



# COUNTY OF DARE

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TO: Dare County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Susan Boncek, Chairperson  
Dare County Parks and Recreation Advisory Council

DATE: February 16, 2007

RE: Roanoke Island Center

The Dare County Parks and Recreation Advisory Council would like to recommend that the center proposed on Roanoke Island be for multi-generational use and located at the Justice Center site. We feel that this site would be visited more frequently due to less traffic and more convenient parking. Our discussion of parking was that most seniors would dislike the one way streets, parallel parking and the "closed in" feeling the current parking areas in downtown Manteo present.

Several of our members attended the first public hearings and were involved when attendees indicated that they would prefer to see the center used as a community center rather than strictly a senior center. We also feel as though the ultimate decision for the use of the center should be left up to the residents of Roanoke Island and mainland Dare County. Residents on Hatteras Island were able to build a center that reflected their lifestyle of multigenerational families. The center on the Beach is used mainly by retirees that have children and grandchildren in other states. It is our feeling that Roanoke Island and mainland Dare (Wanchese, Stump Point, Manns Harbor, etc.) more closely match the make-up on Hatteras Island.

If we could get the old Alternative School property from the Board of Education, this would only help the 18 and younger crowd and not offer any place for activities for the adult population.

Land and construction are so expensive we feel that every effort should be made to fulfill every need for our residents as possible.

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