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Re: Comments on Preliminary Design Options for the Tower Replacement at Linda Pedersen Park

Dear Chris,

We appreciate this opportunity to provide input on the design options for the tower replacement at Linda Pedersen Park. Hernando Audubon supports the third design option utilizing a steel structure because of its anticipated durability and long-term value. However, we also find the second option with a recommended galvanized roof, and the first option to be acceptable alternatives, particularly if funding limitations affect the feasibility of the preferred design.

We also recommend that no traditional lawn requiring frequent watering and fertilizer be included as part of the project. We recommend that ground cover and any new plants/trees added to the project be native species and appropriate to the ecology of the area. If security measures require electricity, we recommend using solar panels placed on the roof.

We also encourage the installation of educational signage, informing visitors about the ecology, wildlife, and natural resources of Linda Pedersen Park. These features would help reduce the project's environmental impact while providing visitors with opportunities to learn about and appreciate the unique natural resources of the area.

Sincerely,

Tom St Clair

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