



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, June 19, 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 3:03 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 3 - Chair Linda Kenfield Andrews, Joan Piper and Eydie Kargas

Absent 4 - Jim Woods, Cindy Hicks, Josette Aramini and Roger Effron

Also Present

Public Works Director John Veneziano and Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor.

III. Approval of Minutes

[17-2776](#) Minutes of the May 15, 2017 Regular Meeting

This item was not voted on due to lack of a quorum.

IV. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

V. New Business

[17-2777](#) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Kenfield spoke regarding the need to consider chair and vice chair elections and they will remain until the new calendar year to ensure the ability to vote a new chair and vice chair at the first meeting of the calendar year.

[17-2778](#) Council Directive for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to Research the Playground Area of Hecksher Park to Determine if it is Suitable for Pickleball as a Replacement and Report Back to City Council (Holic)

Ms. Kenfield reviewed council's direction to research the playground area of Hecksher Park to determine if it is suitable for pickleball as a replacement and to report back to city council.

Sunny Seabrook, 309 Sorrento Street, expressed support of pickleball courts at the northern most back court at Hecksher Park, and spoke to court size, playground equipment, bid procedures and support for fundraising.

Discussion took place regarding the city's budget.

Marta Ugas-Carpenter, 311 Airport Avenue, spoke to the number of possible courts, fundraising and the need for board support.

Discussion continued regarding the use of shuffleboard courts, courts available for public use, amenities that support pickleball courts, additional fundraising options, procedure for a recommendation and staff review.

[17-2779](#)

National Fitness Campaign (NFC)

Video: http://youtube.com/watch?v=zMoThW_nL2o

This item was not discussed.

VI. Unfinished Business

[17-2668](#)

Parks Master Plan

This item was not discussed.

VII. Updates

[17-2634](#)

City of Venice Update

This item was not discussed.

[17-2635](#)

Sarasota County Update

Shawn Yeager, Division Manager of Beaches and Water Access, provided an update to include Wellfield Park maintenance, Venice Community Center programs and events, renovation, Brohard Park boardwalk maintenance, and turtle nesting and responded to board questions regarding the new vendor at Venice Beach, and if there is more of a demand from indoor pickleball players with Englewood facility closures, and roof maintenance at the Venice Community Center.

[17-2636](#)

Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Piper stated that the board does not meet until the first week in July.

[17-2637](#)

Miscellaneous Update

There were none.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place regarding Friends of Pinebrook Park's concern with relocating tortoise and the bicyclist that was killed and the need for more enforcement bicycle violations.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary