

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, REMOVING THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD; EXPANDING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD; SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2011-10; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the Environmental Task Force was created by Resolution No. 2008-07; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Task Force was renamed the Environmental Advisory Board by Resolution No. 2011-10; and

WHEREAS, city council desires to remove the ex-officio member of the board; and

WHEREAS, city council wishes to expand the Environmental Advisory Board's duties and responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. Resolution No. 2011-10 is hereby superseded.

SECTION 3. Composition. The Environmental Advisory Board shall be composed of seven members appointed by the mayor and subject to confirmation by city council. With the exception of the city council ex-officio member, current board members as established by Resolution No. 2011-10, appointed by the mayor and confirmed by city council, shall continue to serve their terms of office. Members shall be city residents, owners of real property located within the city or work within the city. 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. The term of office of each voting member shall be three years.

SECTION 4. 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.

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.

SECTION 5. Compensation. Members shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 6. Officers. The board shall elect a chair and vice chair from among its members.

SECTION 7. Meetings. Meetings shall be held quarterly and at such other times as determined by the board. All meetings of the board 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 Florida Statutes Chapter 286.

SECTION 8. Removal. Members serve at the pleasure of city council and may be removed by city council at any time with or without cause.

SECTION 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL 2014.

John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

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