



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, October 16, 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 5 - Chair Linda Andrews, Cindy Hicks, Roger Effron, Eydie Kargas and Angie Sutherland

Absent 2 - Joan Piper and Bruce Weaver

Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Director of Public Works John Veneziano, Sarasota County Division Manager of Beaches and Water Access Shawn Yeager and Recording Secretary Shirley Gibson.

III. Approval of Minutes

[17-2936](#) Minutes of the July 17, 2017 and September 18, 2017 Regular Meetings

**A motion was made by Mr. Effron, seconded by Ms. Kargas, that the minutes of the July 17, 2017 and September 18, 2017 meetings be approved as written.
Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.**

IV. Audience Participation

Janis Fawn, Planning Commission member, gave an update on their upcoming meeting to include, the Comprehensive Plan, time frame, Knights Trail, Treviso Grand Apartments, Triple D properties, medical marijuana text amendment, refresher on public records and answered board questions regarding a cannabis doctor coming to the community to do a presentation on the use of cannabis, and Parks Master Plan update.

Ms. Piper entered the meeting at 3:12 p.m.

V. New Business

[17-2935](#) Elect Officers for 2018

Discussion took place regarding cancelling the December meeting and

choosing a new board chair effective in January and Chair Kenfield opened the discussion for nominees.

Ms. Piper nominated Ms. Hicks for chair, Ms. Hicks nominated Ms. Piper for chair.

Discussion took place on how long the term would be and current commitments of board members.

Ms. Hicks nominated herself for vice chair as she is unable to commit to chair.

Ms. Piper indicated she has current commitments with Sarasota County, however did accept a nomination as chair.

Discussion took place regarding board commitments, work involved in being on a board, appointment to Sarasota County Board going to city council and importance of attending meetings, reviewing calendars for 2018, and changing meetings to second Monday in January and February.

A unanimous consensus was received to nominate Joan Piper as Chair and Cindy Hicks as Vice Chair effective January 2018.

VI. Unfinished Business

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Possible Realignments with Sarasota County Parks Department and Parks Master Plan regarding Wellfield and Hecksher Parks and Community Center and Potential Readjustments.

Mr. Veneziano discussed Sarasota County completing Parks Master Plan, city's plan is almost complete and waiting for final comments from Planning Commission, the county becoming more of a regional park provider to include beach and water access parks, redoing interlocal agreements, Wellfield Park, Pinebrook Park, discussion with city manager, Chuck Reiter Park, Hecksher Park, more maintenance and responsibility, community center, limit on capital improvements, large operating costs, impacts on budget, and answered board questions regarding Wellfield and Pinebrook Park and the community center usage.

Mr. Veneziano further discussed the police firing range, booster pump, some restrooms not being ADA accessible, where funds would come from for improvements and answered questions regarding rental of parks and if properties turned over would be run by the county, sports being played at the parks, parks being used by more county residents than city residents, children living within city limits, use of Sarasota County schools for recreation and no usage during the summer time.

Mayor Holic spoke regarding school board giving approval to use tennis courts at high school, interlocal agreements, review of previous agreements, quarterly reviews on capital equipment, agreements can be terminated by county, lack of funds to update Wellfield Park, naming of parks, public safety complex, \$2 million spent on community center to bring to hurricane standards and answered board questions regarding relationship with the county, consolidating fire department into the county and spoke further about service to the community, monetary contributions, expiration of current interlocal agreement, operation budget of the community center and new roof.

Mr. Veneziano spoke regarding prior roof inspections on the community hall and roof replacement, wall repairs, and the Venetian Waterway Park.

Discussion took place regarding Legacy Trail, Train Depot and Student Leadership Academy.

Mr. Veneziano spoke to county staff having a proposal the first half of the year, no deadline, and a new budget year for some of the parks, including the pier.

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Clarify Sarasota County Responsibility for Maintenance of Venetian Waterway Park

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VII. Updates

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City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano spoke regarding "Make a Difference Day" on October 28, 2017 from 9:00 through noon, Venice Cares organizing volunteers, few trees will be taken down at Venezia Park, and answered questions regarding debris pile at Maxine Barritt Park being a potential fire hazard, Keep Venice Beautiful Volunteer Club, Venetian Waterway Park, inmates from jail working on parks, Legacy Park, presentation done at city council on the fitness court, and answered questions regarding Centennial Park, shade structures, water being checked at park fountains relative to bacteria, and possibility to post daily checklists at fountain parks.

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Sarasota County Update

Mr. Yeager had no update as of yet on the realignment with the county parks department and the Parks Master Plan, notifications made as he becomes informed, maintenance update on Venetian Waterway Park,

Sarasota County minutes, read John McCarthy's letter on Venetian Waterway Park, presented photos of parks after power outage, Irma related damage, conditions of parks, sports schedule, Legacy Park playground and cornhole installation has begun, Venice Myakka River park closed due to flooding and new easy launch kayak/canoe dock installed, not ADA accessible but provides a stable surface to prevent tipping, landscaping completed due to water damage, there will be an age friendly festival October 28, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and SeeClickFix.

Mr. Veneziano spoke regarding the storm sewer system.

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Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Pipe spoke regarding the world rowing event, 1800 volunteers, and people from nine different countries.

Discussion took place regarding swimming event being cancelled at Benderson Park due to bacteria levels in lake.

Mr. Yeager indicated he had not heard anything about the bacteria and will look into the matter for the board.

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Miscellaneous Update

There were none.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place regarding placing updates on future agendas as it relates to parks to make sure the board does follow up.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary