

Public Comments for Fairway Estates Vegetation Violation  
Planning Commission  
March 9, 2021

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**Subject:** Fairway estates testimony and violations  
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Hi Wendy.

I am amazed and chagrined at the violations of vegetation and other violations pursuant to Fairway Estates Mr Pearson and take great umbrage at the clear cutting done which seems also to need adjustments to city code. The planning commission I hope will not let further development of Fairway Estates until these matters stated by the city are taken care of. It is the responsibility of Fairway Estates to respect the Mariner Village HOA and not violate any additional city codes. This certainly effects many homes in MV particularly on its perimeters.

Thank you reading this testimony into the planning commission records and meeting tommortow night.

Thsnks again, Joel R Marks

PS Wendy, I hope you can put this testimony in the planning commission meeting for tommorrow

Thanks again, Joel

Joel Marks

> I live at 9 Mariners Lane. My property backs up to the north end of Fairway Estates Phase II. I am appalled by the violations committed by the developer, as outlined in your letter to Pacific Gold Communities LLC (J. Michael Pearson) on January 15, 2021. I know that the previously scheduled meeting to discuss this matter was postponed by Mr. Pearson and will be held tomorrow.

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> My understanding is tomorrow's meeting will discuss the penalties. I presume you will also discuss time frames for payment of fines, securing permits, and submitting a revegetation plan, etc. I hope the seriousness of these violations will be fully considered when deciding the outcome. Otherwise, I suspect that these offenses may continue—especially if not overseen.

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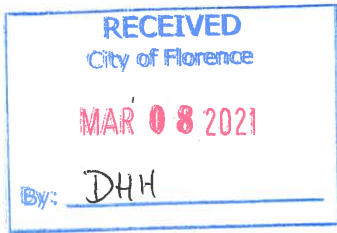
> My concern is what will the city do to watch over the developer and his crew once they resume their clearing activity? As a Florence resident that pays city taxes, I want to know that my city—specifically the Planning Department—is looking out for the residents of Mariner's Village, particularly those affected by this development. I would like to know that all activity going forward will be closely scrutinized by the city as the developer moves forward.

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> Thank you for your consideration.

> Nancy Rhodes

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City of Florence Planning Commission:

We are disturbed with the clearing violation conducted by Pacific Golf Communities, LLC prior to December 28, 2020 on land that is adjacent and directly east of our property in Mariners Village. This was a flagrant violation of the City's Fairway Estates Phase II Vegetation Clearing Permit. This Permit requires Pacific Golf Communities, LLC to obtain approval prior to vegetation clearing within the 20' buffer along property lines (green belt areas) and 50' buffer along wetland boundaries.


These are critical buffer areas for the residents of Florence as well as the property owners within Mariners Village. The green belt areas (20' buffer) provide important visual landscaping and screening benefits that can reduce some of the impacts of subdivision development on the visually attractive City of Florence. These benefits include construction noise and dust abatement. If this permit violation is not rectified, a beautiful area of Florence will be degraded, including our property, and the entity responsible for this transgression will have no reason to prevent such future activities.


The 50' buffer along wetland boundaries is also important. Important resource values associated with wetlands can be destroyed or adversely impacted. The serious flooding in 2017 and previous years has reminded many City residents of the need to very carefully manage these areas that can lead to flooding if excess rain or storm water run off occurs. Mariners Village had significant subdivision flooding in 2017, partly due to large vegetation clearing and development to the east. If the buffer areas within Fairway Estates are not managed by the City properly, Mariners Village could see even greater storm water run off flooding in the future.

To mitigate the unauthorized vegetation removal by Pacific Golf Communities, LLC, the following should be done to restore the damaged area. Prior to any further development within Phase II, the buffer areas, both green belt and along wetland boundaries, should be re-vegetated to the condition prior to the unauthorized removal. This means planting mature trees and shrubs where such age class was present prior to removal. Planting seedlings and small shrubs does not provide adequate screening or watershed support to the land. Sources are available that plant mature vegetation.

We request that the City of Florence take the appropriate action on this permit violation.

Sincerely,

  
Craig Sheely

  
Karen Sheely