



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, July 21, 2014

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

Ms. Kenfield introduced Ms. Aramini and Ms. Mogford as new members of the board.

Also Present

Public Works Director John Veneziano, Sarasota County Sports Director and Athletic Manager Pat Calhoun, and Recording Secretary Heather Taylor.

III. Approval of Minutes

14-0725 June 16, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Hicks, that the Minutes of the June 16, 2014 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

V. Unfinished Business

14-0726 Centennial Shade Structure - John Veneziano

Mr. Veneziano provided an update on the proposal for a tornado like structure to be presented to the Architectural Review Board, stated that the picnic tables have been relocated under the trees, and provided a description and proposed location of the structures for new board members.

Discussion followed on the previous vote to approve the fire department's boat lift at Higel Park, and reference to a letter sent to the newspaper regarding dock space.

VI. New Business

14-0727 Water Fountain Installation at Ruscelletto Park - VABI

Greg Vine, Venice Area Beautification Inc (VABI) representative, provided an overview of the project to include policies and procedures, proposal and cost estimates, noted the three parts of the project to include a light timer, electricity to the fountain, and the junction box installation, commented on Florida Power and Light (FPL) bill and maintenance responsibility, and stated the Public Art Advisory Board did not find the fountain to be art but endorsed the project.

Discussion followed on the Wesco proposal, start and completion dates, potential connectivity of Legacy Trail and Ruscelletto Park, visibility of the fountain, aeration of the retention pond, city maintenance, warranty, and the approximate cost for annual electricity.

Mark Pollock, Wesco Fountains, commented on the cost to run the fountain.

Further discussion took place on the surrounding buildings and visibility, hours of operation, alternative lighting, and security of the fountain and control panel.

Bob Daniels, city council member, provided a history of the project, commented on lighting, FPL grant and assistance to project, and noted the project cannot begin without city council approval, commented on the expected timeframe for completion, receipt of bids, cost efficiency of circulating the water, and answered board questions on building occupancy.

A motion was made by Ms. Silk, seconded by Ms. Piper, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends to City Council that the fountain at Ruscelletto Park be approved. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Responding to board questions, Mr. Veneziano commented on the replacement of playground equipment at East Gate Park; noting that less expensive items are funded by the operating budget and larger items will have to wait until the next fiscal year.

VII. Updates

14-0682 Sarasota County Update

Mr. Calhoon provided an update on events taking place in the area, upcoming soccer and football season at Wellfield Park, quarterly stakeholder meetings, renovations at Chuck Reiter Park, combination portable goal posts and chain link fence installations at the

multi-purpose fields, new shade structures at Bypass Park, Make a Difference Day in October, and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant sidewalks at Maxine Barritt Park.

Discussion ensued regarding installation of a different surface that tolerates the environment, and recognition of the maintenance workers at Maxine Barritt.

Mr. Calhoon commented on additional locations for shuffle board courts.

Discussion followed on the prioritization of Venice Beach and the existing restrooms, replacement of the historical marker at the South Jetty, and the restroom sign at Caspersen Beach.

Mr. Calhoon added that the master plan would be posted this week, and commented on the selection, recommendation, and negotiation process.

14-0683

City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano provided an update on the mywaste app, replacement of the Ponce de Leon park sign, the community center fountain, spoke to Ringling College's volunteer work at Heritage Park and upcoming dumpster painting project, and commented on Park Make Over Day, and signage along Harbor Drive.

Discussion followed on the fishing line receptical, rusted post, and defective picnic table at Humfries Park, and people littering at the Jetty.

Greg Vine, city resident, complimented staff regarding cleanup of the beaches, and commented on educating the public, litter at the basketball courts, and the need for police presence at night.

Discussion ensued on taking an environmental approach to renovations of bathrooms.

14-0684

Miscellaneous Updates

Emilio Carlesimo, city council member, informed the board of the September 4, 2014 joint meeting with the county at the Venice Community Center with the Environmental Land Oversight Committee (EOLC), noted he received a comprehensive letter from the fire department regarding the boat ramp, and mentioned to the new members that he is not bound by sunshine law and he may meet with them. He further noted the restrooms at Venice Beach are on his radar, the mobility study is on the agenda for the next city council meeting, and that he will bring forward the motion for the fountain at Ruscelletto Park.


Ms. Silk added that the September meeting is a county meeting,

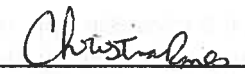
commented on serving on the county parks board, provided examples of what the board does, and noted the road and dock additions to Snook Haven.

Mr. Alfano requested an updated copy of the February 2010 color aerial of all parks with signage.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.


Chair


Recording Secretary
