



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Traffic Advisory Task Force

Thursday, July 6, 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 5:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 4 - Paul Cline, Carol Barbieri, Linda Dalton and John Collier

Absent: 2 - Mike Pachota and Joseph Bird

Also Present

Assistant City Manager Len Bramble and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

III. Approval of Minutes

[17-2571](#)

Minutes of the January 5, 2017 and April 6, 2017 Regular Meetings

A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Ms. Dalton, that the Minutes of the January 5, 2017 and April 6, 2017 meetings be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. New Business

[17-2578](#)

Unregistered Golf Carts on Public Ways

Mr. Collier spoke regarding unregistered golf carts on public ways, registration requirements, and developing a public awareness program on city requirements.

Mr. Bramble spoke on positive awareness, involving the police chief, and making a recommendation to the city manager.

Discussion continued regarding a public awareness campaign, beach access points, golf cart handling, providing information prior to season, using the city's social media, positive awareness, and golf cart retailers.

A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Mr. Cline, to recommend to the city manager that the city institute a public awareness campaign on the proper safety and statutory requirements on the operation of public golf carts in the

city's public ways. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

[17-2579](#)

Low Profile Recumbent Bikes

Mr. Collier spoke regarding low profile recumbent bicycles during season, head height and view, and task force guidelines.

A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Ms. Dalton, to recommend to the city manager that the city institute a public awareness campaign for recumbent bikes. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Bramble suggested forwarding issue to bicycle coordinator Darlene Culpepper.

Discussion followed on bicycle safety and education, and ghost bikes.

[17-2580](#)

Vehicles Blocking Public Sidewalks

Mr. Collier spoke on vehicles blocking sidewalks, SeeClickFix, and employee participation contacting code enforcement.

Discussion followed regarding blocking sidewalks, safety concerns, city code, RV parking, and continuing item to the next meeting agenda for a code enforcement update.

[17-2780](#)

Stop Sign Needed at Venetian Waterway Park Bike Path at Golf Drive and Clubhouse Road (Ms. Dalton)

Ms. Dalton spoke regarding the Country Club Estates Mobile Home Park, stop signs before the Venetian Waterway Park (VWP) crossing at Fairway Drive and Pinegrove Road, no stop sign before the VWP on Clubhouse Road (west bound), and placing a stop sign before crossing the VWP bike path.

Discussion followed regarding stop sign placement, pedestrian crosswalk sign and bike path, trail cross, Country Club Estates entrances, placing a stop sign before the VWP crossing and having the word "stop" written on the road, Fairway Drive, stop sign visibility, pedestrian yield sign, easement, line of sight, and speed of cars traveling through the crosswalk.

There was board consensus to forward this item to the city manager for review and recommendation.

[17-2781](#)

Traffic Congestion in Downtown Venice (Ms. Dalton)

Ms. Dalton spoke regarding think tank, traffic gridlock, providing alternate transportation for local residents, Siesta Key trolley, island circulator bus, and downtown trolley.

Discussion followed regarding trolley program, development growth and traffic, organizations that can assist with the trolley service, pursuing a

request for proposal (RFP) to have a private organization run the trolley program without cost to the city, Mr. Pachota's motion at the last task force meeting, Siesta Key trolley, RFP cost, city council's premise, grants and subsidies, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) subsidy, Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) bus services, holding community meetings, RFP addressing high points of routes, three year trolley agreement and council's decision to terminate agreement, return on investment, council approving RFP, sending motion back to the city manager's office and investigating the Siesta Key trolley program, writing grant, asking council to have city staff explore available options, funding, mandate solution, and private entities pursuing the trolley.

A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Ms. Dalton, for the city to place an RFP for trolley service that combines tourism and parking enhancement and allows the trolley operator to recoup expenses by advertising and/or charging, and that the routes be identified by the city and RFP respondent with the intent of moving people on the island.

Discussion continued on trolley purpose and intent.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Mr. Cline, to recommend to the city manager that city council pursue funding through MPO for future use of the trolley service. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Updates

[17-2573](#) Traffic Situations and Suggestions (Ms. Dalton)

This item was discussed under 17-2781.

[17-2575](#) 2017 Trolley Pilot Program

This item was discussed under 17-2781.

V. Unfinished Business

[17-2723](#) Concern with the Intersection of Tampa Avenue and Nokomis Avenue (Mr. Cline)

Mr. Cline commented on Tampa and Nokomis Avenue intersection, and FDOT's decision not to install a four-way stop at the intersection.

Discussion followed regarding FDOT's decision, pedestrian safety concerns, and intersection traffic counts.

There was board consensus for the city manager to review installing a four-way stop at the intersection of Tampa and Nokomis Avenue.

Updates - Continued

[17-2427](#) City of Venice and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Line of

Sight and Distances Required at Intersections

Mr. Collier noted conducting surveys on a number of intersections showing the line of sight.

Mr. Bramble suggested forwarding the information to the city engineer.

Discussion continued regarding line of sight visibility at intersections.

There was board consensus for the city manager to forward the information to the city engineer for review.

[17-2782](#)

Four-Way Stop at Nassau, Tarpon, and Santa Maria Street and St. Augustine Avenue

It was noted that the signs indicating a four-way stop have been installed.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion followed regarding use of sidewalks on Venice Avenue, enforcement and monitoring, walkway width requirement, cafe permits, parklets, restaurant outdoor seating, and viewing issued cafe permits.

Discussion took place on inviting John Ryan, President/CEO Venice Area Chamber of Commerce, and Erin Silk, Executive Director of Venice MainStreet, to the next meeting.

There was board consensus to invite Mr. Ryan and Ms. Silk to the next meeting.

Discussion continued on selecting a vice chair at the next meeting.

VIII. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary