



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, November 20, 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 Andrews called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Linda Andrews, Joan Piper, Cindy Hicks, Roger Effron, Eydie Kargas and Angie Sutherland
Absent 1 - Bruce Weaver

Also Present

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

III. Approval of Minutes

[TMP-4612](#) Minutes of the October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Effron, seconded by Ms. Hicks, that the minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Audience Participation

Janis Fawn, Planning Commission, spoke regarding the comprehensive plan being approved and will be finalized on November 28, 2017, planning commission will be looking at the Parks Master Plan on December 5, 2017 and discussed the recent McLeod matter being approved by city council.

V. New Business

[17-2972](#) Request to Name a Designated Facility Located at 224 Milan Avenue after Dale Laning and Julia Cousins Laning

Mr. Klinkhamer, historical resources manager, provided an overview of the application and a recent update he received on naming of Triangle Inn Building rather than 224 Milan Ave.

Discussion took place regarding the current policy plan for naming parks and buildings, concerns with naming anything at this time, questions on how has someone contributed to the community other than a donation, current application requires more information to be entered in an effort to make a decision, conduct a complete review of process and request more information on applicants and the board will not approve any application until a new process is in place sometime in the first quarter of 2018.

Mayor Holic spoke regarding the steps for a new process of naming parks and buildings, weakness in the statement of criteria used to name a park, guidelines for monetary contributions, community contributions, Nat Burns Public Works building and board drafting guidelines to bring forward to city council.

Discussion took place regarding the process for bringing a new process to city council, ideas of forming a committee and presenting to the board, designating a facilitator, concerns with violating the sunshine law, requests for recording secretary to speak with city clerk on choosing a facilitator for this project.

VI. Unfinished Business

17-2634

City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano spoke regarding regional parks, Venice Community Center, Hecksher Park's fencing, Make A Difference day was successful, Nolen Greens, fishing pier reopened on October 21, 2017, decking and railing will be under construction in the spring, south jetty concession to open the beginning of December, city hall pavers to be sealed, working with high school for tennis courts to be used off hours, hurricane damage update, FEMA reimbursements and answered board questions regarding storm damage near Curry Creek, concession stand on the fishing pier, placing education signs on the pier, grants on safe fishing for waterways, conduct of tourists, resident behavior on pier and potential problem with charging a fee to enter the pier and was asked how many gopher tortoises were located from Pinebrook Park which was 6.

17-2635

Sarasota County Update

Mr. Yeager showed before and after photos of recent Blues Festival, damage to grass, provided updates on Brohard Park near Sharky's which is on hold due to Irma recovery, Wellfield Park, field aerated and fertilized, chain link fence on perimeter, Chuck Reiter Little League and field mounds being renovated in December.

John Stevens, President of Venice Little League, spoke regarding repairs,

Chuck Reiter shade structure damage and answered board questions regarding request overview of the Little League program and participation, sponsorship, readdressing safety matters relating to parking and costs for Little League.

[17-2636](#)

Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Piper provided an update from the November meeting regarding a House Bill on smoking regulation that supersedes the previous bill and municipalities will be able to regulate it.

[17-2637](#)

Miscellaneous Update

Discussion took place regarding summer breaks and securing a facilitator for the board to make changes to the application process.

Mayor Holic spoke regarding sunshine law and the process of moving forward with making proposed changes.

Discussion took place regarding the tree lighting on December 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

VII. Updates

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place on having the application process for naming of parks and buildings placed on the next agenda.

IX. Adjournment

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

Chair

Recording Secretary