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PECIAL EXCEPTION

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES - PLANNING & ZONING

SPECIAL EXCEPTION APPLICATION

Parcel Identification No.:

Address:

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MIXED USE RESIDENTIAL

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Property Owner's Name:

Lord-Higel House Facility & City of Venice Parking Improvements

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409 GRANADA AVE VENICE, FL, 34285

33,750 Sq. Ft. (SARASOTA COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER RECORDS)

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Applicant Signature / Date:

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City Code Sec. 86-411 (2) allows for 100% pervious parking areas for houses of worship and public and private schools. The proposed use of the Lord-Higel House facility as an early settler museum and welcome center is a similar non-profit educational use. Additionally, the funding to design and construct a paved parking area is not currently available through either Venice Heritage Inc. or the City FY17 Budget; therefore this Special Exception will allow continued use of the parking area until such time as the funding is available. Moreover, the grass parking area directly parallels the rural aesthetic of the Lord-Higel House and grounds, as an early settler museum estate and welcome center for visitors to Venice's historic downtown district; therefore Venice Heritage Inc. is very supportive of allowing the parking area to remain in its existing condition.



LORD-HIGEL HOUSE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONSISTENCY

September 20, 2016

The property is currently depicted as "Heritage Park Neighborhood" (HPN) on the City's adopted Future Land Use Map. The Lord-Higel House and adjacent public parking are existing uses with previous approval from City Council. The community benefit for the proposed uses are numerous. The Lord-Higel House, upon completed Architectural restoration, will serve to educate the public about the City's unique early settlement and be a venue in the downtown district for visitors to learn about the community. The restored home will provide an observable and experiential stroll into early 19th Century Venice with well-appointed period furnishings, objects, and fixtures. The house, conveniently located in within the HPN and downtown district, also will serve as a gateway to Nolen Park and the city's historic Apartment District.

Secondly, the existing car park, east of the historic Lord-Higel House, provides needed parking for the downtown district, Venice City Hall, and nearby multi-family housing within the HPN. The pervious parking area was constructed in 2015 by the City of Venice at the request of City Council and approved under agenda item 15-1426. The parking area is currently in operation, and is utilized by the public daily. The impervious parking surface is functioning well and complimentary to the intent of the HPN and the Lord Higel House.

The Lord-Higel House Site and Development Plan correspond well with the intent of the comprehensive plan and HPN. The use enhances community character, functionality, and provides a historical resource element that is easily accessible to residents and visitors.

