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From: Sandy Lenney <lenneysandy@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 12:25 PM
To: mwright@sjcfl.us
Subject: Magic Beach motel.

The motel is magic, taking one back to a simpler time. We have been coming to St Augustine for 10 years and now have lived here for 25. We have stayed at that motel, and when we go to the beach we just admire it. We don't need any more high-rises on the beach, we don't want to be Daytona, it also will have a very negative impact on the surrounding environment. Please decide to leave it alone. Thank you.

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From: MAUREEN OCONNOR <oconnormaureen@mac.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 4:24 PM
To: St Johns County Commissioners; mwright@sjcfl.us
Subject: Save Magic Beach Motel- Meeting April 14, 2025

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I am writing to urge the Commissioners and Mr Wright to put aside the petition to demolish the Magic Beach Motel. This Motel is an iconic image to those of us who have lived in Vilano Beach.

Over the last 5 years Vilano Road, our main street, has drastically had its appearance altered. Some good, others bad. The Commissioners turned down plans to develop the "Pizza Hut" and Magic Beach Motel sites into a huge hotel resort. However very similar construction projects have been approved. This time consisting of Condos and now two multi purpose buildings which plan to house condos, offices, and retail shops. Besides demolishing Magic Beach this development will cause more traffic, need for more parking space and worse negative environmental impact on water, sewage and flooding. As it's elevation must be at least eight feet above sea level, it no doubt will cause flooding to adjacent buildings.

Just think of what South Beach FL would look like if the planning commissioners decided to demolish all these art deco buildings. Please deny this request.

Sincerely

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From: Suzanne Spicer <spicerfam@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 5:27 PM
To: mwright@sjcfl.us; boccoffice@sjcfl.us
Subject: Magic Beach Motel proposal

My comments on the pending demolition permit for the Magic Beach Motel. I am unable to attend in person.

Could the neon sign be saved somewhere? I understand progress so won't fight that it should all be saved. But, is there a place the county could save and display the neon sign? I don't know where; perhaps the World Golf Village the county now owns.

Thank you,
Suzanne Spicer

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From: Thomas Lucarelli <tglucarelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 3, 2025 7:37 PM
To: mwright@sjcfl.us
Subject: Fwd: Plight of Magic Beach Hotel

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> As a long term resident of Vilano Beach I'm saddened to hear about the potential demolition of this iconic Florida hotel. We in Vilano are inundated with traffic and tourists to the point that I have to wait to get into my driveway and circle Publix for parking. I don't dare take my littler family members during the summer to the beach for fear of getting run over. The neighborhood is a constant swirl of cars as the beach and street parking fills quickly. The traffic peanut that once worked no longer does during events, holiday weekends and most of the summer. How much development and reduction of smaller hotels to accommodate larger ones and condos can we take? The quaint little Vilano center and beach is overrun. The Holiday Inn Express is an eyesore with cheap construction and mismatched siding. Businesses like Publix have to hire security to protect their parking spaces. There is little public parking and as a result of poor planning (guests at the Hyatt park overnight on the street as the hotel charges to valet) this should not of been a surprise or allowed. Obviously the foot print of some structures can support larger occupancy but should it when parking and infrastructure is already maxed out. With new townhouses in progress and condos on the same corner we are caving to overzealous developers intent on losing our history and charm to make a bigger buck. As for the story the hotel is beyond repair that is not true. I have family members that stay there and find it very nice and more importantly affordable. The smaller hotels are typically full and there is a need to preserve affordable options, a bit of our history and charm. Vilano beach is already on the verge of being ruined for full time residents if it is not so already. Our once resident neighborhood is becoming increasingly commercial. Please vote to preserve this piece our small town history and ensure Vilano remains livable and not overdeveloped.