



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, June 16, 2014

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call To Order

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Chair Linda Kenfield called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Chair Linda Kenfield, Joan Piper, Verna Silk, Vice Chair Charles Alfano, Jim Woods and Cindy Hicks

Absent: 1 - Steve Byington

Also Present

Public Works Director John Veneziano, Sarasota County Sports Director and Athletic Manager Pat Calhoon, Fire Chief Jim Warman, and Recording Secretary Heather Taylor.

III. Approval of Minutes

14-0675 May 19, 2014 Parks Tour Minutes

Pending clarification on who should be listed in attendance of the tour, these minutes will be voted on later in the meeting.

14-0676 March 17, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes-Amended

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Silk, that the March 17, 2014 Minutes be approved as amended to read "it being expected that the Venice Library will be repaired or possible moved in the future. It is not in the county budget at this time". The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0677 April 21, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Woods, that the April 21, 2014 Minutes be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Recognition

14-0678 New Student Board Member - Elizabeth Mogford

Ms. Kenfield stated there will be two new appointments starting July 1, 2014; Josette Aramini and Elizabeth Mogford.

V. Audience Participation

Joseph Kent, 4324 Nizza Court, commented on the need for shade structures at the Hecksher Park public shuffle board courts, displayed photos of the shuffle board courts, and asked the board for consideration of placing shade structures on two of the courts.

Mr. Veneziano stated that he would further research the budget for the park and options for shading, and responded to board questions regarding the interlocal agreement, and shading on ten of the courts used by the Venice Shuffle Board Club.

Discussion followed on controlled use of the courts, the need for recreational facilities to rent equipment, natural shade options, and prioritization of requests received by the board.

Mr. Calhoon stated that he will collaborate with Jim Wormley for further information, and answered board questions regarding other shuffle board locations.

VI. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

VII. New Business

14-0675 May 19, 2014 Parks Tour Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Piper, seconded by Vice Chair Alfano, that the May 19, 2014 Minutes be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0679 Bicycle Friendly Community - Monty Andrews

Monty Andrews, Bike/Walk Venice committee representative, distributed the Florida Pedestrian Law Enforcement guide and an article from the League of American Bicyclist magazine, commented on the city's desire to achieve gold status, asked the board to assist the committee in determining project priority to go before council, and provided information on events to include the bike rodeo with the police department, and educational classes.

Discussion followed on the criteria to reach gold level, ordinances in place requiring buildings to have showers for workers who ride their bikes to work, priorities to get to the next level, law enforcement, the need to educate cyclists, and the possibility of bicycle officers issuing courtesy citations.

Mr. Andrews displayed a photo of the recommended bicycle rack, and explained the committee would like to use the rack as a bike statement under bicycle friendly signs.

Discussion ensued regarding locations and number of racks to be installed, educational access points, quadratic residue (QR) code scanning options, material of the rack, the collaborative effort for a clear understanding on patrol citations, and proactivity.

Mr. Veneziano commented on maintenance responsibility, and the process of review for placement of signage in right-of-ways.

Audience Participation

Emilio Carlesimo, councilmember, expressed support of the concept, requested consideration of the sign ordinance review regarding tubular displays not enhancing the city's appearance, and opined the display had a cluttered appearance with two signs already present.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Piper, that the board supports the placement of a bicycle friendly symbol at the requested location. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0680

Higel Park Fire Boat Rescue Lift - Chief Warman

Chief Warman provided an overview on the request to include receipt of a West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) grant to upgrade the fire and rescue boat, previous location for the boat, type and size of the lift, requested concurrence from the board to present to council for further direction, and answered questions on the length of the dock, the number of boats that could still short term dock, whether there will be a security gate, public access, maintenance and repair responsibility, designated city parking, and response time.

A motion was made by Ms. Piper, seconded by Ms. Silk, the the board supports the boat lift as presented in the proposed site plan. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

14-0681

Centennial Park Shade Structure - John Veneziano

Mr. Veneziano noted the Architectural Review Board (ARB) suggested multiple smaller structures to be arched to match the fountain opposed to one larger structure, displayed an aerial of the shaded coverage, referenced different types of shade structures, and displayed the tornado design.

Discussion followed on the ARB's recommendations, the number of posts needed, structure sizes, correlation with the fountain or buildings surrounding it, wind radius, and weather procedures and requirements.

Audience Participation

Kat Quast, Venice MainStreet, commented on preferred style, the possible placement of a tree in the circular platform, hurricane safety,

and the sunsail design.

Discussion followed on structure height and color, materials used for protection from ultra-violet (UV) rays, and the high priority for park usage.

VIII. Updates

14-0682 Sarasota County Update

Mr. Calhoon provided information on various county updates to include Venice Community Center landscaping, upcoming outdoor concert, and the state cornhole competition held this past weekend, summer youth sports activities, the service request for a sidewalk at Brohard Park, visibility of signage at Chauncy Howard Park, the challenger baseball program, renovation at Chuck Reiter, new shade structures for softball fields, and portable mounds and fences.

14-0683 City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano passed around plastic material to be used for a new sign at Ponce de Leon Park, stated the sign was infested with termites, the new material would reduce ongoing maintenance costs, and answered board questions regarding installation, reasons for infestation, and wayfinding signs. He discussed landscaping at the north entrance of the city, noted the interlocal agreement is being reviewed to allow the city to take over maintenance, and responded to board questions regarding elevation of the sign, plant size of the landscaping surrounding the sign, and sign uniformity. Mr. Veneziano commented on the proposal presented to the city manager regarding a third party to administer a more expanded memorial program, Make a Difference Day for October, and the request for a fountain and lighting at Ruscelleto Park.

Discussion followed on solar lighting, and residents excitement for the fountain.

Mr. Veneziano commented on Fred Albee Park's upgraded landscaping, America in Bloom, and replacement of the floor tile at the Venice Community Center, and responded to board questions regarding the mywaste app, and Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI) inquiries on the beach survey.

14-0684 Miscellaneous Updates

Ms. Kenfield questioned board members as to whether they would like recess in July. There was board CONSENSUS to maintain the regular meeting schedule.

Ms. Piper opined it would be appropriate to review the suggestions from America in Bloom.

IX. Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion on future agenda items.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary
