

From: John Holic
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 2:43 PM
To: Heather Taylor <HTaylor@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Fw: Parks

Heather,
Please put this on the next agenda for council review.
Thanks,
John

John Holic
Mayor, City of Venice

From: Robin Bayus <rbayus@scgov.net>
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 9:17 AM
To: Charles D. Hines
Cc: John Holic; Dara Walker
Subject: RE: Parks

Attached is the draft copy of Priorities that Mr. Harmer sent to the commissioners on December 10th. Please let me know if you have any questions.

From: Charles D. Hines
Sent: Wednesday, December 28, 2016 8:55 AM
To: John Holic; Robin Bayus; Dara Walker
Subject: RE: Parks

Robin would you mind forwarding to Mayor Holic the list of the priorities we identified at our retreat in December. Thanks.

John a couple things that I don't think will appear on the list are items that are already far along in the process that they were not identified as new things to work on this year such as the Venice library and River Road. What I'm trying to say is those work taken as givens in our Capital Improvement projects list so if you didn't see them I don't want you to worry.

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE smartphone

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From: John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>
Date: 12/28/16 4:17 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Charles D. Hines" <chines@scgov.net>

Cc: Edward Lavallee <ELavallee@Venicegov.com>

Subject: Re: Parks

Charles,

Thanks for taking time to discuss some issues and exchange ideas on how we can better utilize what we have. You are spot on when it comes to cost of new park land, I do not think that most citizens realize how expensive it is not only to build a park, but to maintain it as well. The last thing I want to do is increase taxes further just to maintain what we may build.

A couple of take aways from our meeting: I especially like the priority list of new county projects you verbally gave me and request the list in written form if it's available. I am going to meet with the City Manager and make sure we have our list in order and then exchange it with you. I think we would both benefit knowing what the top 15 or 20 priorities of our respective governments are so that we can better work with each other.

I also like the fact that you have monthly updates from your staff at a meeting on all active projects. I am going to discuss this with the CM as well - it seems that a system like yours not only keeps the staff people accountable but help the commission answer questions from the public more quickly and accurately.

John Holic

Mayor, City of Venice

From: Charles D. Hines <chines@scgov.net>

Sent: Tuesday, December 27, 2016 11:22 AM

To: John Holic

Cc: Carolyn Brown

Subject: Parks

John: Nice meeting with you this morning on various issues. As to our recent expansion of Dogs in County Parks, I will follow-up with C. Brown to see what would be needed if the City wanted to designate certain of its Parks we manage to do the same.

Also, as to the expansion of Pickle Ball opportunities; one park that is very close to the City, that in my opinion is very underutilized, is the Nokomis Park. It has plenty of parking and bathrooms, two tennis courts and plenty of room for a couple more, (if the demand is really there). Also it has a covered basketball court that we just refurbished, that may also work for Pickle ball, with some simple lining/stripping. It also has access to the Legacy Trail (bike to Pickle ball) and Roberts Bay via a canoe and kayak launch, along with a large community garden, playground and fitness trail. I know you are familiar with this but I think a lot of Venice residents are not and as they are County residents as well, we should be sure we are fully utilizing all of the available amenities before we think about building and funding the operations of new ones. This includes using School Board properties that are not being used at night or on weekends as we discussed.

Lots of great opportunities for our community these next couple of years. Talk to you soon and Happy New Year.

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