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Re: Letter of Request to Review Plans

Attn: Carol Peredo Lopez, AIA

Attached is an email from Mary O'Hare, President of the Topinabee Development Association in Northern Michigan. She has asked our PVA Architects to review design and development plans for a new beach and park area they are working on with assistance from Fleis and Vandenberg (F&V), an engineering firm, to work on a park improvement plan that will include handicap accessible access to the beach in Topinabee Park. This is all part of their effort to improve the community. Our Chapter has been in contact with the TDA since last summer and is in full support of their efforts to remove barriers and make life more accessible for their community and tourist. Thanks Carol for your assistance.

Mary O'Hare's contact info, along with email addresses for two engineers from Fleis and Vandenberg is:

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