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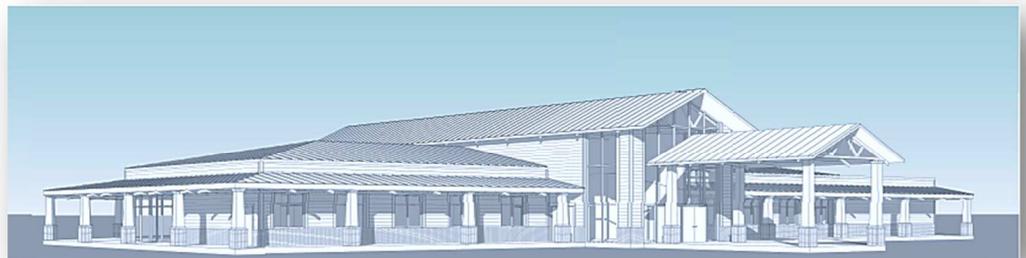
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Leesburg's Venetian Gardens Master Plan Includes New Community Building

Design concepts are in the works

LEESBURG, Fla – As part of the Venetian Gardens Master Plan Phase III, the Leesburg City Commission has awarded a design contract for a new Leesburg Community Building to Borelli and Partners. The preliminary design for the one story, 20,700 square foot community building includes a lobby, meeting rooms, a grand ballroom with a 485 person seating capacity, and an outdoor covered porch.

Later this month at Leesburg City Hall, on August 24 at 5:30 p.m. the City Commission will conduct a workshop to consider final community building design aspects and other concepts associated with the Venetian Gardens Master Plan. Among the



Sample design concept for new Leesburg Community Building

considerations for enhancements are a Dozier Circle reconfiguration, parking facilities, landscaping improvements and a pair of pad-ready restaurant building sites. These improvements are all part of a mixed-use master plan developed with public input received during the summer of 2014.

With all of the construction activities to come, the City plans to minimize interference with current Venetian Gardens activities and scheduling in the existing community building. As final design proceeds, the City is developing a construction schedule, which will inform the public about upcoming construction phases. It is anticipated that the construction schedule will be developed and published this fall.

“The City anticipates beginning the initial steps in developing a preliminary construction project schedule this fall. We will strive to keep the public informed while minimizing disruptions,” said City Manager, Al Minner. “The new community building is an exciting part of the Venetian Gardens Master Plan that aims to transform and take more advantage of one of Leesburg’s jewels.”

Leesburg is a progressive city of more than 21,000 residents in northwest Lake County. The city government serves twice as many people with its electric, gas, water, wastewater and fiber-optic public utilities. Leesburg also is a central hub for commerce, attracting 50,000 people to work each weekday. For more information, visit www.leesburgflorida.gov.

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