibility of the project, ease the communities' issues and certainly create a better path for the members of our City Council, Planning Commission, and the citizens of Punta Gorda. We look forward to receiving the communities, Council, and staff's support in this endeavor.

As we have seen in the past with large developments like Punta Gorda Isles, Burnt Store Isles, Emerald Point and the original building of Fishermen's Village these projects all had alternative

methods, but all had the objective of adding to the quality of life and a collaborative effort by all that took it to fruition. Development projects are critical to Punta Gorda's future growth. All great projects need time to get it right.

I have now established my residency in Punta Gorda. Through my many interactions with various stakeholders in the community, it has opened my eyes to the need to incorporate and address affordable housing, staffing needs, childcare, Veteran housing as well as west mooring balls, day slips, arts, cultural aspects and structured parking to better plan for traffic flow.

I believe wholeheartedly that together we can achieve a project that ALL can be proud of.

Sincerely,



Jonathan M. Larmore  
Chief Executive Officer  
Fishermen's Village

Cc: City Manager, Greg Murray  
Urban Design Director, Joan LeBeau