

## Paul Stellrecht - Re: Plans for Pier

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Connie,  
Your concept sounds very nice. I have forwarded to the Pier team.

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Bay News 9 reporters have noted the city is seeking citizen input as to renovations to the Pier. I am not sure where to submit my opinion, but hope that by emailing you, that you will please forward it to the correct person.

My idea is simple. Both vacationers and citizens relish relaxing in a lush tropical environment. The Mediterrean style, colonial architecture of the Vinoy sets the pace for the area. I would cast my hat with the folks who would enjoy a gorgeous facility in that architectural style, replete with restaurants (offering meals in the \$\$-\$\$\$ price range), upscale shops, patios to purchase coffee and dessert. Maybe once a week one the of outdoor restaurants on the first floor could offer some nice live, smooth jazz. I envision lots of flaming bougainvillea climbing up trellises, flagstone flooring, the creation of a lush ambience aided by a lovely sea breeze.

The building on the pier should be the same color as the Vinoy, anchoring each side of the park. The pedestrian walkway to the pier should be very aesthetic...with some small fountains, plantings to offer some shade, and lots of seating and flowers for people to enjoy. Of course, the Jolly Trolley should still operate.

As to amusement rides, please nix that. Busch Gardens offers them already. People come to Straub Park to enjoy their friends and families and realize a sense of peace in a busy, increasingly cosmopolitan city.

Thanks,  
Connie Gaskill

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