

Current Advisory Board Information

EAB: Seven city residents or the owners of real property located within the city and one member from a Venice area high school student body recommended by the principal or his designee. Five of the members must be city residents. Members shall have appropriate backgrounds in environmental policy or related fields and should demonstrate an interest and knowledge in environmental issues.

Public Art: Six members. One member shall be an employee of the Venice Art Center and one member shall be a Venice area high school student recommended by the principal or designee. All other members shall be city residents or the owners of real property located within the city. Members shall have appropriate backgrounds in public art, architecture, cultural policy or related fields and should demonstrate an interest and knowledge in public art issues.

Parks and Rec: Seven city residents or the owners of real property located within the city and one member from a Venice area high school student body recommended by the principal or his designee, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by city council.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

EAB: (d) *Duties and responsibilities.* The board will facilitate the development of an integrated environmental strategy by evaluating the city's current policies and practices and providing specific recommendations for improving the city's environmental impact. Recommendations will be based on their examination of the city and comparison with best practices in other communities. Recommendations shall include projections of cost, manpower, time constraints and other pertinent factors for implementing the recommendations.

(1) Recommendations may include, but are not limited to, how to do the following:

- a. Encourage the "greening" of Venice;
- b. Encourage and promote eco-tourism;
- c. Implement the U.S. Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement;
- d. Promote efforts for restoration and protection of pond, lake and river shorelines including designation of all of Myakka River as a "Wild and Scenic River";
- e. Encourage and promote environmental education, pollution prevention, and sustainable development;
- f. Encourage and advise on matters involving eco-tourism; and
- g. Any matter referred to it by city council.

Public Art: (d) *Duties and responsibilities.* The board shall make recommendations to city council which may include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Implementation guidelines, selection procedures and organizational policies to facilitate selection, approval and placement of public art;
- (2) Program planning; designating sites; determining project scope and budget; overseeing the artist selection process; commissioning artworks; reviewing design, education and placement of artworks from the city's public art collection;

- (3) Investigate, review and recommend means by which artworks may be obtained, including donations, gifts, and grant applications for public art projects;
- (4) Encourage public art through the city, including the participation of all citizens in a joint public and private effort to promote art in public places;
- (5) Celebrate the community's heritage, ethnicity, commonality and civic pride by stimulating collaboration and understanding between artist and the community;
- (6) Enhance Venice's image locally; regionally and nationally by insuring the creation of the highest quality public art;
- (7) Promote artists to live and to work in Venice and to participate in public presentations of their art; and
- (8) Encourage federal, state and private support for Venice's Public Art Program.

Parks and Rec: The functions of the parks and recreation advisory board shall be to:

- (1) Advise and give recommendations to the city council on matters pertaining to the parks and recreation system of the city.
- (2) Assist the city council in the definition of goals and objectives for the parks and recreation system of the city.
- (3) Carry out specific programs for areas of research as may be assigned by the city council.
- (4) Seek the development of a broad variety of programs, areas, facilities and services, and through effective planning meet the needs and demands of the city by utilizing the total resources of the city.
- (5) Assist the city in informing and educating the general public about the importance of and need for parks and recreation programs, facilities and services.
- (6) Evaluate the city parks and recreation programs, facilities and services periodically to ensure that its objectives and goals are being achieved.
- (7) Recommend the establishment of such rules and regulations as may be necessary from time to time pertinent to the operation, efficient management, maintenance and scheduling of parks and recreational facilities within the city.
- (8) Evaluate, revise and recommend bicycle and multi-modal requests regarding use of parks, trails, roadways or other city property.
- (9) Serves as bicycle advisory committee.
- (10) Review and advise city council regarding any matters referred to it by city council.