

The Islands of
SANIBEL  **CAPTIVA**
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

February 24, 2012

To: The City Council of Sanibel

Subject: Parking signage in the City parking lot next to the Chamber

The Chamber is hosting 800 - 1000 visitors a day and parking is at a premium in the parking lot. We are encountering a real problem with groups of bicyclists driving to Sanibel, parking their vehicles in the City parking lot and leaving their vehicles parked for the day while they are biking around the island. This is also very dangerous as they load and unload their bikes stopping traffic and backing cars on to Causeway Rd. It severely limits parking for tourists that are generally first time visitors. These folks get information and island education from the staff and volunteers at the Visitor Center.

We are requesting City Council to authorize the Chamber to install signs that state certain spots be designated parking places for visitors using the Visitor Center only. The furthest row would be used for recreational use by bikers and hikers.

The Chamber would pay for the signs and maintain them as we are doing with the vegetation.

We have included a map of the suggested area for the signage.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely

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