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City of Venice Engineering Department

To:

Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director

From:

Kathleen Weeden, PE, City Engineer

Date:

05/24/2018

Subject:

Planning Commission Meeting 06/19/2018

Venice Library - Southern Driveway to Remain

Background:

Following the original approval, the following items became a concern:

- Venice Community Center (VCC) has a Nokomis address and would no longer have a dedicated entrance.
- 2. Large volumes of visitors to the center would need to drive through the parking lot of the library and the Art Center which could pose a safety issue.
- 3. The Art Center driveway does not meet the minimum 24' width for 2-way traffic due to the covered drop-off area.

By revising the plans as illustrated in the attached exhibits, allowing the southern driveway remain in place as a one-way enter drive will reduce these concerns. It reduces the amount of cars travelling through the parking area of both the Art Center and the Library for safety, it still allows upgrade of the grassy area remaining after the northern driveway is removed and maintains an entrance next the fountain/sign that was donated to the City at a location that matches the address for the Venice Community Center.

Sarasota County has reviewed the proposed changes and has submitted the attached letter of concurrence. Thank you for your consideration.