



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Lorraine Anderson, PIO

RE: Federal Legislative Priorities Recommendations for Upcoming Cycle

DATE: Nov. 1, 2016

After staff and Council review of the current cycle of Federal Appropriations Requests, the following recommendations were made. These have not been incorporated into the draft list.

Council Member Bob Daniels:

- Everything is OK except the museum. Council never discussed or approved this item.

Development Services Director Jeff Shrum:

- Make modifications to "Help in Establishing Attainable Workforce Housing," to read as follows: The City of Venice is seeking innovative and cooperative solutions and partnership opportunities to provide attainable workforce housing for essential services personnel. The City is experiencing significant growth in population and tourism further stressing the demand for essential services work force. The City recognizes the critical issue of attainable workforce housing locally, regionally, and statewide to afford essential workforce population's the necessary housing opportunities within the community in which they work. There are several programs that assist individuals with down payment and rental assistance; these programs are for low to very-low income scenarios and do not address the attainable housing need for our essential services workforce.
- In the item "Explore the Relocation of the Federal Post Office from Downtown Venice," Mr. Shrum suggests, perhaps there should be mention to desire by the City to provide opportunities for restoring this site to the original use as developed during the early period of the City of Venice as part of the John Nolen Plan.

City Manager Ed Lavallee:

- Wait until the outcome of the election to revisit the Public Safety item.
- Staff is in the process of developing an asset inventory that will deem the City facilities most in need of attention and funds needed for their repair or refurbishment.
- Will review potential sources of grant funding for projects with the City's grants administrator to see what is available, criteria and eligibility.