



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, March 20, 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 3:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chair Linda Kenfield Andrews, Joan Piper, Jim Woods, Cindy Hicks, Grant Alexander, Roger Effron and Eydie Kargas

Absent 1 - Josette Aramini

Also Present

Council Member Bob Daniels, Public Works Director John Veneziano, and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

III. Approval of Minutes

[17-2542](#) Minutes of the December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Piper, that the Minutes of the December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

V. New Business

There was none.

VI. Unfinished Business

[17-2568](#) Pickleball Courts Update

Mr. Veneziano spoke on asking the county for available locations and submitting a capital project for the next budget cycle, Chuck Reiter Park, using school facilities, and adding pickleball striping to one of the tennis courts.

Ms. Andrews spoke regarding tree preservation, off-street parking, leadership academy using parking facility, little league on-street parking, and placing parking signage. Discussion followed on formal leadership academy agreement with the county and obtaining copy of agreement, park use, parking expansion, Mr. Veneziano asking the county for space availability in Hecksher Park, using shuffleboard court for pickleball, parking availability, picnic park area usage, parallel parking, limiting parking time, changing parking dynamic, comprehensive plan, advertising available parking, using basketball court for pickleball, double markings in Pinebrook Park, fiscal year (FY) 2018 cap, and infrastructure costs.

Mr. Daniels spoke on his communication with Commissioner Charles Hines regarding head count on pickleball usage, demand, and expansion at the Venice Community Center, shuffleboard and other optional areas, master parks plan, county land, impact fees, and facility maintenance.

Discussion followed regarding fundraising project, possible county facilities, new courts opened by the county, expansion of Legacy Trail, master parks plan and the need for more pickleball courts, encouraging the county to expand their use of the parks, police academy and shooting range, park impact fees, Nokomis School park, and not taking away space from children.

Marta Ugas-Carpenter spoke regarding the use of basketball and tennis courts, creating two courts out of one tennis court, shuffleboard court usage, Chuck Reiter Park, and parking lot area on Venice Avenue and Harbor Drive.

Discussion followed regarding marking the eastern most tennis court, obtaining players' feedback, master parks plan, striping of basketball court, tennis court reconstruction, court regulation size, and board recommendation.

A motion was made by Ms. Piper, seconded by Ms. Hicks, to recommend the eastern most tennis court in Hecksher Park be restriped to a pickleball court along with the tennis court.

Discussion ensued on direction of markings, pickleball mania, number of engaged players, reason for sport growth, and Ms. Ugas-Carpenter providing petitions to board members.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VII. Updates

[16-2384](#)

City of Venice Update

Mr. Effron spoke on the parks tour, concept of park operations, park activity, pocket parks, enforcement needed, John Nolen design, posting the city's logo and established date, parks master plan, adding benches, park maintenance, adopt a park program, Chuck Reiter and Wellfield Parks, croquet, and Myakka Park amenities.

Discussion took place regarding the history and development of the city's parks, John Nolen Plan, neighborhood parks, city's website, recommendation for park expansion, city growth, park maintenance priority, land availability, Myakka River Park and water activities, park users, residents' access to parks, and making recommendations to the county and city council.

A motion was made by Mr. Effron, seconded by Ms. Kargas, to suggest city council work with their counterparts at the county to consider expanding the use of parkland at Nokomis and Laurel Parks to increase recreation for new residents.

Mr. Daniels noted he will speak with Commissioner Hines.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion ensued on time frame to get action item on council's agenda, recommended neighborhood meeting, county maintenance of parks, land survey on pocket parks, park signage, legal implications, historical signs, and survey process and findings.

Mr. Veneziano spoke regarding Patriots Park, the Myakka River Oyster Bar, Legacy Trail extension and costs, land nomination forms, county purchasing property, and rowing championship at Nathan Benderson Park.

Discussion took place regarding Patriots Park trail access and issue with survey.

Mr. Veneziano spoke regarding the croquet ceremony, Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) and Urban Forest Committee meeting, tree inventory, state grant, identifying all trees on city properties to include right-of-ways, Hecksher Park, and safe place program.

Ms. Andrews spoke on exploring friends of the parks, meeting with VABI and youth sports representatives, Wellfield Park usage, and not obtaining response from the county.

[16-2272](#)

Sarasota County Update

There was no update.

[16-2271](#)

Sarasota County PARC Update

There was no update.

[16-2274](#)

Miscellaneous Update

There was no update.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary