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**Subject:** Venice Public Library

Ed,

Thank you for providing me a hard copy of Len Bramble's email, I did not get to my email until today and saw his electronic copy.

Questions that need clarification:

- 1. Who has the authority to demolish this building? Is it the lessee, or the land owner? Is it city staff, county staff, BCC, Venice CC or some combination?
- 2. There are county standards to naming of a building, do those standards apply to county buildings on county land or county buildings anywhere.
- 3. It is obvious that a name change was planned as it is already in use at the temporary library site.
- 4. If VCC approval is needed for demolishing the building, it could be ex post facto as the tentative date for demolishing is March 8 and our next meeting isn't until March 14.
- 5. There is no mention of tentative construction of the new building, a question we are quite often asked.
- 6. What testing is going to be done on the site of the old library to assure that the new construction will not suffer the problems of the old.
- 7. Please research how much was spent in private funds by the Friends of the Library (the group that named the library Venice Library in the first place) to build the original library. Beside being the group that deserves to name the library as they were the founders, I think we will find that the expended private funds were well in excess of that required for naming rights.

There are many other questions, but perhaps an update by Mr. Bramble after each meeting will answer most of them.

Thanks, John

John Holic

Mayor, City of Venice

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