



# Memorandum

To: Edward Lavalley, City Manager

From: John Veneziano, Public Works Director

Date: September 19, 2016

Subject: Proposed Statue at Arboretum/West Blalock Park

Venice Area Beautification, Inc. has proposed to place a statue of a tarpon in the north west portion of the Arboretum at West Blalock Park. A copy of the proposal form is attached to the staff report. The statue will complement the three other statues of native Florida wildlife (manatee, sea turtle and panther) already in the park. VABI will provide maintenance for the statue.

City staff have reviewed the proposal. No significant issues were raised by the staff.

The proposal was reviewed by the Public Art Advisory Board and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Copies of the minutes from these two items are provided as attachments.

Staff recommends approval of this proposal.