

Boards and Commissions Annual Report to City Council

Today's date: March 5, 2023

Name of board or commission: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Board chair or designee: Roger C. Efron

Date of presentation to city council: March 28, 2023

1. **Past year's achievements:** Reviewed and recommended the Gaga Ball Project; provided an evaluation on all parks; reviewed and reacted to reports made by both park and recreation representatives from the city and council; reviewed and supported policy for the selling of alcohol on beaches; received briefing on the status of the Parks Master Plan; received update regarding the impact of Ian on all City Parks; received report on the progress of the proposed Northeast Park.

2. Proposed "Agenda of Priorities" for the coming year:

1. Continue work with staff leading to the successful completion of the Northeast Park
2. Review the form and process for park evaluations
3. Consider developing a Park survey and usage
4. Review and assess recreational activities for all ages

3. A) What goal, in the City's strategic plan, does your proposed agenda for the coming year support? and B) how does it support that goal?:

Goal One: Keep Venice Beautiful and Eco-Friendly

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Goal Four: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

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Goal Six: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning

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4. **Areas of concern:** Few if any. The meeting held by the Mayor and Charter Officers explaining the vital connection between this advisory committee and the Council clarified this important link. Perhaps a small area of concern with the Advisory Committee is linking the services (and funding) from the County to those of the City.

5. **Activities/Tasks/Goals:** Besides the various activities that surface each meeting along with the updates from both the city and county, we anticipate that soon we will play a prominent role with the Parks Master Plan. We would also like more publicity to our residents as to when we meet in order to gain more public awareness resulting in public participation. The public discussion about liquor on the beach was excellent no matter where you stood on the issue. Overall, the Board is pleased with the quality of parks we have and pleased with the updates received each meeting from city staff relating to the management of parks.

Date board members attended annual Sunshine and Public Records Law training:
December 5, 2022