

## Heather Taylor

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**From:** John Holic  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 3:55 AM  
**To:** Heather Taylor  
**Cc:** Edward Lavalley; kkeudy@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Fw: Request to become part of VABI Parks and Trails Creation Projects

Heather,  
Please make sure this gets out to City Council for discussion in today's CIP meeting.  
Thanks,  
John

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**From:** The Two Euds <kkeudy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2018 8:05 PM  
**To:** admin@vabi.org  
**Cc:** John Holic; Kim Eudy; Larsen Elin; nancysavenko@gmail.com; woodboat7@columbus.rr.com Debbieyoga; Eileen Ryan  
**Subject:** Request to become part of VABI Parks and Trails Creation Projects

RE: The City of Venice responsibility for ADA Beach Access

TO: Venice Area Beautification Inc. *(tried to submit on your website)*

We are researching the possibility of Venice Beach becoming part of VABI *Parks and Trails Creation Projects*.

A group of citizens are interested in helping the city obtain ACCESS MATS thru the permitting process with the Dept.of Environmental Protection. A benchmark for funding for less than \$36,000 was based on 1000 ft. of MAT from the north access to the lifeguard station, to the Pavilion ramp to the lifeguard station, to the south access of the beach within DEP rules and regulations.

The city may/may not have the funds and a group of volunteers are needed. The mats are environmentally safe for turtles, but sections can be removed during turtle season if necessary. Before the threat of a hurricane, volunteers are needed to help remove and reinstall mats.

Jeff Olson from **Access Rec** demonstrated the installation of the mats below. **DMS Mats** who installed mats at Siesta Key will be giving a demo. at Venice Beach Feb. 8th.

There is a meeting/workshop at City Hall to discuss ADA access tomorrow (Tues) 1/30 at 8:30am. We hope to hear more about the possible cancellation of the *Inter-local Agreement* with county and funding solutions to maintain the parks. The MATS have a 3-5 year warranty so a 501c3 affiliate would be helpful for those who want to donate to help maintain the mat trail.

Regards,

Kim and Ken Eudy

Mats unloaded from ACCESS REC demonstration at Venice Beach

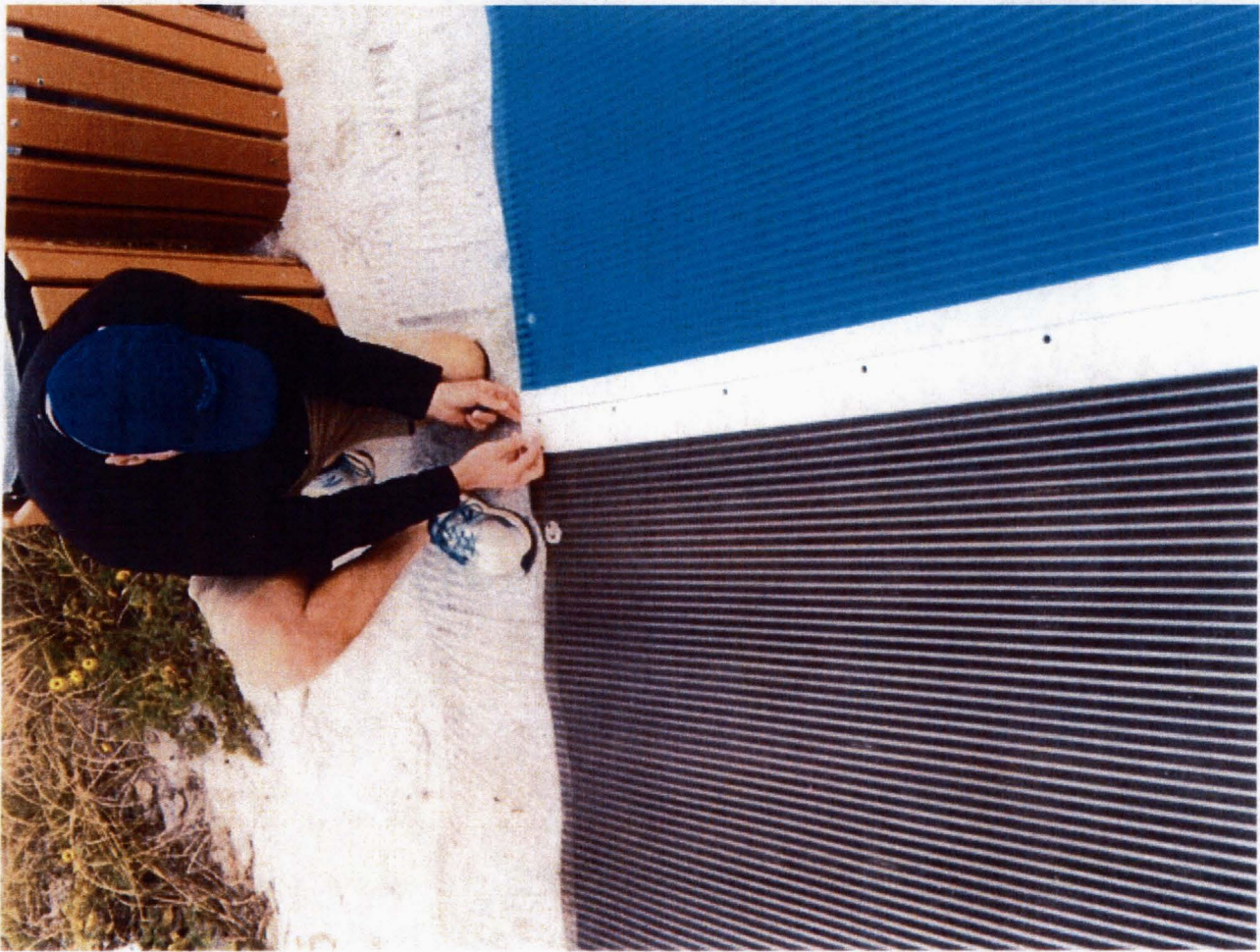


Mats are easy to handle.





Easy seamless connection.



Many offered to volunteer or had fund-raising ideas from folks who visit the beach everyday.





***"He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help" Abraham Lincoln***

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