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**Date:** Thursday, November 16, 2017 9:38 AM  
**To:** <peggyernest@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** FW: Impact Fee Funds - Community Center at the Library

Mrs. Peggy,

Please see the below response from Heather.

Thank You,  
Dairian Burke

**From:** Heather M. Ramos [mailto:Heather.Ramos@gray-robinson.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2017 9:34 AM  
**To:** Dairian Burke <dburke@howey.org>  
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**Subject:** Impact Fee Funds - Community Center at the Library

Good morning Dairian – The Town Council can allocate Parks and Rec impact fee funds to be used for the new Community Center at the Library.

Sec. 110-29(a) of the Town's Code of Ordinances provides that funds collected for parks and recreation impact fees shall be used solely for the purpose of acquiring or expanding parks and recreation services or making capital improvements to parks and recreation services under the jurisdiction of the town. I don't see any legal issues with the proposed project falling within the language of the Town's Code, but ultimately it is a decision to be made by the Town Council.

Note that per Sec. 110-29(c) of the Town's Code the project should be added to the Town's capital improvement program. (I have cc'd Tom for this issue.)

If there is anything else I can do to assist with this, please let me know!

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11/25/2017

To: Town Council  
From: Parks & Recreation Board  
and Library Board  
Date: December 11, 2017

Over the last few years, Central Park, Griffin Park, Blevins Park and Sara Maude Mason Nature Preserve have undergone improvements and additions. In consulting with town planner, Tom Horowski, the Parks & Recreation Board understands that our existing parks are sufficient for the needs of our residents, even when the approved housing developments are built out. The current need is for space to hold indoor recreational activities, such as the Town-wide events regularly planned by the Events Committee.

There is an approximate balance of \$76,500 in Parks & Recreation Impact Fees as of December 11, 2017, and fees are accumulating at a steady rate because of new home construction.

The Parks & Recreation Board and the Library Board jointly recommend to Council that the Parks & Recreation Impact Fee funds be assigned to the proposed Community Center at the Library to serve the indoor recreational needs of our citizens.

At such time in the future that new park space is needed due to growth of the population, or at such time as the Community Center is completed, such Impact Fees would be returned to use by the Parks & Recreation Board to develop new park space.

Thank you for considering this request.