

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA ADOPTING A PROCEDURE FOR CITY COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT OF SITE NOMINATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SARASOTA COUNTY ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS PROTECTION PROGRAM AND NEIGHBORHOOD PARKLAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Venice City Council desires a procedure to maintain uniformity and consistency in their nomination of sites to Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners for acquisition; and

WHEREAS, a coherent process enables the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Environmental Task Force to present their recommendations regarding sites to city council; and

WHEREAS, the procedure aids council in arriving at an informed opinion and subsequently to prioritize the nominations to the county for acquisition as parkland or as environmentally sensitive land that is also consistent with adopted city land use regulations.

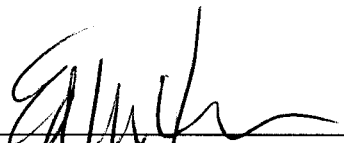
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Policy/Procedure for Site Nominations to the Sarasota County Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection and Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Programs attached hereto as Exhibit "A", is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference as fully as if set forth in this resolution.

SECTION 2. A copy of the policy/procedure shall be maintained for public use, inspection and examination in the offices of the city clerk and the planning and zoning department.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its approval and adoption as required by law.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE VENICE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON THE 28TH DAY OF JULY 2009.



Ed Martin, Mayor

ATTEST



Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the City of Venice Council at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 28th day of July 2009, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the said city this 29th day of July 2009.



Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

(SEAL)

See Attached Exhibit "A"

EXHIBIT "A"



City of Venice Venice, Florida

Policy/Procedure

City Council Adoption Date:

Scope: Public and Internal

Effective Date:

Created By: City Manager's Office

Implementing Department and/or Appointed Body:

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- Environmental Task Force
- Planning and Zoning Department

Policy or Procedure: Sarasota County Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection and Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program Site Nominations

Purpose: To establish and maintain uniformity and consistency in obtaining City Council endorsement of site nominations to Sarasota County Board of County Commissioners for acquisition consideration through the Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection and Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition programs.

Funding Source: As established by Sarasota County citizens through an approved referendum and adopted by Sarasota County Resolution No. 92-272 and Ordinance No. 2005-062.

Comments: This procedure is not intended to circumvent the right of any citizen of Sarasota County to nominate directly to the subject programs. Appropriate forms and nomination criteria are available on the Sarasota County government website (scgov.net).

Process: Any citizen of Venice or implementing board member wishing to obtain city council support and endorsement for a nomination to the aforementioned programs may recommend to city council a potential site that meets Sarasota County criteria for acquisition consideration (attached).

1. Completed nomination forms (available at scgov.net) may be turned in to the planning and zoning department.
2. Planning and zoning department will initiate an assessment through the technical review committee (TRC) to ascertain that the proposed site meets the criteria for nomination to the

appropriate program and is consistent with adopted city land use regulations. Environmental and habitat identification will be the responsibility of the environmental task force.

3. Nomination criteria will include an evaluation of the following:

- Environmentally Sensitive Lands

- a. Rarity – Site containing rare community types, listed species, or other special features.
- b. Connectedness – Sites adjacent to existing public lands or waterways.
- c. Quality – Sites of high ecological quality with species diversity and ecosystem integrity.
- d. Water Resources – Sites that maintain water quality in either a natural stream system, recharge area, or estuarine environment.
- e. Manageability – Sites that have the potential to provide long-term viability and maintaining habitat functions.

- Neighborhood Parkland

- a. Broad Community Access – Sites that provide and anticipate public access and use, or common space for civic engagement, while minimizing or avoiding adverse impacts to existing neighborhoods.
- b. Proximity and Connectedness – Sites adjacent to existing parks and public lands or providing connections to trails, beaches, waterways, or other public amenities.
- c. Natural Features – Sites with remnant native or wildlife, shoreline or waterways, or that preserve existing floodplain.
- d. Cultural Features – Sites that protect historical or archaeological resources, or other sites valued by the community for the preservation of its heritage.
- e. Compatible Community Needs – sites that provide public benefits such as neighborhood play areas, nature-based recreation, or horticultural resources.
- f. Water Access – Sites bordering the Gulf of Mexico, bays, creeks, rivers, or lakes that provide for water dependent recreational activities such as swimming, fishing, canoeing or boating opportunities.
- g. Location – Site locations that fill a community need by enhancing the distribution of existing accessible public lands throughout the county.

4. Any nominated site which does not meet the nomination criteria or required city standards of technical review will not proceed through this process. Instead, a letter from the planning and zoning director will be sent to the nominee advising of disqualifying factors and their right to proceed as an individual directly to the appropriate Sarasota County program.

5. Nominated sites which do meet the nomination criteria and technical review standards will progress through this process as follows:

- The completed nomination form, attachments and technical review comments will be presented by planning and zoning staff to the parks and recreation advisory board (for nominations pertaining to neighborhood parklands) **or** the environmental task force (for nominations pertaining to environmentally sensitive lands), at their respective regular meeting, for review and recommendation to the planning commission and city council. The environmental task force will provide input as part of the TRC for neighborhood parklands nominees who are subsequently reviewed by the parks and recreation advisory board.
 - Nominations which are not supported by the respective boards, through a majority vote of the members, for consideration by the planning commission or city council will be returned to the nominee with advisement as to their individual right to proceed directly to the appropriate Sarasota County program for consideration.
 - Nominations, with a majority vote recommendation for approval by the appropriate appointed body, will proceed to the planning commission, at a regular meeting, for consideration and recommendation to city council.
6. Planning commission review shall be consistent with Section 86-23(i)(1) providing for the commission to propose guiding action and recommendation to city council promoting orderly development consistent with and indicated as desirable in the comprehensive plan. Therefore, a recommendation for approval, approval with stipulation, or disapproval obtained by a majority vote will proceed to city council for consideration.
 7. City council may consider the site nomination, along with all attachments and appropriate board minutes, to determine if council will support and endorse the nomination. City council, upon consensus or a majority vote, may direct the city manager to prepare correspondence to Sarasota County in support of the site nomination. The letter of endorsement, along with the nomination application and all supporting materials will be provided to Sarasota County Parks and Recreation.

Revision No. 5

Revision Date: June 30, 2009

**Procedure for Submitting Parkland and
Environmentally Sensitive Land
Nominations for
City Support to County**

