

City of Venice Liaison Appointments 2025

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Citizen Oversight Committee for School Facility Planning	Supervises the implementation of the interlocal agreement, including monitoring and evaluating of the school concurrency system. Receives copies of all final reports and documents pursuant to the interlocal agreement. Shall meet at least annually and the participating member shall report back to their respective governments and the general public on the effectiveness with which the ILA is being implemented. School Board staff oversees this committee.	Rachel Frank - Nick Pachota		at least annually; quarterly as needed	Diane Cominotti, Director Planning Department Sarasota County Schools Office: 941-927-9000 ext. 69052 Mobile: 941-313-5212 Email: diane.cominotti@sarasotacountyschools.net Web: https://www.sarasotacountyschools.net/
Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors	Promotes business growth and success. Membership is NOT required, however the City of Venice is a member of the Chamber. There is no requirement to serve on the board.	Rick Howard Kevin Engelke		Monthly-Fourth Monday, 4 p.m.	Sally Muzzonigro, Exec Ass't Office: 941-800-1425 Email: smuzzonigro@venicechamber.com Web: https://www.venicechamber.com
Coastal Advisory Committee (Sarasota County)	Advise and make recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission on matters pertaining to coastal issues, projects and programs. The committee is composed of 9 members of which 4 members are ex-officio members consisting of one from each of the four coastal government entities of Sarasota County. Ex-officio members don't have voting powers on formal motions.	Rick Howard Jim Boldt		Bimonthly-Third Wednesday, usually at 3 p.m.	Jospeh J. Kraus / Rhonda King Email: jkraus@scgov.net Email: rking@scgov.net Web: https://www.scgov.net/government/advisory-boards-and-councils/environment/coastal-advisory-committee
Coastal and Heartland National Estuary Partnership (CHNEP) Program Policy Committee	Establish the general policy for the CHNEP and has ultimate authority in program administration. It appoints members to other committees and approves the CHNEP's budget. Venice is a member of the organization (\$2,500). Quorum is 9 members. The committee operates by consensus; a simple majority of members present and not abstaining from the vote is required to approve their annual work plan and any amendments.	Lloyd Weed Nick Pachota		Fourth Thursday of January, May and September, 9 a.m.	Jennifer Hecker, Exec Director 1050 Loveland Blvd Port Charlotte, FL 33980 Telephone: (941) 833-6583 Email: jhecker@chnep.org Web: https://www.chnep.org/policy-committee

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Community Action Agency Board (Sarasota County)	Advise and make recommendations to the Sarasota County Commission on programs and services for low-income households, as well as barriers that low-income households face regarding their ability to be self-sufficient or upwardly mobile. Composed of 9 members serving 3 year terms ; 1/3 shall be elected officials or their representative, all of whom must be reaffirmed to the CAAB annually by their respective governing body. City of Venice shall designate 1 Council member or representative. This IS a voting member position.	Rachel Frank - Term Exp: 10/31/2026		Quarterly-Second Thursday of February, May, August, and November, 3 p.m.	Sharon Marchese Email: smarchese@scgov.net Web: https://www.scgov.net/government/advisory-boards-and-councils/finance-budget-and-grants/community-action-agency-board
Criminal Justice Commission (City-County Corrections Work Group)	Discuss the planning and development of additional criminal justice facilities and programs that are important public safety assets, evaluate the effectiveness of current criminal justice programs, monitor potential legislation changes and recommend changes that improve the criminal justice system in Sarasota County. Membership is not required. The CJC membership is comprised of members representing various criminal justice, court, jobs and social service positions as well as elected officials representing various jurisdictions in the county.	Ron Smith Jim Boldt		Typically Quarterly-Fourth Monday or last Monday, 12 p.m., but may meet monthly if needed	Kim Hirsch (Wiles) Email: kwiles@scgov.net Web: https://www.scgov.net/criminal-justice-commission
Economic Development Corporation (EDC)	Public and private leaders are committed to being a catalyst for a sustainable, globally competitive, vibrant economy. Advances and supports the recruitment, formation, expansion and retention of good quality jobs and competitive business that leads to a diversified, year-round and sustainable economy for Sarasota County and surrounding communities. Membership comprised of a Director for Sarasota County, and the Cities of Sarasota, Venice, North Port and Longboat Key. This membership does not require the individual to be an elected official. Term is 3 years with a term limit of 6 years.	Rick Howard Rachel Frank		As scheduled-Third Thursday in Feb, Apr, Aug, Oct, & Dec at 9 a.m. with May Economic Outlook Breakfast and Sept Awards Luncheon.	Mary Bamer, Ass't to the President & CEO 301 N Cattlemen Rd Ste 203 Sarasota, FL 34232 Telephone: (941) 309-1200 Ext 106 Email: mbamer@edcsarasotacounty.com https://www.edcsarasotacounty.com/about/

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ManaSota League of Cities	Work closely with Florida League of Cities (FLC) and is dedicated to a strong, united, and active advocacy program, committed to advocating on behalf of municipalities (preservation of Home Rule is at the top of the priority list). Membership consists of 1 elected official from each of the 9 municipalities in Manatee and Sarasota Counties. Typically the Mayor or Vice Mayor position. These 9 members are voting members.	Nick Pachota Jim Boldt		Bi-monthly, Second Thursday, 9:30 a.m. (Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov)	Rachel Keesling, Administrative Coordinator ManaSota League of Cities, Inc. 850 Bimini Lane Punta Gorda, FL 33950 Email: MSLCdirector@outlook.com https://www.longboatkey.org/town-government/agenda-minutes/manasota-league-of-cities
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)	Carry out the Transportation Planning Process in the Sarasota/Bradenton Urbanized Area. It is the forum for cooperative decision making by the principal elected official (Mayor) of local government. Membership consists of an individual elected official whose 4 year term ends upon leaving public office. This is a voting member.	Nick Pachota Jim Boldt		Mostly Bi-monthly (summer break), generally Fourth Monday, 9:30 a.m. (Jan, Mar, May, Sept, Nov)	Nanette Eubanks, Clerk to the Board Sarasota/Manatee MPO 8100 15th Street East Sarasota, Florida 34243 Office: (941) 359-5772 Direct: (941) 259-6040 Cell: (941) 526-7826 Email: nanette@mympo.org www.MyMPO.org @saramanampo
Sarasota County Council of Govts	This is a Mayoral Function representing the City of Venice in the coordinated planning between neighboring jurisdictions. The membership is comprised of various local government officials, public hospitals, airport, county and school district officials. This position involves the principal elected official or designee.	Nick Pachota Jim Boldt		Monthly, second Thursday, 11:30am-1:30pm	Jonathan Lewis, County Administrator 1660 Ringling Blvd Sarasota, Florida 34236 Office: (941) 861-5000 Email: countyadministrator@scgov.net https://www.scgov.net/government/county-administration
Sarasota County Representative	This is a Mayoral Function representing the City of Venice.	Nick Pachota Jim Boldt		as scheduled	" "

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Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (Ft. Myers)	The SWFRPC's mission is to work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds shared for the benefit of our future generations. To provide a means to permit local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers to cooperate for mutual advantages in order to provide services and facilities that will accord best with geographic, economic, social, land use, transportation, public safety resources and other factors influencing the needs of local communities. The representative member from each member of local government shall be the elected chief representative of said local government or a member of its governing body chosen by such body to be its representative. In 2024 Venice Council confirmed its prior decision to decline the payment of membership dues.	Ron Smith Rick Howard		Monthly, Third Thursday, 9 a.m.	Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director 1406 SW 8th Pl Cape Coral, Florida 33991 Office: (844) 988-8244 Email: mwuerstle@swfrpc.org https://www.swfrpc.org/council/
Tourist Development Council of Sarasota County (TDC)	Recommend tourism policy to the County Commission and oversees the use of tourist development tax revenues, pursuant to Florida law. The TDC discusses factors affecting tourist development, local culture, and beach maintenance and restoration, as well as the needs of the tourist industry. There are 13 members including an elected municipal official from each of the four municipalities in Sarasota County. The Term is 4 Years.	Jim Boldt Rachel Frank		Monthly the Second Thursday, 4 p.m., generally as the Chair deems appropriate.	Anna Madden Email: amadden@scgov.net Web: https://www.scgov.net/government/advisory-boards-and-councils/finance-budget-and-grants/tourist-development-council
United Way of SSC - Long Term Recovery Group	The Sarasota County Long Term Recovery Group is a collaborative organization made up of representatives from faith-based groups, non-profits, businesses, community organizations and government agencies that works to strengthen area-wide disaster coordination through preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts.	Lloyd Weed Nick Pachota		Monthly on the last Friday of each, 9am via Zoom	Chris Johnson, Vice President of Community Impact United Way South Sarasota County ADDRESS: 4242 S. Tamiami Trail, Venice, 34293 Office: 941-484-4811 x 110, Cell: 941-928-2925 Email: cjohnson@uwssc.org Web: www.uwssc.org

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Venice Area Beautification Inc	Venice Area Beautification Inc was founded in 2003 as the Pepper Patrol to remove the invasive Brazilian Pepper from the Venetian Waterway Park Trail. Today it is a non profit organization composed of several volunteer supported committees or teams to make Venice a beautiful place to live, work and play. Their mission is to inspire community spirit, attract businesses, increase property values and raise the quality of life. Note: Council member Helen Moore is a board member.	Jim Boldt Kevin Engelke		Monthly on the Third Monday, 4:30pm	Bob Vedder, Vice President VABI ADDRESS: 257 Tamiami Trail North, Venice, 34285 Office: 941-207-8224 Email: admin@vabi.org Web: https://vabi.org/
Venice Housing Authority	Created May 24, 1966 pursuant to Chapter 421 of the Florida Statutes to address housing needs within Venice. An authority shall constitute a public body corporate and politic, exercising the public and essential governmental functions set forth, and having all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out and effectuate the purpose and provisions of state law. It's board members are appointed by the City. No elected officials serve on the VHA Board. The VHA advocates for a liaison from the City Council noting they have been helpful in being able to address concerns of the board, and residents of the facility as well as addressing other issues in a timely fashion. Membership is not required. This is a 7 member citizen board appointed by City Council (Res. 95-19). An elected official liaisons (non-voting) has been a long-standing practice to this authority.	Rachel Frank - N/A		March and September, 4th Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.	Linda Wildfong, Executive Director ADDRESS: 201 Grove Street North, 34285 Office: 941-488-3526 Email: lwildfong@venicehousing.org Web: https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-authority/Florida/Venice-Housing-Authority/FL064
Venice MainStreet	Venice MainStreet, Inc is a 501(c)3 that strives to collaborate with the City of Venice, and other community groups, to preserve and enhance the historic character of Venice, while, also promoting and encouraging the economic and community vitality of Venice. Venice MainStreet has a liaison selected by the City of Venice. NOTE: Council Member Helen Moore joined their Board of Directors, May 2021.	Nick Pachota Ron Smith		Monthly -Third Tuesday, 8 a.m.	Kara Morgan, Chief Executive Officer ADDRESS: 101 W Venice Ave Ste 23, Venice, 34285 Office: 941-484-6722 Email: kara.morgan@venicemainstreet.com Web: https://www.visitvenicefl.org/

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INTERNAL BOARDS (CITY)					
Citizen Advisory Board	The Citizen Advisory Board (CAB) makes advisory recommendations regarding specific topics of interest as determined and requested by the city council. The CAB may be directed by city 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 council's adopted Strategic Plan. All topics under CAB consideration are as directed by council body approval. CAB is a 7 member citizen board with one student member and one employee from the Venice Art Center.	Nick Pachota Jim Boldt		Six times a Year on the Third Wednesday of even numbered months (Feb, April, June, August, October, December) at 2:00pm., with additional meetings as needed. <i>(Recently changed from quarterly meetings in 2024)</i>	Staff Liaison: City Manager James Clinch Amanda Hawkins Brown , Recording Secretary City Clerk's Office, City of Venice Tel: 941-882-7391 Email: ahbrown@venicefl.gov Web: www.venicegov.com
Historic and Architectural Preservation Board	The Historic and Architectural Preservation Board (HAPB) conducts studies and make recommendations on matters of historical and architectural interest and preservation; process requests for inclusion of properties, structures, and landmarks to the local historic register; establish local historic architectural control districts; administer historic preservation, architectural, and aesthetic standards to apply in appropriate areas or districts of the City; and further public awareness of the City's past and of preservation in general and to develop programs to stimulate public interest and involvement in historic, architectural, and cultural preservation. HAPB consists of 7 citizen members appointed by the Council with two registered architects and one Venice MainStreet member. The liaison is a non-voting member from the elected body of council.	Jim Boldt Kevin Engelke		Twice Monthly on the Second & Fourth Thursday of each month at 9 a.m.	Staff Liaison: Planning Director Roger Clark and Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer Amanda Hawkins Brown , Recording Secretary City Clerk's Office, City of Venice Tel: 941-882-7391 Email: ahbrown@venicefl.gov Web: www.venicegov.com

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Planning Commission	The Planning Commission is established as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) pursuant to and in accordance with F.S. § 163.3174, and exercises powers as described in the LDR and duties as lawfully directed by the Council. The Planning Commission consists of 7 citizen members appointed by the Council. The liaison is a non-voting member from the elected body of council.	Kevin Engelke Rick Howard		Twice Monthly on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.	Staff Liaison: Planning Director Roger Clark Amanda Hawkins Brown , Recording Secretary City Clerk's Office, City of Venice Tel: 941-882-7391 Email: ahbrown@venicefl.gov Web: www.venicegov.com