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Interoffice Memorandum

Assistant City Manager's Office

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Len Bramble, Assistant City Manager

DATE: December 9, 2016

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: December 13, 2016

RE: Planning and Design Process of New Venice Public Library Building

Background:

On January 30, 2016, Sarasota County ceased operations at the library located on the Venice Cultural Campus. On March 8, 2016, Sarasota County and Venice approved a lease agreement for utilization of the Hamilton Commercial Building for the temporary operation of the Venice Public Library. On October 4, 2016, operations of a temporary Sarasota County Library in Venice began at the Hamilton Commercial Building following extensive renovations of the building by Sarasota County. Sarasota County is now undertaking planning and design for a new permanent library in Venice on the Venice Cultural Campus on the site of the old library.

On Thursday, December 8, 2016, Sarasota County held two 90-minute public meetings at the Venice Community Center where attendees heard from County Library staff, architects, and planners about plans for the future library on the Cultural Campus. Presented at the December 8 public meetings were a draft site plan schematic and a draft building layout, each of which is presented herein. County staff is actively seeking feedback on both the site plan and building draft plans, and, in addition to seeking input from the general public, have also sought input from the Venice Art Center and from County staff involved with operations of the Venice Community Center.

Requested Actions:

None required, although feedback on the draft site plan and draft building layout are welcome.

City Attorney Review:

N/A

Risk Management Review:

N/A