India Williams - Fwd: Thoughts on the Pier

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Here's one for the public input records.

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Forgive the intrusion but being unable to attend the meetings on the pier I attempted to do the survey on line....no results....I hope to make a few points in the hope that you can forward this to whomever might find it interesting.....I am a resident of St.Pete for the past 16 years ...We live off the Pinellas Bayway in Palma del Mar.....We learn from past history to settle for a quick fix we get what we bargain for....Allowing for budget constraints when we limit ourselves for less than quality solutions we are defeating our purpose.....The pier should represent St. Pete and should be instantly recognizable.....The Sydney Opera House, The Guggenheim in NY or the one in Bilbao Spain...Instantly recognizable.....The original pier was constructed in 1929 that evolved to our current inverted pyramid....That's approximately 85 years....Pretty good...what we need is something that will last as long....The Pier is a focal point for both tourists and residents alike.....There is a need to draw people to it.....It should accommodate the interests of all ages....Dining and entertainment venues are a must....It should provide area for recreation....a fishing pier and walking and jogging track...I can see a time when our annual memorial runs start or end at the pier.an area that's a draw.....Transportation to and from can be provided by trolley or electric bus with parking off the pier property,probably at the ball park near the Mahaffey theater.Shuttle service should be provided(at reduced expense if necessary)Fees for entrance to the Pier can be coupled to the other venues in StPete(the Trop, Museums of Arts Dali etc....There are any number of activities that draw people to that area.Concerts at the Venoy and Janus Landing could be coupled with a Pier visit at nominal cost.I felt I had to express my views....I also realize it takes innovative financing to achieve thisWe have the talent here to be innovative. Look at the new Sundial etc.Please pass this on and hopefully I can get on the survey in the future