



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Monday, February 3, 2014

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

TOWN HALL MEETING

Call to Order

Mayor Holic called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: 7 - Council Member Jim Bennett, Council Member Emilio Carlesimo, Council Member Kit McKeon, Council Member David Sherman, Council Member Jeanette Gates, Council Member Bob Daniels and Mayor John Holic

Also Present

City Attorney Dave Persson, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, and Recording Secretary Judy Gamel.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Carlesimo.

I. Questions/Comments from the Audience (Three-Minute Time Limit for Each Speaker)

Mayor Holic talked about the Woodlands project, application has been filed and council is limited to what they can speak about regarding the project.

Mr. Persson provided clarification as to the process of a quasi-judicial hearing, noted council members cannot talk about the substance of the application.

Leo Sciarappa, 270 Santa Maria Street, expressed concern regarding Fisherman's Wharf to include pollution and safety, asked the board for clarity on grandfathered activities for the property.

Discussion followed on construction permits issued, special exemptions for boats at Fisherman's Wharf, and floating dock expansions.

James Rogers, 631 Alhambra Road, expressed concerns with septic trenches being placed on the beach, asked for clarification regarding location of settling pond and provisions for maintaining safety.

Discussion followed on provisions needed for a closed system, treatment of stormwater, bioswale size, and water redirection.

Paul Hollowell, 628 Armada Road South, thanked council for their progress in making positive changes for the city.

Anthony Pinzone, 978 Questa Avenue, commented on the need for police presence at Bay Indies, and the need for a left turn arrow at Albee Farm Road.

Walter Rossman, 203 Highpoint Drive, commented on the rezoning of Border Road to include compatibility and transition.

Jeffery Kenney, P.O. Box 95, Laurel, commented on the rezoning on Border Road.

Kevin Barton, 1300 North Jackson Road, Wildlife Center of Venice, commented on the rezoning on Border Road to include flooding and agricultural zoning.

Marcia Sevigny, 180 Palm Drive, commented on the vision of Venice, and commented on the development along Border Road.

John Duyn 265 North Havana Road, commented on the rezoning along Border Road to include flooding.

Ernie Zavodnyik, 270 Santa Maria, commented on the region's natural environment.

Emma Bruno, 895 North Jackson Road, commented on growth of the community, wildlife in the area, and the rezoning along Border Road.

Linda Kenfield, 100 Field Avenue, commented on the lack of sidewalks, safety issues, school bus stops, and asked the city to explore the addition of sidewalks.

Discussion followed on the lack of funds, communities that do not want sidewalks, and the upcoming city-wide sidewalk inventory.

Fred Fraize, 709 Misty Pine Drive, commented on bicycle traffic and safety, the need for more bicycle lanes, and reconsideration of the infrastructure prior to development on Border Road.

Discussion followed on bicycle lane improvements, and the planning of a combination bike and walking trail on the south side of Edmundson Road.

Gerry Cashion, 934 Sklar Drive West, asked for the city's consideration in purchasing the Fisherman's Wharf property.

Bebe Teichman, 404 Baynard Drive, commented on the issue of the homeless in the city.

Allen Pomerleau, 3284 Elliott Street, commented on the development on Border Road.

Janice Collins, 908 Riviera Street, expressed concerns with the increase of flood insurance rates, and commented on Venice City code requirements.

II. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Mayor - City of Venice

City Clerk