



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Public Works Department

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

FROM: James R. Clinch PE, Director of Public Works and Asset Management

DATE: October 21, 2020

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: November 17th, 2020

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

SUBJECT: Accept Donation – Gulf Coast Community Foundation Sea Turtle Sculpture

Background: The Gulf Coast Community Foundation (GCCF) has teamed up with the Asolo Theatre Scenic Studio to create an interactive and educational Sea Turtle sculpture. GCCF has requisitioned two of these sculptures, one for Siesta Key Beach and one for Venice Beach. The sculpture has been constructed using outdoor grade aluminum and was fabricated using playground specifications, with no sharp edges or corners for safety. The intent is to donate this sculpture to be installed at the Venice Public Beach park, adjacent to the beach access as shown on the attached location map.

This artwork is interactive and will be promoting recycling and reducing marine debris. Park users will be able to place recyclables into an adjacent recycle bin and then the clean recyclable items will be placed inside the sculpture. The sculpture will be installed within an existing raised landscaping area and will have rope & post as well as signage to discourage climbing on the sculpture.

This item was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Public Art Advisory Board on October 7, 2020 and by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on October 19, 2020.

Requested Action: Accept donation from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of the Sea Turtle Sculpture and informational signage to be installed at Venice Beach.

City Attorney Review/Approved: N/A

Risk Management Review: Yes

Finance Department Review/Approved: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Location Map, Photos, Draft Educational Signage

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