



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Public Art Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

3:30 PM

Community Hall

[16-1845](#)

Bronze Statue - Robert Vedder, Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (15 min)

Mr. Vedder reviewed the item to include the design of the wildflower garden on the southeast corner of Nokomis Avenue and Venice Avenue, replacement of flowers as needed, the overall plan to have stepping stones behind the flowers with a pad, placing the bronze statue on the pad, the statue possibly being operational, measures in place to deter vandalism, and plans to broaden the wildflower garden once the statue is in place.

Discussion followed regarding providing room for people to take pictures, being a high visibility location, concerns with location and the statue not complimenting the historic district, time period of clothing on the statue, and whether there are plans for the placement of additional statues.

Mr. Hagler spoke to attracting the younger crowd, not having to go to the parks and recreation advisory board due to the location, the process to recommend to city council, and benefits of having it in place prior to America in Bloom.

Discussion continued on student discussion at Venice High School regarding the appreciation of landscaping and art around the city.

A motion was made by Ms. Valencic, seconded by Ms. Potier, that Item No. 16-1845 be recommended for approval to city council. The motion carried by voice vote with Ms. Dietz abstaining due to conflict of interest.