



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Traffic Advisory Task Force

Thursday, October 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. City Manager Ed Lavallee called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 3 - Paul Cline, Linda Dalton and John Collier

Absent: 3 - Carol Barbieri, Mike Pachota and Joseph Bird

ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Ed Lavallee and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

III. Approval of Minutes

[17-2878](#)

Minutes of the July 6, 2017 Regular Meeting

The minutes were not voted on due to lack of a quorum.

IV. New Business

[17-2879](#)

Downtown Venice MainStreet, Erin Silk, Executive Director of Venice Mainstreet (15 mins)

Erin Silk, Executive Director of Venice MainStreet (VMS), commented on VMS's district and focus.

Discussion took place regarding downtown parking and traffic, seasonal tourism, Centennial Park, signage, trolley, parking garage, autonomist vehicles, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)'s future plans, water taxi, charging for transportation, and parking accessibility.

Discussion followed on the trolley to include advertisement and operational cost, purpose, budget, businesses subsidizing trolley services, and resident feedback, Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT), parking garage, charging for parking, trolley capacity, charging trolley riders, trolley route and stops, parking signage, GPS parking locations, Mr. Lavallee communicating with Public Works Director John Veneziano regarding a

parking app, and the Siesta Key trolley.

Discussion took place regarding the downtown reconstruction project to include pedestrian walkway, restaurant outside seating, prohibiting bicycles on the sidewalk, sidewalk markings, minimum seating requirements for restaurant liquor licenses, Venice Avenue median pathway, reducing travel lanes along Venice Ave, improving safety, plant irrigation, light poles, changing downtown parking pattern, parklets, valet parking, parking areas, and Cassariano Italian Eatery restaurant.

[17-2880](#)

Election of Vice Chair

Ms. Dalton nominated Mr. Collier for vice chair.

Discussion took place on Mr. Collier accepting position as vice chair, postponing action until January, whether Mr. Lavallee can appoint Mr. Collier as vice chair, and sunshine board member training.

Discussion took place regarding city engineer Kathleen Weeden providing an update on traffic and pedestrian safety issues during periods of flooding at a future meeting, four-way stop signs at Venice and Nokomis Avenue, Venice Avenue and Nassau Street, and Tampa and Nokomis Avenue, and improving traffic safety.

V. Unfinished Business

[17-2881](#)

Traffic Advisory Task Force Meeting Schedule

Mr. Lavallee spoke regarding the task force's meeting schedule.

Discussion followed regarding meeting on a quarterly basis and SeeClickFix.

There was consensus for the task force to meet on a quarterly basis.

[17-2573](#)

Traffic Situations and Suggestions (Ms. Dalton)

Ms. Dalton noted reporting issue to SeeClickFix.

Discussion took place regarding the traffic issue on north Harbor Drive between West Venice and Tampa Avenues, and Ms. Dalton's suggestion to place a right turn only street arrow on the right lane turning into Tampa Avenue, and placing two arrows on the left lane directing traffic to proceed straight to Bayshore Drive and left turn onto Barcelona Avenue.

VII. Updates

[17-2427](#)

City of Venice and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Line of

Sight and Distances Required at Intersections

This item was postponed to January 4, 2018.

[17-2575](#)

2017 Trolley Pilot Program

This topic was discussed under item 17-2879.

[17-2578](#)

Unregistered Golf Carts on Public Ways

This item was postponed to January 4, 2018.

[17-2579](#)

Low Profile Recumbent Bikes

This item was postponed to January 4, 2018.

[17-2723](#)

Concern with the Intersection of Tampa Avenue and Nokomis Avenue

Mr. Lavallee commented on stop sign placement at the intersection of Tampa and Nokomis Avenue.

[17-2780](#)

Stop Sign Needed at Venetian Waterway Park Bike Path at Golf Drive and Clubhouse Road

Ms. Dalton noted reporting issue to SeeClickFix.

Discussion followed on the Country Club Estates Mobile Home Park and placing a stop sign before crossing the Venetian Waterway Park bike path.

This item was postponed to January 4, 2018.

[17-2580](#)

Vehicles Blocking Public Sidewalks

This item was postponed to January 4, 2018.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion followed regarding traffic light outage at intersections, portable stop sign placement, public safety, marking intersections, and educating the public.

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 6:20 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary