

Concerned Citizens of St. Petersburg  
**Functions for the Pier Working Group to Consider**

People familiar with the first Pier design effort are aware that a key problem was that the Pier Task Force Report was largely ignored. Thus many of the important elements the Report recommended were never included in the new design. As we begin the process of creating a new Pier design, we believe it is critical to identify a clear list of programmatic functions the Task Force recommended (and that we believe the community would like to see in any new design), whether the plan is a "clean sheet" design, or some version that uses the existing inverted pyramid.

Below is a list of functions we have taken directly from the recommendations the Task Force made in its report. We encourage the new process begin with: (a) accepting the work of the Pier Task Force as the starting point of any design effort, (b) Use that report to identify a core group of functions that the community would like to see included in any design.

Here is a list of functions already identified in the report, and we offer them as a beginning point:

**Recommended Functions Taken from the Pier Task Force Report:**

- The Pier should be integrated into waterfront as its anchor and centerpiece. (p. 38)
- Preserve views to and from the City as well as outward into the bay. (p. 38)
- Program(s) must attract both visitors and locals. (p. 38)
- (Recommends) Further exploration of a Marine Discovery Center. (p. 38)
- Green/LEED certified structure, energy efficient design and equipment (p. 38)
- Water park and/or family oriented entertainment for children should be considered (p. 38)
- Enhance the Spa Beach experience – make it a beach again for family use (Concept 1, p. 25)
- Restaurant/cafes should be adjacent to docks . . . (p. 38)
- Transient docks immediately south of Pelican lot would provide better access for boaters (p. 39)
- Incorporate pedestrian/bike trails into the design . . . (p. 38)
- the Task Force Report supports an upscale restaurant, a QSR and a bar/restaurant capitalizing on the waterfront/marina setting (p. 14)
- Enhanced tram/trolley or sky ride type of system connecting to Downtown, BayWalk, and Mid-Core Garage could help Pier's success (p.39) (*We recommend a Disney style tram*)
- Consider installation of a breakwater system to protect the Vinoy basin (p. 38)
- Consider ways to bridge the Vinoy basin entrance, connecting the Pier with North Shore Park (p. 24,25,26,38)

We also would like to respectfully recommend two additional ideas that have shown strong support within the community in the years since the Task Force Report:

- Include specific areas for fishing. Consider a boardwalk lower than the main "street" that is closer to the water
- enhance the Spa Beach experience – make it a beach again for family use, which could include water features for children

This list certainly is not all inclusive. But the list does include items that we believe already have strong support in our community. We hope by drawing attention to these ideas we can help begin the discussion within our community that will produce the best possible design for our new Pier.