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Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 7:15 AM

To: citymeetings@cityofbonitasprings.org <citymeetings@cityofbonitasprings.org>

Cc: Michael Fiigon <mfiigon@cityofbonitaspringscd.org>

Subject: 05/05/2026 Planning and Board Meeting

As a lifelong (66 years) resident of Lee County and former Bonita Springs resident, I object to the destruction of Everglades Wonder Gardens restaurant and the original Goodbread Grocery/Dixie Moon Cafe. These places have historical value and should be restored to their former glory either by the city or by a private entity. There seems to be very little left of the Bonita I knew and loved. Please stop tearing it down!

Sincerely,
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From: Cheryl Cross <clcross59@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:

Subject: Restore History

I think that Bonita needs to restore more of Bonita's history and stop tearing everything down! You have already demolished the elementary school and now you want to demolish what little is left. What is next? My grandparents were so proud of Bonita Springs and it is slowly disappearing.

YA'LL NEED TO STOP

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From: Cheryl Cross <clcross59@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, May 3, 2026

Subject: Restore Bonita

I think that Bonita needs to restore more of Bonita's history and stop tearing everything down! We need to keep the Wonder Gardens restaurant and Dixie Moon and revitalize them because they are a big part of our history. New is not always better.What will be next?

My grandparents were so proud of Bonita Springs and it is slowly disappearing.

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From: Alan Glazier <glazieralan@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 12:52 PM
To: Michael Fiigon <mfiigon@cityofbonitaspringscd.org>
Subject: Historic Preservation

Dear Ben and other Board Members

I'm Commenting on the Proposed Demolition of the Two Buildings on your Agenda Today as well as Historic Preservation in Bonita.

Don't approve the COA and let the Council know that we want Historic Preservation in Bonita. Part of your Duties is to Promote and Protect Historic Sites and to be a Vehicle to Help With Grants and Public Forums.

The Picture above is a rendering of the Goodbread Restoration Proposal which the Historic Preservation board set aside \$500,000 for. The Building now sits on our City Property within Proximity of the Miles that are on the Front of the Building. There are Many old Bonita Residents that have Grown Up with these Buildings and now they are all we have left of Historic Buildings left.

The Downtown is called Historic and needs to be kept that way too much has already been torn down. The Historic Preservation Board worked hard to Compile a list of Historic Properties for possible Historic Designation spending hundreds of hours to make.

The Wonder Gardens Restaurant was already Voted on and Inspected and found to have good bones.

Please Vote to Deny the COA and Vote to Preserve History in Bonita Springs

Alan Arnold Glazier

Former Chairman of the Historic Preservation Board and 2nd President of the Historical Society of Bonita Springs



From: Debbie McCormick <Debbie@wondertax.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2026 2:03 PM
To: Michael Fiigon <mfiigon@cityofbonitaspringscd.org>; citymeeting@cityofbonitasprings.org
Subject: Meeting

It's my opinion and other's I have talked to that the City of Bonita Springs should stop destroying Bonita Springs History. Our history needs to be restored! If you are making decisions about if our History should be restored and have not been a part of Bonita Springs all these years; you should be asking people that have lived in Bonita for years what their opinion is. We don't want our history destroyed.

Thank you,

Debbie McCormick

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To: mfilgon@cityofbonitaspringscd.org; Mike Sheffield <michael.sheffield@cityofbonitasprings.org>
Subject: LPA/ZONING MEETING TOMORROW AT 9AM

Dear Sirs:

As a member of the Bonita Springs Historical Society since it was formed, and married into the Liles pioneer family 56 years ago and have had such a deep love for Bonita Springs ever since, I am praying God will speak to the hearts of all the people in power to make things happen to help preserve Bonita's awesome history, will try harder to save the buildings being discussed for demolition at tomorrows meeting.

Many people fought very hard back in 80's including my pioneer grandson of JW Liles, Byron Liles, to save the Bonita Springs Elementary School from being demolished and it WORKED. But then it didnt this last year of 2025 and now that precious part of our historic roots are gone forever replaced with memories only. Màye enough people who had money and power didnt stand up to help save it. But the people in the city hall's meeting tomorrow CAN do something to help preserve the next 2 buildings that a few people compared to the whole city of Bonita, want to demolish.

Since the owner of THE STAGE told my husband and I he would like to buy the previous Wonder Gardens restaurant and turn it into a nice restaurant to go with the theme of that nostalgic area but seemed to be being kept from doing so, my question is why? The SWFM magazine posted this building as well as the remaining piece of the original GoodBread/Dixie Moon cafe was vacant for so long and not being kept up. Why was the city not taking care of these 2 historic buildings. Anything can be repaired if the desire is there.

I'm praying that all the people on your board as well as the mayor and the whole city council will listen to Gods voice as anyone is determing what to demolish in our current city that helped to create our city that never be relaced.

Sincerely in Love with Bonita,

Linda Liles
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From: [Byron Liles](#)
To: [City Meetings](#)
Subject: COA26-131828-BOS, To demolish the Goodbread Grocery Building
Date: Monday, May 4, 2026 5:23:21 PM

I am lodging my protest against the above action. This building represents the very foundation of the town of Bonita Springs in its initial state of development per the plat filed in 1912. The store was among the first structures on Heitman Av. and was the first commercial building of the new town, thus it is over 100 years old. The embossed signage on the face of the building gives it a character that can't be duplicated and the Mediterranean style speaks to the era.

Instead of demolition, there should be a research committee to find old records, such as the sale price of various goods in 1920 or a list of accounts that would reveal citizens who did business in the new town. For instance, my father, Glenn Liles, born 1917, worked for the Goodbreads when he was 10 years old. He delivered groceries for them and groomed their Tennessee walking horses that were stabled in a barn on the corner of Dean St. and Mattheson Ave..

What I find hard to understand is why the City deemed it prudent to go to the expense and trouble to have the store moved from Dean St. to its current location only to decide to demolish it? The City spends a lot of money on things that seem much less important than preserving this piece of our history.

Respectfully,

Byron G. Liles, PH 239-287-8421