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Subject: Hurricane Shelter

Ed,

I am grateful that SMH has offered land to build a shelter, I think it shows true commitment to our area. What I am going to propose is in no way a negative on the fine proposal from SMH.

In the past, we talked about a joint use building at Wellfield, one that could be a Hurricane Shelter when needed, but PickleBall and Indoor Tennis the rest of the time. The idea was mentioned to members of the BCC, but it went nowhere because the county did not want to commit funds. Now that they are reserving funds for a Hurricane Shelter, perhaps they would consider a joint venture in Wellfield, probably the old fire training area; ample parking, a needed sports facility and little additional cost for the shelter portion.

Before presenting it to the county, I would like to have a council discussion. Lori, please place this under Council Discussion/action.

Suggested motion: Direct staff to enter into discussion with Sarasota County on building a dual purpose hurricane shelter/sports complex building in Wellfield.

Thanks,

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