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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Historic Preservation Board

**From:** Harry Klinkhamer, Historical Resources Manager

**Date:** January 18, 2019

**Re:** Mission and vision statements for the Venice Museum & Archives

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The staff at the Venice Museum & Archives have reviewed the museum's current mission statement and recommend updating it to reflect more accurately the role and purpose of the museum. Below is the mission statement with text to be deleted struck through and new text included in italics. The new statement as recommended in a clean form follows:

The mission of the Venice Museum & Archives (VMA) is to collect ~~and~~ *preserve, and interpret* historical and ~~archaeological prehistorical~~ material relating to *the City of Venice and its neighboring* communities ~~of Nokomis, Laurel and Osprey, whose histories have all~~ *been interwoven from 1867 to the present time.*

The mission of the Venice Museum & Archives is to collect, preserve and interpret historical and prehistorical material relating to the City of Venice and its neighboring communities.

The vision statement proposal that we are recommending is as follows:

The Venice Museum & Archives will serve as a critical community asset that preserves the past and prepares the present to meet the future.