



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Citizen Advisory Board

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

2:00 PM

Community Hall Room

I. Call to Order

Chair Weed called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

There was consensus to excuse the absences of Mr. Carr, Mr. Effron, and Ms. Panfil.

Present 6 - Dr. Mary Davis, Mr. Phillip Ellis, Chair Lloyd Weed, Ms. Mary Moscatelli, Mr. Alex Dafoulas and Mr. Hayden Heaney

Excused 3 - Ms. Kaitlyn Panfil, Mr. Roger Effron and Mr. Steve Carr

Also Present

Council Liaison Mayor Nick Pachota, City Manager Ed Lavallee, and Recording Secretary Amanda Hawkins-Brown.

III. Audience Participation

There was no one signed up to speak.

IV. Approval of Minutes

[24-0411](#)

Minutes of the November 20, 2024 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Heaney, to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2024 meeting as written. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Dr. Davis, Mr. Ellis, Chair Weed, Ms. Moscatelli, Mr. Dafoulas and Mr. Heaney

Excused: 3 - Ms. Panfil, Mr. Effron and Mr. Carr

V. New Business

[24-0412](#)

Recommendation to City Council for Appointment of City Liaison to the Sarasota County Park Advisory and Recreation Council (PARC) to fulfill vacated term until September 30, 2026.

Chair Weed introduced the topic.

Discussion took place regarding the role on the Sarasota County Park Advisory and Recreation Council (PARC). Chair Weed volunteered for the

appointment.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Moscatelli, to recommend Chair Weed to City Council for appointment to the Sarasota County Park Advisory and Recreation Council. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Dr. Davis, Mr. Ellis, Chair Weed, Ms. Moscatelli, Mr. Dafoulas and Mr. Heaney

Excused: 3 - Ms. Panfil, Mr. Effron and Mr. Carr

[24-0413](#)

Application to Rename Maxine Barritt Park to Robert and Susan Vedder Park.

John Holic and Mike Pachota, Applicants, presented application process, request to change the name of Maxine Barritt Park to the Robert and Susan Vedder Park, addendum to suggest alternative parks, parks being a representation of contributors to the City, history of the current park name, City's informational listings for parks, different types of community contributions, different ways the City recognizes contributions, Vedder's contribution for rotary futures scholarships, the flower baskets in downtown, alternative parks to consider, Vedder's continuous contributions through Venice Area Beautification Inc (VABI), newspaper article, advertising for sharks tooth festival, and answered board questions on the selection of Maxine Barritt Park for renaming, other alternative parks and relocation of a plaque.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Moscatelli, to recommend to City Council approval of renaming Maxine Barritt Park to the Robert and Susan Vedder Park.

Discussion took place regarding preference for a full park, concerns for the Venice Avenue median, preference for a park closer to downtown, suggestion for the gazebo in Centennial Park, having staff research alternative parks, whether the Vedders have a preference for a park, recognition being in the area where the Vedders have done work, and concerns with the selection Maxine Barritt.

Mr. Ellis withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Davis, to continue the item to a later date so staff could research alternative parks including Maxine Barritt, Heritage Park, median on Venice Avenue, Fountain Park, and the Gazebo at Centennial Park. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Dr. Davis, Mr. Ellis, Chair Weed, Ms. Moscatelli, Mr. Dafoulas and Mr. Heaney

Excused: 3 - Ms. Panfil, Mr. Effron and Mr. Carr

VI. Unfinished Business

[24-0414](#)

Hurricane After Action Review

Chair Weed noted this was continued from the last meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the City's After Action Report (AAR), defining an approach to the task, having an outline to prepare a report, survey monkey accessibility, public meetings, working with community organizations, identifying citizen groups, Building Department's discussions with homeowners associations, City AAR expected in February, FEMA rules, flood insurance program assessment, working with department heads for information from impacted groups, working within the Sunshine Laws, suggested objective, identifying groups to survey, how to obtain information, review of City's communication methods, water damage compared to wind damage, debris in waterways, salt water impacts, City services, evacuations, adding a meeting in January, delegating tasks among all board members, being less solution focused, and working on items that are within the City's control.

A motion was made by Mr. Dafoulas, seconded by Mr. Heaney, to assign Dr. Davis as lead on the project to develop with City staff an action plan. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Dr. Davis, Mr. Ellis, Chair Weed, Ms. Moscatelli, Mr. Dafoulas and Mr. Heaney

Excused: 3 - Ms. Panfil, Mr. Effron and Mr. Carr

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Heaney, to add an additional meeting on January 15, 2025. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Dr. Davis, Mr. Ellis, Chair Weed, Ms. Moscatelli, Mr. Dafoulas and Mr. Heaney

Excused: 3 - Ms. Panfil, Mr. Effron and Mr. Carr

VII. Board Discussion

Discussion took place to have board members come up with questions to ask residents.

VIII. Staff Comments

There were no staff comments.

VIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary