



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Citizen Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

Chair Weed called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 8 - Mr. Phillip Ellis, Mr. Roger Effron, Chair Lloyd Weed, Mr. Steve Carr, Ms. Mary Moscatelli, Mr. Hayden Heaney, Mr. Alex Dafoulas and Dr. Mary Davis

Excused 1 - Ms. Kaitlyn Panfil

Also Present

Council Liaison Mayor Nick Pachota, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, and Recording Secretary Amanda Hawkins-Brown.

III. Audience Participation

There was no one signed up to speak.

IV. Approval of Minutes

[25-0151](#) Minutes of the March 19, 2025 Meeting

A motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Ellis, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

V. New Business

[25-0152](#) Election of Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Effron, seconded by Mr. Ellis, to nominate Lloyd Weed for Chair. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Ellis, Mr. Effron, Chair Weed, Mr. Carr, Ms. Moscatelli, Mr. Heaney, Mr. Dafoulas and Dr. Davis

Excused: 1 - Ms. Panfil

[25-0153](#) Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Ms. Moscatelli, to nominate Dr. Davis for Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Ellis, Mr. Effron, Chair Weed, Mr. Carr, Ms. Moscatelli, Mr. Heaney, Mr. Dafoulas and Dr. Davis

Excused: 1 - Ms. Panfil

VI. Unfinished Business

24-0414

Hurricane After Action Review Next Steps

Discussion took place regarding survey summaries, the next step being developing recommendations, presentation of staff's after action report, draft recommendations, concerns for comments about media sensationalizing events, cost to mail information to all residents, comments regarding need for additional employees, and centralized resources locations.

Recess was taken from 2:15 p.m. until 2:22 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding focusing on form and content of recommendations, whether to include City information, wingspan of recommendations, whether results represented all population groups, sandbag distribution, whether to include comments about perceptions for City to address, formatting, impact of FEMA guidelines, overlap of concerns and recommendations, having staff available for questions at May meeting, identifying educational opportunities, and consideration of the staff's report findings for board recommendations.

There was consensus for the board to have the presentation of the City's After Action Report after the completion of Board report.

Discussion continued regarding additional in person meeting discussions beyond compiled emailed summaries, including comments on topics beyond City's control, formatting, and organizing by topic.

There was consensus to bring in additional information beyond the survey results.

There was consensus to include comments based on perception.

There was consensus to include recommendations regarding issues beyond the City's control.

There was consensus to continue with current format.

Discussion continued regarding communications, comments regarding media reports, mass mailing to all residents, distribution methods other than mailing, sandbag distribution, researching options for non-governmental entities to provide assistance, identifying elevated parking areas, education on shelters, recommendation for shelters closer or in Venice, required parameters for an evacuation center, comments on traffic, debris removal, debris management sites, focus on communication

about debris, adding additional language to debris recommendation, drainage, inspection and cleaning of drainage system prior to storm season, concerns for recommendations for repairs and rebuilding, support for special needs, distributing information specific to special need populations, expanding volunteer connections, updating language to current terminology, having centralized locations for resources, location selection based on damages, government dependency versus individual responsibility, including education for public to take action, next steps, board assignments, planning to present to City Council during June 10th meeting, and including comments received post survey.

Recess was taken at 4:02 p.m. until 4:14 p.m.

Israel Salinas, 591 Flamingo Drive, spoke on summaries, survey addressing population groups, recommendation including of city involvements, being in favor of format, communication, hurricane expo, annual updates of changes in operations, debris removal, and centralized hurricane locations.

Brian Piper, 385 Flamingo Drive, spoke on golden beach area focus, and drainage suggested language.

Jenny Heussner, 1100 Tarpon Center Drive, percentage of citizens with complete losses, prioritization of those with the most damage, debris removal, community support from businesses, communications beyond online, and routine of stormwater systems cleaning.

Discussion took place regarding focusing on the directive assigned.

VII. Board Discussion

There was no discussion.

VIII. Staff Comments

There were no staff comments.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary