



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Public Works Department

TO: Ed Lavallee, City Manager

FROM: James R. Clinch PE, Director of Public Works and Asset Management

DATE: January 27, 2021

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: February 9th, 2021

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

SUBJECT: Ord. 2021-06 – Parks & Recreation Code Updates

Background: The City of Venice Public Works Department has been working in conjunction with the City Attorney to update several sections of our Parks and Recreation Code. These code updates are intended to address several items that have been requested by City Council and our community park users. The updates are intended to formally codify the City park boundaries known as the Nolen Greens (formerly known as pocket parks) and Pinebrook Park, as well as to make the animal restrictions more consistent among our parks. The proposed updates were approved by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board on January 25th, 2021. The specific proposed code updates are as follows:

- 1) **Sec. 46-1:** The Four (4) Nolen Greens (formerly pocket parks) have been added to the City code with legal sketches and descriptions. This will formally designate these locations as City Parks.
- 2) **Sec. 46-1:** The five (5) Nolen Green Pathways have been added to the code with legal sketches and descriptions. This will formally designate these locations as City Parks.
- 3) **Sec. 46-1:** Pinebrook Park has been separated out from Wellfield Park and designated as a park in the code. Formerly “Wellfield Park” had included both the sports fields (Wellfield Park) and Pinebrook Park.
- 4) **Sec. 46-62:** The animal restrictions have been revised to clarify where dogs on-leash may be allowed. The intent is to permit dogs on-leash within Pinebrook Park, Maxine Barritt Park and Humphris Park. Dogs are still excluded and prohibited from all public beaches (except the Paw-Park beach), the Fishing Pier, the South Jetty walkway, beach access walkways and all the sports parks.
- 5) **Sec. 46-62:** Updated the definition of “service animals” to reference the Florida Statute.
- 6) **Sec. 46-66:** Added Pinebrook Park to the list of parks closed to vehicles at nighttime.

Requested Action: Review and approve the attached City Ordinance revision 2021-06.

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes

Risk Management Review: Yes

Finance Department Review/Approved: N/A

Funds Availability (account number): N/A

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Ordinance 2021-06