## Written Correspondence

## **JoAnne Crawn-Brewer**

From: Jim Yelverton

**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2019 1:41 PM

**To:** JoAnne Crawn-Brewer

**Subject:** FW: Trees

From: Sue Lang < suelang99@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 1:13 PM

To: Edward Lavallee <ELavallee@Venicegov.com>; Lenox E. Bramble <LBramble@Venicegov.com>; Jeff Shrum

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Subject: Fw: Trees

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From: Sue Lang

Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 10:21 AM

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Subject: Trees

i read with interest City's intent to develop a tree ordinance. Protected trees need to include tall trees like the slash/scrub pines and cypress that are homes and roosts for large birds such as bald eagles, great horned owls, osprey, etc. which are essential to our eco system and keep down the rodent population. We have lost many of these tall trees to development, parking lots, etc. both on and off the island.

The Ordinance or Land Use regs also needs to address street trees. We need more shade trees along our public sidewalks and roads, and, in parking areas. As you know six months a year it is unbearable to walk here where there is no shade. It is especially unsafe for children and pets. Shade trees can lower the temperature 10 degrees! While we need to increase our percentage of trees overall, it is equally important that we increase our shade canopy along walking routes.

Please give this all due consideration.

Thank you

## **JoAnne Crawn-Brewer**

From: Jim Yelverton

**Sent:** Friday, August 2, 2019 7:51 AM **To:** JoAnne Crawn-Brewer; Jeff Shrum

Cc: RE: Trees

Subject:

**Sent:** Thursday, August 1, 2019 7:42:02 PM **To:** Jim Yelverton < <u>JYelverton@Venicegov.com</u>>

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Hello-

Just read the article about Venice heritage trees.

Sorry, but what? What a lot of words about something that has so little impact.

Dare we do something that matters? Let's plant 1000 trees on the island; let's get rid of dead-space gravel yards; let's shame parking lot owners into providing large planting islands amid their concrete; let's talk about increasing the web of life in the soil in our city; let's implement planting of trees on some of the shade less residential streets, which is long overdue.

Come visit my yard and compare it to the gravel yards that line most of the street across from me. I guarantee you that my yard supports the health of the city more than a 'heritage banyan' on an otherwise barren lot.

You are the city arborist...don't you want to do something that matters?

Sent from my iPad