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Subject: "Filtration" Out flow pipe

From: John Holic <JHolic@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 13, 2019 4:58 PM
To: Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Fwd: "Filtration" Out flow pipe

Lori,
I thought I sent an email for the next agenda regarding a watergoat, if not, this should suffice.
Council action.
Thanks,
John

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From: John Holic <jholic@venicegov.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 4:32 PM
To: Samantha Gentrup
Cc: City Council; Edward Lavallee; James Clinch; Judy Gamel; Kathleen Weeden; Kim Eudy; jen.ahearn-koch@sarasotafl.gov
Subject: Re: "Filtration" Out flow pipe

Samantha,
You are in touch with the correct person, I will forward our emails to her so she can upgrade and update the adoption request.
John

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From: Samantha Gentrup <director@handsalongthewater.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 2:41 PM
To: John Holic
Cc: City Council; Edward Lavallee; James Clinch; Judy Gamel; Kathleen Weeden; Kim Eudy; jen.ahearn-koch@sarasotafl.gov
Subject: Re: "Filtration" Out flow pipe

Thank you. We'd love to adopt a beach as well as a road in Venice. We do cleanups every month and have already cleaned up the S Jetty, N Jetty, and Casperson Beach. In addition, we're working with Tricia (City of

Venice Staff) to adopt John Nolen Park. Please connect me to whomever we need to speak with to adopt a beach.

We've walked a few creeks in Venice that are full of trash and would benefit from the water goat. If/when you follow Sarasota on that solution, please let us know and we'll help.

Samantha

On Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 1:31 PM John Holic <JHolic@venicegov.com> wrote:

Samantha,

I will ask council to direct staff to research the goat and see if it can be used effectively on any of our outfalls, this will be done at the next council meeting. In the meantime, I would like to propose the following to you:

As background, when my wife and I were Turtle Patrol volunteers, we would carry a couple of bags with us and pick up trash. In the mile of beach that we walked, rarely would there be a morning that we did not fill up two bags with bottles, plastic bags, cans and other discarded "garbage". I would suggest to you that litter from beach combers far exceeds that from the outfalls.

You are part of an organization that is already familiar with the area and has likeminded people concerned about what is going into our waterway. I suggest you ask the Hands Along the Water folks to begin a program similar to *Adopt – a – Road*, and it can be as simple as *Adopt – a – Beach*. If the beach is divided into half mile sections from the Jetty to as far south as you want to go and another group can be started from the north jetty to as far north as you want to go for beach debris pickup. I will go to council and ask for support for whatever you need to get the job done and will be happy to recommend the approval of signs giving the organization recognition for adopting the beach if you would like.

I think this is as important, if not more so, than the goat as both are designed to remove debris, not excess nutrients. Council has already directed staff to get a beach rake so that the next time we have a fish kill, the dead fish are picked up on a timely manner as they actually provide excess nutrients to the algae. The rake will also help remove some of the cigarette butts along the water's edge, it will not help with the debris further up the beach and in the grassy areas.

Our monitoring of the quality of the outfall water should help us determine where the excess nutrients are coming from in the city and then develop a plan to stop it. Water quality monitoring, however, will not address the debris so I think this type of volunteer action can work hand in hand for better overall water quality.

Thanks for your consideration

John Holic

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From: Samantha Gentrup [mailto:director@handsalongthewater.com]

Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019 12:22 PM

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The Water Goat is a cost-efficient tool to diminish the amount of trash that's ending up in our Gulf. The "goats" are sponsored by corporations and are then cleaned out by volunteers. Hands Along The Water is working with the city of Sarasota to launch and maintain at least two water goats. We are grateful that the city of Sarasota is seeking solutions and we are happy to support them.

Can we stop people from littering? In a perfect world, yes, but we have decades of facts showing us that we can't and to continue to throw up our hands and simply blame, won't accomplish anything.

The water goat is a cost effective way to protect our Gulf and marine life. We're hoping that the city of Venice chooses to move forward with this and if they do, we will happily provide the volunteer force to keep the goats maintained.

Samantha

On Fri, Apr 12, 2019 at 3:53 AM John Holic <JHolic@venicegov.com> wrote:

Kim,

I attended a Council of Governments meeting in Sarasota yesterday and was able to talk with a City of Sarasota Commissioner and the Assistant City Manager and I asked about the "water goat". Neither person was familiar with that term or piece of equipment. The City of Sarasota uses baffles to capture debris and the City of Venice uses several techniques, including baffles, to capture debris; I will forward you a separate email on all the outfalls of Venice.

The Watergoat is a Tampa innovation and I will ask our City Manager to have our Storm Water Engineer look into it to see if it can improve our debris collection; fortunately we do not have the volume of debris that Tampa has. As you know, unlike a naturally occurring phenomena like red tide, debris is almost totally man made and could be easily corrected if people weren't so careless and disrespectful of the environment. Cans, plastic bags, plastic bottles and cigarette butts shouldn't take tax dollars to fix and shouldn't be the responsibility of government. We can't correct a problem by trying to clean up the results, the problem is corrected by not contributing debris at the source and that is everyone's responsibility. Nature's contribution, like leaves, pretty well take care of themselves.

Sincerely,

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From: Kim Eudy <kkeudy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 12:27 PM
To: Samantha Gentrup
Cc: John Holic

Subject: Re: "Filtration" Out flow pipe

Samantha,

We were unaware of this information; thank you for the reminder.

I counted 12 cigarette butts as we walked to our car in the Venice Beach parking lot after yoga; It's all going to end up in the Gulf during a rain event.

It seems a count of substance debris should be accounted for as part of the assessment.

Regards

Kim

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2019, at 9:33 PM, Samantha Gentrup <director@handsalongthewater.com> wrote:

Assessments are fine, but keep in mind our tax dollars have already gone toward data collection. The water atlas is an invaluable tool that we already paid for. Regarding trash in the waterways heading to the Gulf, there's something called a "water goat" that catches solid debris. Sarasota (City) is moving forward with this. Venice should follow suit.

On Wed, Apr 10, 2019 at 4:40 PM Kim Eudy <kkeudy@yahoo.com> wrote:

Good answer; thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2019, at 3:50 PM, John Holic <JHolic@venicegov.com> wrote:

Kim,

That is part of the assessment. When we have everything in place we should get a very good idea what we are adding to the storm water, if anything.

For example, I had a complaint about the drain leading into the basin by Freedom Boats Club and it turned out to be three pollen on the water along with some dead leaves. There was a piece of bread floating in the water and that was most probably from a visitor trying to feed fish. A couple of years ago, when we had a beach closing, we found that there was a resident throwing a large amount of bread into the water almost every morning to feed the birds and it may have been the bird defecation that was causing the closing. Sometime the thoughtful actions of people can actually be harmful to the ecosystem; we were able to find the resident and stop that feeding.

I guess what I'm trying to say is it is best to leave it to the professionals so that we don't yell fire when there may not be one and that we find the actual fire and put it out.

John

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From: Kim Eudy <kkeudy@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 3:17 PM
To: John Holic
Cc: Gentrup Samantha; Akim
Subject: Re: "Filtration" Out flow pipe

Thank you Mayor,

If the outflow pipe at the beach wasn't so big, I'd slap a fishnet stocking and a garter belt on it to stop the debris from going into a Gulf.

Shouldn't that be part of the assessment; how much "debris" is going into the Gulf?

Can't we do something simple now?

Regards,

Kim

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2019, at 1:41 PM, John Holic <JHolic@venicegov.com> wrote:

Kim,

The original request came in on 12/16/18 and then again on March 20, 2019 and my answer on March 21, 2019 was:

We are doing a complete assessment of all our outfalls which includes water quality monitoring. Your suggestion is noted, but will have to wait for the assessment to be completed to see what direction is taken.

Thank you for your patience.

Thanks,

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From: Kim Eudy [<mailto:kkeudy@yahoo.com>]
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Dear Mayor,

Perhaps before you vacate the Mayors office, you could check on the progress of obtaining this type of filtration bladder for the outflow pipe at the south end of Venice beach or have one designed and created as a class project by the high school.

It seems this request may be one of those dark areas of lost pursuits when dealing with the Inter-local Agreement between Sarasota County and the City; deciding the purchase, maintenance and responsibility quagmire of red tape.

This was posted on Facebook and it mentioned you were asked several months ago; just thought you'd like to know.

Regards,

Kim

<http://www.thinkinghumanity.com/2018/12/australia-found-a-simple-and-helpful-way-to-save-water-from-plastic-pollution.html>

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