



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes Citizen Advisory Board

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026

2:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### I. Call to Order

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

### II. Roll Call

Ms. Panfil joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**Present** 9 - Mr. Phillip Ellis, Ms. Kaitlyn Panfil, Mr. Roger Effron, Mr. Steve Carr, Ms. Mary Moscatelli, Mr. Alex Dafoulas, Dr. Mary Davis, Mr. Hayden Heaney and Mr. Terry Redman

### Also Present

Council Liaison Mayor Nick Pachota, City Manager James Clinch, and Deputy City Clerk Toni Gregory.

### III. Audience Participation

There was none.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

[26-0507](#) Minutes of the December 17, 2025 meeting.

**A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Mr. Redman, that the Minutes of the meeting be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

### V. New Business

[26-0508](#) Centennial Park - Rededication Plaque

City Manager Clinch introduced the topic of rededicating Centennial Park, the proposed plaque, location selected, and the history of Centennial Park.

Mayor Pachota responded to a Board question regarding whether there had been any negative feedback on the topic, stating there had not.

Discussion took place regarding proposal for rededication originated from community members, there not being any negative feedback received, and the renaming of the Centennial Park Gazebo in honor of Robert and Sue Vedder being approved and pending scheduling.

A motion was made by Mr. Ellis, seconded by Dr. Davis, to recommend City Council approval for the Centennial Park Rededication Plaque as presented. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**Yes:** 9 - Mr. Ellis, Ms. Panfil, Mr. Effron, Mr. Carr, Ms. Moscatelli, Mr. Dafoulas, Dr. Davis, Mr. Heaney and Mr. Redman

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

[25-0449](#)

Evaluate and Recommend Improvements as it Relates to the City's Website

Mr. Dafoulas provided an update on his conversation with IT Director Navarro and the RFP status for the new City website.

City Manager Clinch thanked the Board for their input, and noted the proposals had been narrowed down to two vendors of which one that should be under contract by March.

Discussion took place on having the vendor presenting to the Board, and the Board's recommendations being given to the vendor.

## **VII. Board Discussion**

Chair Effron provided an update on the annual report presentation to Council.

Mayor Pachota commented on the history of the board, appreciation from Council to the Board, and the purpose of board.

Discussion took place regarding meaningful work, upcoming hurricane season, implementation of the After Action Report, and perceived increase in seasonal residency and tourism.

Mayor Pachota spoke on hurricane preparation, and the new Fleet and Solid Waste facility being used for hurricane preparedness.

Discussion continued on staff providing a report on new hurricane preparedness implementations at the next meeting, desire for the Board's upcoming work on the Parks Master Plan, and a Central Venice Coalition meeting including a presentation on the Wellfield Park improvements from Sarasota County on March 16th.

## **VIII. Staff Comments**

City Manager Clinch provided an update on the Parks Master Plan consultant selection process.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary