



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, December 19, 2016

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, Joan Piper, Jim Woods, Josette Aramini, Roger Effron and Eydie Kargas

Absent 2 - Cindy Hicks and Grant Alexander

Also Present

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

III. Approval of Minutes

[16-2341](#)

Minutes of the October 17, 2016 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Piper, that the Minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Audience Participation

Janis Fawn, Planning Commission member, spoke on the standard signs that were added to the dog parks along with the dog bags, planning commission update, master parks plan, and redefining recommendations.

Discussion took place regarding planning commission members' responsibility and level of service (LOS), population projection, excluding beach park access, beach development, green space, and gated communities.

Discussion took place regarding LOS, North Port residents using Venice's services, beaches, rules from Tallahassee, city visitors, and residents' comments on the survey.

V. New Business

There was none.

VI. Unfinished Business

[16-2407](#)

Update on Parks Master Plan

Mr. Effron spoke in regards to the parks master plan update, recreational areas, and purpose that parks serve.

Discussion took place regarding the parks master plan workshop, use of Ajax property, expansion room within the city limits, working relationship with the county, potential park sites, need for park space, nomination and purchase of land parcels, Ms. Piper being the representative of the Parks & Advisory Recreation Council (PARC), basketball courts, and tennis courts double marked for pickleball.

Discussion took place regarding Pinebrook Park and sports fields.

Mr. Veneziano spoke on making Pinebrook Park a separate park from Wellfield Park, dog leash rules and enforcement in parks, and Friends of Pinebrook group.

VII. Updates

[16-2271](#)

Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Piper reported on the upcoming January meeting, Myakka River Oyster Bar property, Snook Haven, Sarasota County allowing dogs in parks, consistency with users of the park, and the South Jetty.

[16-2272](#)

Sarasota County Update

Mr. Yeager spoke on county events, Blues Festival attendance, designated route for vehicles to the large pavilion, and placing the item on the next meeting agenda.

Mr. Yeager answered questions regarding the girls softball teams.

Discussion took place regarding dumpsters, volunteer staff, groups that have interest in parks, city recreation program, boy scouts volunteering to work in parks, traffic counters in parks, beaches, and on bridges, community service by high school students to collect data, estimating event attendees, project volunteers, research, park strategy, and contact person.

[16-2384](#)

City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano spoke in regards to Chuck Reiter Park, playground equipment, removal of oak trees, pickleball courts, community center roof quotes, maintenance plans, county interlocal agreement and maintenance, community center chiller, irrigation systems, and retirement of the showmobile.

Discussion took place regarding the Venice Community Center (VCC) to include appearance, maintenance, and number of employees.

Mr. Efron spoke in regards to employee shirts and ability to identify employees. Mr. Yeager noted county employees have uniform shirts with emblems, and should have identification badges.

Discussion ensued regarding VCC serving different functions, available space, use of parks and reporting number of people who use the VCC, events and tickets sales, government organizations data, traffic counters, use of recreational space, and data collection.

Mr. Veneziano provided an update on Heritage Park, trolley and changes in route, beach and VCC parking, Sharky's Restaurant parking lot, the traffic advisory task force's input on trolley route, trolley publicity, operation hours, and signage, and allowing animals on the trolley.

[16-2274](#)

Miscellaneous Update

Discussion took place regarding the meeting dates for January and February for the parks and recreation advisory board.

Mayor Holic spoke regarding use of the Ajax property, parks and recreation advisory board looking at parcels of land, Ajax property purchased as a buffer zone, Pinebrook Park and expansion of land, suggested naming opportunity for Bob Vedder's work on parks, giving large sports parks to the county, and reappointments and liaisons staying the same for the boards.

Discussion followed regarding new parks and land, giving land away to the county, land swaps, Mayor Holic's meeting with a county commissioner and assistant county administrator, Wellfield Park, interlocal agreements, and LOS provided within the county.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion followed regarding January meeting and scheduling tour of pocket parks.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary