



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, February 8, 2016

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 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Chair Linda Kenfield Andrews, Verna Silk, Mr. Charles Alfano, Jim Woods, Cindy Hicks and Josette Aramini

Absent: 1 - Joan Piper

Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Public Works Director John Veneziano, County Parks & Recreation Liaison Jim Wormley, and Recording Secretary Michelle Girvan.

III. Approval of Minutes

16-1775 Minutes of the January 11, 2016 Regular Meeting

Discussion took place regarding the minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting regarding changes on the wording under the Updates Continued need to be changed to "court times during the off season".

A motion was made by Mr. Alfano, seconded by Mr. Woods, that the Minutes of the January 11, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The motion passed by voice vote with Ms. Hicks opposed.

IV. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

V. New Business

16-1687 Venice Myakka River Park Kayak Launch - Jim Courtright (15 min)

Jim Courtright, Friends of Carlton Reserve, provided a presentation regarding the Venice Myakka Park kayak launch, ramp, sites, scenic river, water access, river access, areas of the river, kayak/canoe launch

assist, existing dock, solutions, rollers and grab bars, considerations, manufacturer information, and prices.

Mr. Courtright answered questions from board members asking if one launch would be beneficial.

Ronald Courtney, 435 Otter Creek Drive, spoke on the kayak launch, increasing safety factor, and kayak users.

Discussion took place regarding other state parks using kayak launches.

Mr. Veneziano commented on the kayak launch, funding, and budget.

Discussion took place regarding limit of warranty, maintenance, contact person for information on the kayak launch, number of usage, liability of participants, risk manager investigation, procedures, dock intended for kayaks, sand launches, availability, contact of other manufacturers and other parks who use a launch.

Mr. Courtright will provide more information on the launch and research from staff.

Dick Longo, 295 Marsh Creek Road, spoke on the kayak launch liability and dock dangers.

16-1767

Pickle Ball - Marta Ugas-Carpenter - (15 min)

Ms. Ugas-Carpenter, 211 Airport Avenue, provided a presentation regarding the pickle ball purpose and objectives, what is pickle ball, testimonials and local support, court dimensions, players, benefits, growth of the sport, courts, challenges with existing courts, potential parks for pickle ball, photos of parks, costs, funding sources, recommendation, request of short- and long-term support and usage of tennis courts.

Ms. Ugas-Carpenter answered questions from board members regarding pickle ball schedule verses tennis player schedule, designation of court, usage, parking, master parks plan, accessibility, and a recommendation to add pickle ball into the plan.

Kevin Vangilder, 244 St. Augustine Avenue, spoke regarding pickle ball verses tennis and stated that they do not mix and match.

Candice Roberts, 133 Amora Avenue, spoke on pickle ball courts, support for short- and long-term into the master parks plan, age group, athletic levels, parks to be more inviting, drawing visitors to the island, and better for business owners.

Jack Beck, 730 Bird Bay Circle, spoke on the pickle ball courts, pickle ball ambassador, need for more courts, fee for playing, and other areas for courts.

George Courteau, 990 Olympia Road, spoke on the pickle ball courts, consideration of more courts, and interference with the tennis courts.

Mr. Wormley spoke regarding the pickle ball courts and sites.

Discussion took place regarding pickle ball outdoor and indoor courts, locations of courts, netting, fees for usage of courts, times and dates, closures of courts, selection of sites, side by side pickle ball and tennis, fencing between the two, funding, dimensions of the courts, usage, requests, indoor pickle balls courts are county facilities, shared usage, and courts being lined and lighted.

Discussion continued regarding croquet courts, disc golf, controversial issues, long term solution of comprehensive plan, expansion of public facilities, other contributing factors, using one tennis court, and amenities.

Mr. Veneziano commented on parking issues and discussion on short term courts.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of altering tennis courts for pickle ball, dedicating one tennis court to two pickle ball courts, and length of wait time for tennis courts.

Mr. Wormley spoke regarding shuffleboard courts, usage, not enough members to maintain, two courts only in use, and the possibility of resurfacing shuffleboard courts to utilize as other courts.

Lora Hauswirth, 244 Saint Augustine, spoke on the usage of tennis courts and wait times, utilization of courts, and not being in favor of taking a tennis court for a pickle ball court.

Discussion followed regarding pickle ball players going to other courts to play when there are wait times, signup sheet, tennis association, and representative for both tennis and pickle ball.

Ms. Ugas-Carpenter spoke regarding a petition regarding no marking of the tennis courts, and answered questions from board members regarding cost of courts, satisfied with one court at the minimum, allocation of money, budget adjustments, impact fees for the lighting of the soccer field, parking issues, and John Nolen park lighting and

parking.

Discussion ensued on looking at the master parks plan before patching and adding, long term planning, applicable options not good at this time, band aid approach, part of a larger plan, and accessibility.

Ms. Ugas-Carpenter suggested converting one court for pickle ball for a few years then put it back to a tennis court and converting a small basketball court and shuffleboard court into pickle ball courts.

Mr. Wormley spoke regarding converting courts and providing their own net.

Discussion took place regarding staff recommendation to research and consider usage of different large paved areas and facilities, staff to explore already existing space other than tennis courts, research feasibility, tennis court usage and Hecksher Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Silk, that staff research and consider usage of different areas and facilities and to explore existing space not limited to Hecksher Park. The motion passed by voice vote with Ms. Hicks opposed.

16-1776

Parks Master Plan Consultant - Carlos Perez (15 min)

Carlos Perez, Toole Design Group Team, provided a presentation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan regarding overview, schedule, public input exercises and discussion, purpose of parks master plan, timeline, red dots, board member information, involvement with the parks and recreation advisory board in the long range plan, high performance parks and recreation system, high performance public spaces, existing conditions, analysis/needs/priorities assessment, and observation of parks.

Mr. Perez continued his presentation on the park facilities, residents involvement in the exercises of park improvements, public workshop dates and times, online survey, and timeline.

Mr. Perez answered questions from board members regarding city park sign inventory, aerial view of different parks, the plan update, and timeline of the plan.

Ms. Hicks left the meeting at 5:00 p.m. and did not return.

VI. Updates

15-1482

Sarasota County PARC Update

Mr. Veneziano provided an update on the opening of Legacy Park,

contract awarded for the lights at the soccer field, impact fees, funding agreement for the croquet club, court costs, state law, replacement of fencing, restrooms and changing rooms locked after concessionaire at Venice Beach closes, and issues with the homeless.

Mr. Alfano spoke regarding the homeless locations.

Ms. Silk spoke regarding signs that disappeared regarding the pelicans being snagged by fishermen and replacement sign.

Mr. Veneziano stated that he would research signs and check with the wildlife team.

Ms. Kenfield commented on the music, dancing surfaces, and the safety for citizens at Centennial Park.

Mr. Veneziano stated he would research the surfaces.

15-1559 Sarasota County Update

Mr. Wormley provided an update of park restorations, benches at Venice Beach, Hagle Park striping, restrooms, parking, opening season for softball/baseball, and upcoming festivals in Venice.

Ms. Kenfield requested the library bike rack be moved to the community center and the trees at Legacy Park needing support.

15-1560 City of Venice Update

There were no updates.

15-1561 Miscellaneous Update

There were no updates.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was none.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



Chair



Recording Secretary