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Lori,

Please place this on the agenda for discussion. My recollection is that last year we told the organizer that there had to be a Venice Charity involved; I don't think that information ever made it to staff.

John

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FYI - below is an excerpt from an email that I received from a downtown merchant. There are a number of issues that it raises:

1. Parking availability when Centennial Parking Lot will be closed for a downtown event.
2. Allowing a "for-profit" promoter to take over Centennial Park with a portion of the proceeds going to a "NON-Venice" organization.
3. Appropriate charging for use of City property for events like these taking into consideration upcoming discussions on charging downtown businesses for use of city sidewalk space.

Bill Ahern

Are you aware that Centennial Parking Lot will be closed from midnight tonight until tomorrow evening because of the Beer Bash? I wonder where everyone will park. I am not sure but I think the Farmer's Market will be open and that will close off Tampa Avenue for the morning.

The city has let a for profit promoter take over our parking lot with the terms that they are giving a small percentage of their profits to an Englewood based animal shelter. I find this interesting when the city council wants to discuss the rental of our sidewalks to us. If that becomes the case, they had better start charging the for profit

businesses that are using our city property with no charge.