



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Traffic Advisory Task Force

Thursday, January 5, 2017

5:00 PM

Community Hall

I. Call To Order

A Regular Meeting of the Traffic Advisory Task Force was held this date in Community Hall at City Hall. Chair Carol Barbieri called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 6 - Paul Cline, Carol Barbieri, Mike Pachota, Linda Dalton, Gabe Moretti and John Collier

Also Present

City Manager Ed Lavallee and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

III. Approval of Minutes

[17-2425](#)

Minutes of the November 3, 2016 and December 1, 2016 Reugular Meetings

A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Ms. Dalton, that the Minutes of the November 3, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Ms. Dalton, that the Minutes of the December 1, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Updates

[17-2424](#)

Update on City Manager Dispositions

Mr. Lavallee provided an update regarding event holder's responsibility to provide additional signage for special events.

Discussion followed regarding seeking Venice MainStreet's and the Venice Area Chamber of Commerce's opinion on parking meters. Mr. Lavallee noted the representatives of these organizations can be requested to attend a task force meeting.

Discussion followed on parking meters, acceptance by residents, parking spaces used by employees, payment of parking tickets, parking meter installation, cost of purchasing meters, smart meters, bank

charges, monitoring violations, income and ticket revenues, expenses, parking enforcement, pedestrian traffic, circulation of vehicles, benefit for businesses, and council's opinion of parking meters.

Mr. Lavallee spoke regarding parking meters in Sarasota.

Discussion followed on parking enforcement, utilizing parking lots, signage, paying for downtown area parking, employee and customer parking, Sarasota parking meters, publicizing available parking lots, Venice Area Chamber of Commerce's updated map, parking application, including parking map on the city's website, identifying traffic lines and parking spaces, Future of Downtown Venice survey, landscaping changes to the median, reconstruction of Venice Avenue, road bond project, traffic management, and traffic flow safety design and enhancements.

Discussion followed on placing a placquered sign indicating a four-way or all-way stop at north Nassau and Tarpon Street, and St. Augustine Avenue and Santa Maria Street.

Discussion followed regarding lighting and pedestrian visibility at crosswalks.

Mr. Lavallee noted he will contact public works and inquire on the number of crosswalks that have access to power for lighting.

Mr. Lavallee continued his update on the three year trolley service and provided a handout to task force members. Mr. Lavallee spoke on trolley stops, trolley route, points of interest, downtown traffic impact, tourist attraction, city layout, largest used parking lots, and trolley stop at the Jetty.

Discussion continued on the trolley to include route, bidding and contract, advertisement, signage restrictions, and operations.

Mr. Lavallee spoke regarding left turn signal on Harbor Drive and Venice Avenue and noted he will obtain a status update from the city engineer.

Discussion followed regarding no right turn on Venice Avenue and north on Tamiami Trail. Mr. Lavallee stated he sent item to public works and they agreed to place sign.

Discussion followed on event holders providing additional parking signage during special events, traffic control and issues during special events, utilizing staff to direct traffic, designated parking lots for special events, marketing through the city's website, and removing item from the city manager's disposition list.

V. New Business[17-2426](#)

City Manager Ed Lavallee: Proposed Schedule Change to Meet Every Other Month or Every Quarter

Mr. Lavallee spoke on the task force's meeting schedule and proposed changes to the schedule. Discussion followed regarding lapse of time between meetings to address new issues, meeting schedule, sunshine laws, special meetings and public notice, meeting next quarter, See-Click-Fix, and scheduling next meeting for April 6, 2017.

[17-2427](#)

City of Venice and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Line of Sight and Distances Required at Intersections

Mr. Collier spoke regarding line of sight at the intersections of Harbor Drive and Beach Road, Airport Avenue and The Rialto, and Alba Street and The Rialto.

Discussion followed on line of sight distances at intersections, stop bar, Mr. Lavallee providing information to code enforcement for review, visibility risk, and measuring vehicle traffic count at The Rialto, analyzing trolley services and contractor, reporting trolley issues, and Ms. Dalton monitoring trolley services and reporting back to the task force.

VI. Future Agenda Items

Discussion followed regarding curb stops at the parking lot of Centennial Park along Nokomis Avenue.

VII. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary