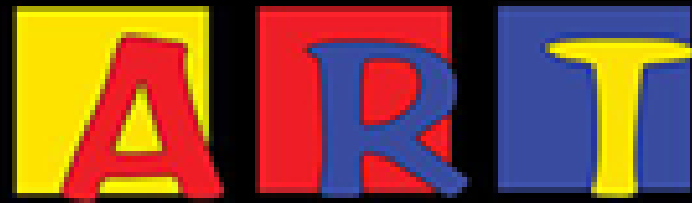


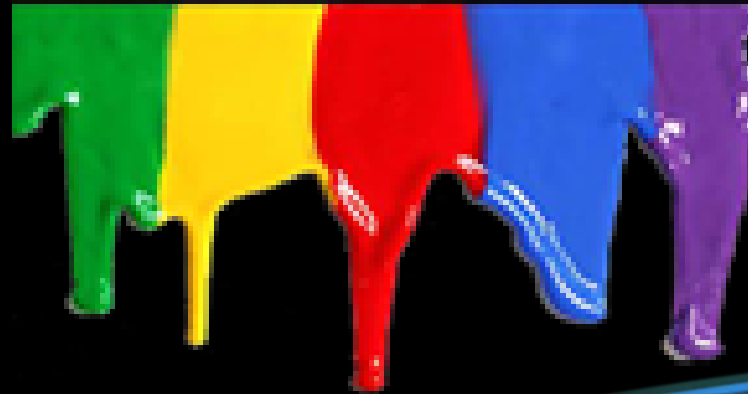
Proposed  
Addition

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# ART CENTER INTRODUCTION

Our Mission: To provide cultural resources to the community and to encourage the knowledge and appreciation of visual art in all its forms.

How It All Started: In 1956, when the population of the city and surrounding area numbered about 36,000 and the Intercoastal Waterway had not yet rendered Venice an island, the Women's Club sponsored a two-day art show. Twenty-seven artists displayed 60 works and 250 people attended. This seed grew into "The Art Spirit", Venice-Nokomis Art Association in 1958.

The Association: The Association sponsored many art-centered activities in the next few years. By 1966 a committee for a permanent gallery had plans drawn by retired architect Charles Mink, leased the southeast corner of Blalock Park, addressed a fund-raising campaign and changed the name to the "Venice Area Art League". Construction was completed by March 1968, when more than 150 paintings and other art works were displayed.

The Arts Center Today: During the 70's and 80's the Venice area experienced tremendous growth. It became apparent that the original Art Center sorely needed renovation. The name was changed to "The Venice Art Center, Inc." and by 1993 "The Friends of the Venice Art Center" had been created to assist with programs and funding. Following groundbreaking in January 1996, construction was completed by October. With increased classroom space available, a vigorous, supportive membership and new, flexible display galleries, the Venice Art Center proudly carries the aim of the 1958 founders "to stimulate and encourage the appreciation of art" into the future.

# NARRATIVE: PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project represents an approximate 1,820 SF 1-story addition to the existing Venice Art Center located at the above address.

The addition will consist of classroom space. The location of the addition will encompass the area currently listed as a loading area, increasing the overall building footprint by less than 9%.

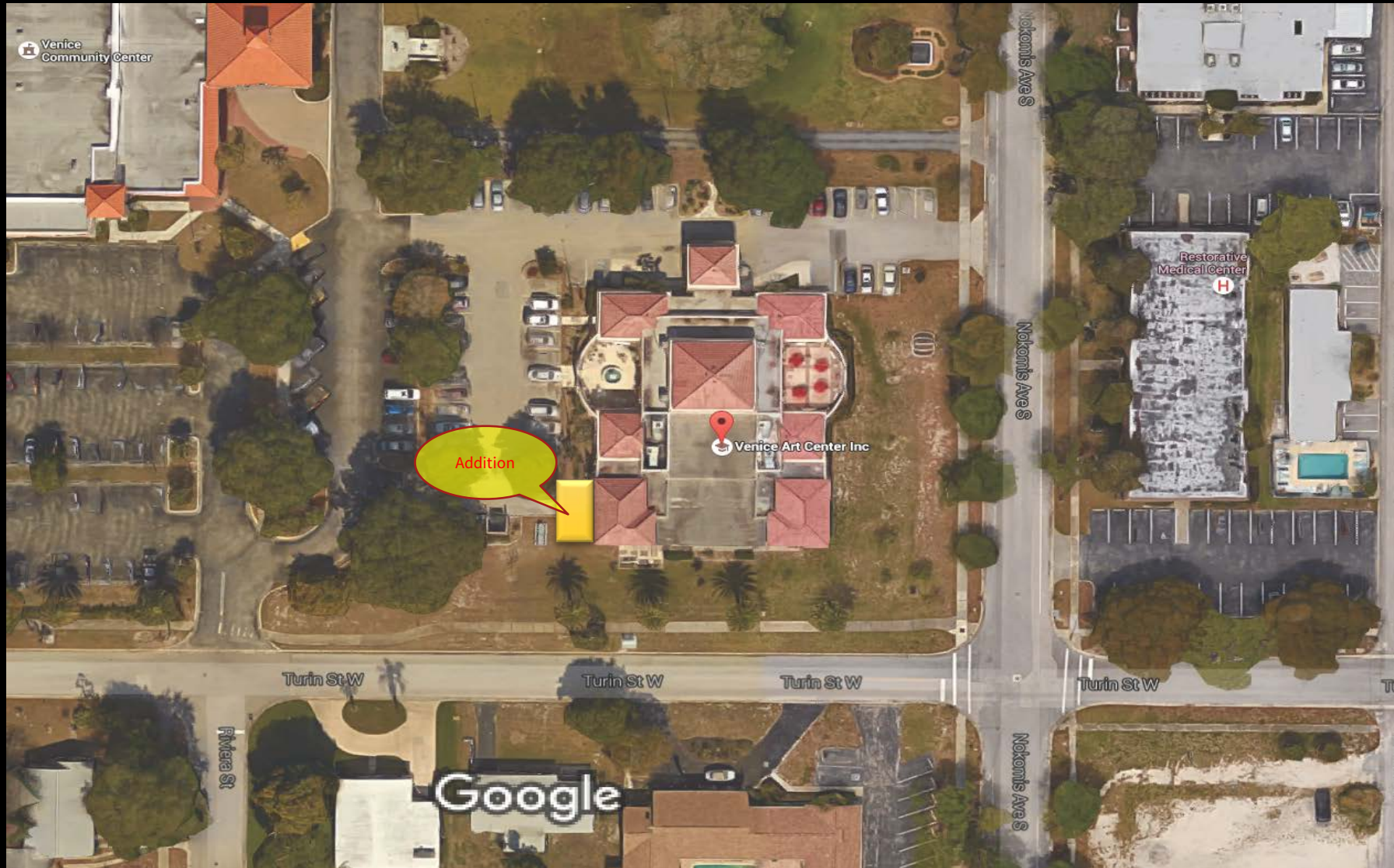
The actual construction, visual appearance, architectural detail, landscaping and color scheme of the proposed addition will match the existing facility exactly.

No additional parking spaces will be required, as the current facility has excess parking available (the 45 spaces required after construction of the addition are in place, plus 22 overflow spaces).

The project will require a relocating the existing FPL transformer approximately 30' north of its existing location, allowing for new concrete curbing and grating, sidewalks and other work necessary to eliminate the existing issue of water ponding during heavy rains. The existing dumpster enclosure will need to be reduced in size by approximately 10' to allow for the required FPL easement. The City of Venice has future plans to relocate and improve this dumpster area outside of and unrelated to the project.

The proposed addition is intended to add to the existing functions of the facility only. No new uses are being proposed.

# LAYOUT



# EXISTING FACILITY



Current View

# PROPOSED ADDITION



Proposed Rendering



# FPL EASEMENT

