



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Citizen Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

[24-0242](#)

Instructions on How to Watch and/or Participate in the Meeting

I. Call to Order

Chair Weed called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

II. Roll Call

There was consensus to excuse Ms. Moscatelli's and Mr. Ellis's absence.

Present 6 - Dr. Mary Davis, Ms. Kaitlyn Panfil, Mr. Roger Efron, Chair Lloyd Weed, Mr. Steve Carr and Mr. Alex Dafaoulas

Excused 2 - Mr. Phillip Ellis and Ms. Mary Moscatelli

Absent 1 - Mr. Hayden Heaney

Also Present

Council Liaison Mayor Nick Pachota, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Assistant City Manager James Clinch, Assistant City Engineer Jon Kramer, Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer, Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator Darlene Culpepper, Deputy Clerk Toni Cone and Recording Secretary Amanda Hawkins-Brown.

III. Audience Participation

Cortland Dalton, 219 Rio Terra, spoke on the City's Bike Friendly status, bicycle entrance to festivals grounds, maintenance by team Keep Venice Beautiful (KVB), bike access during events, downtown festival guidelines, and green space on the island.

Rick Hindman, 104 Calle Del Paradiso, spoke on green spaces by Bellagio, removal of invasive plant species, and wildlife in green space.

Bruce Katmire, 2063 Rio Terra, spoke on green space by Bellagio, wildlife in area, and active bike path.

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Speaker Cards

IV. Approval of Minutes

[24-0243](#)

Minutes of the March 21, 2024 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Effron, seconded by Dr. Davis, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2024 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

V. New Business

[24-0244](#)

Introduction of the Transportation and Multi-Modal Master Plan Project (Jonathan Kramer, Assistant City Engineer, Jared Schneider, Project Manager, and Hanna Shaffer, Urban Planner, Kimley-Horn & Associates)

Assistant City Engineer Kramer, Hannah Shaffer, Kimley-Horn Urban Planner, and Jared Schneider, Kimley-Horn Project Manager, spoke on overview of project, purpose of creating plan, population changes, roadway ownership and maintenance responsibility, Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS), project scope, document review and analysis, reviewing multi-modal recommendations received, plan development public engagement, overall schedule, next steps, future engagements activities, and answered Board questions regarding main topic of interest, addressing county ownership of roads, increase in population, whether there is a current transportation plan, whether population counts includes seasonal residents, categorizing of City, County, and State roads, complete streets principle in the Comprehensive Plan, suggestion for a connections between parks, importance of community outreach, past consultant work with Kimley-Horn, involving pedestrian and other modes of transportation, whether it addresses private roads, and length of community engagement process.

[24-0245](#)

Bicycle Advisory Committee and Bicycle Friendly Community Application (Darlene Culpepper, Bicycle Pedestrian Program Coordinator)

Bicycle Pedestrian Program Coordinator Culpepper spoke on her position with the City, the City's Silver Bicycle Friendly rating, the four year application completed this year, application details, report card of City's current status, recommendations for advancement to gold status, recommendation for dedicated bike parking for events, hosting a bicycle safety class, the monthly bike ride at City Hall, Office of Greenways and Trails' Trail Towns Program, and answered a Board question regarding coordination with the Multi-Modal Plan development. Mayor Pachota answered the Board questions regarding current actions that can be done by the Board to assist in advancing the City's status, and acting on the special event requirement recommendation.

[24-0246](#)

Intracoastal Waterway Sites Work Plan Update (James Clinch, Assistant City Manager)

Assistant City Manager Clinch spoke on the County's Neighborhood Parkland Acquisition Program, two potential properties, aerial map, size

of sites, location, Venetian Waterway Trail on properties, being a tax funded program through Sarasota County, qualifications for program, currently owned by West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND), properties being deemed as surplus, protecting them for public use, wildlife on properties, reviewed by County Parks Committee, next steps, impact on City if purchased, funding available for maintenance, County being responsible for negotiations and final purchase, and answered Board questions regarding ownership of former roadway gap in property.

Recess was taken from 2:52 p.m. until 2:56 p.m.

Assistant City Manager Clinch continued to answer Board questions on Bellagio being a gated community, private roadways of adjacent neighborhood, access challenges, Board providing a statement of support, City Council review after County approval, potential uses, and current stage of the process.

City Manager Lavallee spoke on the Board authority and the Legislative Referral process.

A motion was made by Mr. Carr, seconded by Ms. Panfil, to request Council approval to add this project to the Citizen's Advisory Board agenda of approved projects. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 6 - Dr. Davis, Ms. Panfil, Mr. Efron, Chair Weed, Mr. Carr and Mr. Dafaoulas

Excused: 2 - Mr. Ellis and Ms. Moscatelli

Absent: 1 - Mr. Heaney

[24-0247](#)

Application for Girl and Butterflies Statue Along with Interpretive Elements at Centennial Park
(Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer)

Historical Resources Manager Klinkhamer and Bob Vedder, applicant, presented location, proposed stones showings a butterfly's life cycle, site of former garden club, image of donated statue, Venice Area Beatification Inc (VABI) Butterfly Committee, site maintenance by VABI, map of proposed location, concept of painted butterflies on power pole, and answered Board questions regarding planned signage, butterfly design on power pole, size of plot of land, drawing of proposed site with design and plantings, butterfly decal, using native plants, and whether FPL approval is needed for decorating pole.

City Manager Lavallee spoke on Board's ability to review project, to make recommendations of approval or denial only, and adding stipulations.

A motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Dafoulas, to recommend to City Council approval of the application for Girl and Butterflies Statue and other interpretive elements at Centennial Park. The motion carried by the following roll

call vote:

Yes: 6 - Dr. Davis, Ms. Panfil, Mr. Efron, Chair Weed, Mr. Carr and Mr. Dafaoulas

Excused: 2 - Mr. Ellis and Ms. Moscatelli

Absent: 1 - Mr. Heaney

24-0248

Application for Circus Mural on City Wall at Approximately 780 S. Tamiami Trail
(Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer)

Historical Resources Manager Klinkhamer spoke on the current circus mural, new update mural, communication with Airport Director, sample of planned mural, artist selection, and answered Board question regarding wall location, diversity being represented in mural, whether wall stucco would be repaired, funding for project, artist details, height and length of wall, time frame for project, including animals in design, origination of selected images, and concerns for distracting drivers.

A motion was made by Mr. Efron, seconded by Mr. Carr, to recommend to City Council approval of the application for circus mural on city wall at approximately 780 S Tamiami Trail. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Yes: 5 - Dr. Davis, Ms. Panfil, Mr. Efron, Chair Weed and Mr. Carr

No: 1 - Mr. Dafaoulas

Excused: 2 - Mr. Ellis and Ms. Moscatelli

Absent: 1 - Mr. Heaney

VI. Board Discussion**24-0249**

Discussion on Meeting Schedule

Discussion took place regarding keeping the quarterly schedule, advantages of more frequent meetings to keep momentum, utilizing the Board time for more research, being considerate of staff time, bringing ideas for agenda items through the proper channels, Sunshine Law concerns, and tabling the discussion to next meeting.

Board Discussion

Discussion took place regarding more education on the Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS) and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), researching e-bikes, and future updates on the Multi-modal plan.

VII. Staff Comments

There were no staff comments.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary