



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, January 9, 2017

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

Present 6 - Chair Linda Kenfield Andrews, Jim Woods, Cindy Hicks, Josette Aramini, Grant Alexander and Roger Effron

Absent 2 - Joan Piper and Eydie Kargas

Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Public Works Director John Veneziano, Beach Manager Shawn Yeager, and Recording Secretary Michelle Girvan.

III. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes to approve.

IV. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

V. New Business

Ms. Hicks spoke in regards to having a place in the community for a safe place exchange for children, Craigs list sales, exchange of kids for sporting events, places to include the fire station and city hall, suggestion of passing information and idea on to staff, lighting and surveillance cameras, liability, staff advice, and procedures.

Discussion took place regarding safe place exchange, item to go to the city manager, other cities that may be involved with the safe place exchange, and well lit places with cameras of businesses that may be safe for exchanges.

Ms. Aramini spoke in regards to programs about keeping status of

attendance at city parks, counters, camera's, and different ways of gathering data.

Discussion took place regarding counters in parks, cameras, warning sign's of cameras not a state requirement, program for the county parks, removal of cameras in some of the city parks, Mr. Yeager to provide more information on cameras in parks, attendance figures, bicycle counters, usage of parks, unreliable data, volunteer help from inmates at the jails, and park parking lots.

Discussion took place regarding youth sports at Chuck Reiter and Wellfield parks, estimated amount of usage in the parks, organizations, attendees, data base usage or availability of recreational facilities in gated communities and school facilities, usage of outside residents or groups using facilities in gated communities, and suggestion of Mr. Yeager providing information back to the board on the usage of parks.

Mayor Holic spoke in regards to getting the school involved in the usage of their outdoor facilities, changing of mayors and county commissioners at the council of governments meetings, cross utilization, meeting topics, county commission meeting, identification of needs, drifting projects, parks master plan and vision, identifying a vision for the parks, sport fields not being used in the city, leadership academy sport field, and the cost of maintaining parks.

Discussion took place regarding parks and sport fields, setting up a meeting with the sport group leaders, volunteers, expansion of parks, green spaces, adding an evening meeting of the parks and recreation advisory board regarding all sport groups, mayor to speak with council for approval of an extra meeting, what is the vision of the athletic organizations, zip codes of participants to show that some of the fields are being regionally used, meeting schedule date and time, structures, invitation of high school coaches to the meeting, Sarasota County being the only county not utilizing school fields, and usage of school fields and security.

VI. Updates

[16-2384](#)

City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano provided an update regarding new concession at Venice Beach, end date of contract, croquet courts, parks master plan draft, new playground at Chuck Reiter Park, cost of equipment, park equipment changes, usage of parks, Venice MainStreet breakfast, change of rules in dog parks, enforcement of leash laws, Wellfield Park trails, and adopt a park program and information.

Discussion took place regarding the adopt a park program, volunteer program challenges, coordination of staff and volunteers, recommendation from the parks board of a job position in the parks department, high school student volunteers, parks coordinator position, survey of downtown streets, and time and date of meeting for the Army Corp of Engineers and downtown improvements.

Discussion continued regarding street corners and ADA standards and updates, signage for people crossing at crosswalks, pedestrian friendly community, four way stops at all intersections downtown, and speed limits.

[16-2272](#)

Sarasota County Update

Mr. Yeager provided an update regarding county parks, park and beach improvements, additions, plant manager program, grant application, funding or removal of plants, dead fish removal, Venice Community Center events, and new concessionaire at Venice Beach.

Mr. Yeager was asked to provide information regarding the dates of the opening of the new concession.

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Sarasota County PARC Update

There was no update.

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Miscellaneous Update

Discussion took place regarding the installation of the tarpon statue in West Blalock Park.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was none.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary