



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, June 27, 2022

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

Revised

I. Call to Order

Chair Roger Effron called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 7 - Roger Effron, Eydie Kargas, John Hinshaw, David Auxier, Kirk Wilkenson, Scott Blaser and Om Patel

Absent 1 - Candice Roberts

ALSO PRESENT

Council Liaison Mitzie Fiedler, Public Works Director Charlie Mopps, Sarasota County Recreation and Neighborhood Park Division Manager Laura Kabrick, and Recording Secretary Amanda Hawkins-Brown.

III. Approval of Minutes

[22-5674](#) Minutes from April 18, 2022 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkenson, seconded by Mr. Auxier, to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2022 regular meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Audience Participation

Sonya Fronckowiak, 1347 Brookside Drive, spoke on bringing Gaga Ball pits and a concrete corn hole board to Mundy Park as a project through the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Venice Class of 2022, and answered board questions on park selection and funding.

There was consensus for Chair Effron to submit a Legislative Referral to City Council for the Gaga Ball Project.

V. New Business

[22-5676](#) Developing a Proposal for the Park and Recreation Advisory Board's Role in the Master Plan Update (Mr. Wilkenson)

Discussion took place regarding developing the Parks Master Plan to

better align with City Council's objectives for the annual plan, creating a draft to discuss at the next meeting, and submitting the finalized plan through a Legislative Referral to City Council.

Council Liaison Fiedler clarified the communication procedure of submitting a Legislative Referral to City Council, staff liaison's responsibilities to the board and direction on communication from the board. She noted the Council's interests in the board's park assessments for next year's agenda.

[22-5677](#)

Information on Venice Area Beautification Inc (Mr. Hinshaw)

Mr. Hinshaw spoke on Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI) projects from 1989 to present day, the Keep Venice Beautiful Team (KVB), the Urban Force Management of Ringling Railroad Tracks, and answered board questions on youth involvement.

VI. Unfinished Business

[22-5559](#)

Parks Master Plan Discussion (Public Works Director Mopps)

This was discussed during Item No. 22-5676.

[22-5384](#)

Parks Condition Assessments

Public Works Director Mopps spoke regarding quarterly walk through done in all parks, and answered board questions on park inspection reports.

VII. Updates

[22-5678](#)

Wellfield Park Updates

Public Works Director Mopps provided an update on the replacement of the sod at Wellfield Park's soccer field, and the Gulf Coast Community Foundation's donation that will now fund the replacement on the football field as well.

[22-5562](#)

City of Venice Update

Public Works Director Mopps informed the Board that City Council will have the 1st reading of the ordinance allowing the City Manager to establish park hours and speed limits at the June 28, 2022 City Council meeting.

[22-5385](#)

Sarasota County Update

Ms Kubrick spoke on the Chuck Reiter Field being used by Venice Little League and the Venice Academy physical education classes, and the kid's summer beach run program every Wednesday.

[22-5563](#)

Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Kubrick spoke on new electric hand dryers and maintenance of park flooring at North Brohard Park, updates to the Maxine Barritt Park shelters, mulching and pressure washing pavements at Paws Park, 14 athletic leagues currently using parks, grand opening of pickleball at Longwood Park, the Pompano Trailhead, and the 9/11 memorials at Hecksher Park and Patriot Park.

Discussion took place regarding transgender use of public restrooms in schools and parks, council's directing the City Manager to work with police to do risk assessments of parks for emergency management situations, and management of homeless and transient population in parks.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place regarding the board meeting more frequently, the Parks Master Plan, the three priority items on the board's annual report for 2022, and planning of priorities for 2023.

The board agreed to have an additional meeting on August 15, 2022 to discuss 2023 agenda priorities and the Parks Master Plan.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary