

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD (CAB)

Purpose

The CAB makes advisory recommendations regarding specific topics of interest as determined and requested by the Venice City Council. The CAB may be directed by council to research specific topics to provide information to council; provide feedback on programs to preserve and enhance quality of life in Venice; assist the council with promoting or educating the public on matters of importance; or other special activities in keeping with the Council's adopted Strategic Plan. All topics under CAB consideration are as directed by council body approval.

Strategic Plan Goals

- Goal One: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly
- Goal Two: Provide Efficient, Responsive Government with High Quality Services
- Goal Three: Ensure a Financially Sound City
- Goal Four: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities
- Goal Five: Encourage and Support a Robust and Diverse Economy
- Goal Six: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning

Functions

- Carries out specific research for the purpose of making recommendations to council on topics of city interest as directed by the council's legislative referral process.
- Assist in public educational programs as directed by council.
- Serve as the bicycle advisory committee.
- Make recommendations to Venice City Council on matters pertaining to parks, public spaces, and recreational systems in the city.
- Make recommendations to Venice City Council on environmental sustainability and pollution prevention as it pertains to public spaces.
- Makes recommendations to Venice City Council with regards to public art in public spaces.

Membership

CAB membership is composed of seven city residents whose membership consists of a broad cross-section of city residents, with an interest in the overall betterment of the City of Venice community. One member shall be a Venice area high school student recommended by the school principal or designee.

All are voting members who serve a term of three (3) years but for the student voting member is a one-year term. Members may be re-appointed to serve renewal terms no more than two additional times.

Members serve at the pleasure of the city council and may be removed by the council at any time with or without cause. Members serve without compensation.

Meetings

The CAB shall be held quarterly and at such other times as determined by the Board to properly address topics and referrals as directed by council. All meetings shall be open to the public, the public shall be given reasonable notice of the time and location of each meeting and all meetings shall be conducted in accordance with F.S. ch. 286.

The Board shall elect a chair and vice-chair from amongst its members.