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**Subject:** FW: Old library

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**Sent:** Monday, October 31, 2016 9:39 AM

**To:** John Holic <[JHolic@Venicegov.com](mailto:JHolic@Venicegov.com)>

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**Subject:** Re: Old library

Dear Mayor Holic:

I will ask our Library Staff and design team to respond to the suggestions you have made here in your email at our Commission meeting next week and indicate what impact(s) they would have on the project's timing, design, etc. That way our Commission and your Council will have that information to see if there is a consensus on the two bodies to support your suggestions.

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**From:** John Holic <[JHolic@Venicegov.com](mailto:JHolic@Venicegov.com)>

**Sent:** Saturday, October 29, 2016 8:50 PM

**To:** Charles D. Hines

**Cc:** Edward Lavallee; Heather Taylor; Lori Stelzer

**Subject:** Old library

Dear Commissioner Hines,

I have a personal request, not yet presented to City Council but on the agenda for the November 8 meeting, concerning the now evacuated Venice Library. I would like to preface the remarks that follow with my support of the decision made to close the library and build a new building. As you are well aware, my support of a new building goes back many months prior to the BCC decision to close the current building as it seemed like an almost impossible task to fix the diseased old building while still being used by the public.

With that being said, the last report from the county consultants, Pure Air and Digger Engineering, in 2015, seemed to indicate that there were ways to mitigate the mold problem, albeit not while the building was occupied. This mitigation might include partial demolition of the building and replacement of some or all of the existing drywall. In addition, landscaping and drainage would have to be improved as would the current gutter and downspout configuration.

If the BCC is agreeable to grant a reasonable extension of time before making a final site selection for the new library within the Cultural Campus, for the City of Venice to contact Pure Air and Digger Engineering to see if any or all of the old building can be saved for a reasonable amount of refurbishment and mitigation expense, we may find it to be a win - win solution for the City of Venice and for Sarasota County.

A reasonable extension of time, not to exceed 6 months, could allow time for the aforementioned parties to determine if any or all of the existing building is usable and the approximate cost to the City for bringing the building back to a usable condition.

I appreciate your consideration of this request and will let you know the outcome of the council vote.

Sincerely,

John Holic

Mayor, City of Venice

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