

Mr. Jean Pierre Oriol,  
Acting Commissioner,  
Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources,  
Coastal Zone Management Program.

A Pleasant Good Day Acting Commissioner Oriol:

My name is Bonny Corbeil and I am a 25 plus year fulltime resident of Coral Bay, St. John, and VI. I am a tax paying citizen and former Restaurant owner; and until recently, a Villa Management business owner. I am unable to attend this very important CZM Hearing as I am presently in Canada helping with family health issues.

For many years I have been active as a volunteer on the Board of Trustees for the CBCCC (Coral Bay Community Council) as I strongly felt that proper planning was an absolute critical need for the future development of Coral Bay.

I have also served on the Junior Achievement of the Virgin Islands Board and until just recently, Chaired Crime Stoppers USVI in our Territories.

I have been actively involved in developing and implementing Youth Programs in Coral Bay by teaching hands on job skills training in the customer service Tourism Industry. I only tell you this so that you understand that through all of my volunteer work and commitment to our Island that I believe I have a clear understanding of Coral Bay and its needs especially in regards to intelligent development and planning; as well as Youth needs.

In 2010, I was officially appointed St. John Liaison for then Legislative Senate President Louis Patrick Hill. This was a result of my Community Activism and love for St. John. This position afforded me greater insight and experience into community needs and issues on numerous levels.

Please allow me to be frank in saying that my opinion is that the proposed Summer's End Group Marina is absolutely wrong for the Community of Coral Bay and the Bay itself!

There are numerous reasons why from it being constructed on the wrong side of the Bay; the impact of storm potential hurricane damage; to the threat to the pristine Bay environment that exists. I know that you will receive testimony from other more knowledgeable citizens that can address these specific concerns in more detail. Another major issue is that our present infrastructure simply cannot support this "Mega Yacht" proposal. This is a fact!

This proposal is also much too large for the successfully developed short term Villa Rental Tourism draw that presently exists. It attempts to change the entire reason

why people chose to come to St. John: the laidback environment with Mother Nature's natural healing environment. Having worked in the Tourism Industry for more than 25 years on St. John, I know that changing our Bay with this Marina will forever change the successful present Industry that has been developed; and threaten the important tax base that fills our Government coffers presently.

Why would we even consider "killing the goose that lays the golden eggs"? This size Marina would do exactly that. This proposal is too big; undermines and threatens Coral Bay's ambience and natural pristine beauty and draw . It threatens all of the reasons why this is a destination vacation spot in our Territories. Further, this proposal has not sought collaboration with the many good grass roots citizens who live and work there.

The CBCC has tirelessly sought to both involve Coral Bay citizens in intelligent future planning and growth processes and in fact received a Federal grant from AIA to do exactly this. I do not understand why their findings are not more seriously considered. I am not against a marina on St. John. In fact, I support one. I just do not support this proposal. It threatens to destroy everything that makes Coral Bay the successful destination that it has become.

Thank You for allowing me to voice my strong opinion on this important and critical to Coral Bay issue.

Kind Regards,

Bonny Corbeil.