



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Chair Tom Jones called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Tom Jones, Jane Morgan, Nick Flerlage, Ronald Courtney, Claire Ellis and David M. Stone

Absent 1 - Donna Pachota

Also Present

Stormwater Engineer James Clinch and Recording Secretary Shirley Gibson.

III. Approval of Minutes

[18-3140](#) Minutes of the November 29, 2017 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Ivey, that the minutes of the November 29, 2017 regular meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Audience Participation

Kurt Koster, 537 Manatee Court, Venice, spoke regarding the sustainability development committee, outreach to the community, objectives, launching community gardens, solar energy, encouraging use of low energy cars, recyclable containers, restrictions on idling cars, plastic shopping bags, would like to send informational link to board members, compost, recyclable rate, relationship with the planning commission and pesticides.

V. Unfinished Business

There was none.

VI. Updates

[18-3141](#) Update on the Ready for 100 Campaign

Discussion took place regarding working with council members to make Venice a Ready for 100 city, updates will be given if it moves forward to city council and duplicating Sarasota.

[17-2986](#)

Planning Departments Land Development Code Schedule (Courtney)

Discussion took place regarding a memo from Jeff Shrum on the Land Development Regulations update, board being strongly involved, inviting Mr. Shrum to attend a future meeting, having some members attend planning meetings and the comprehensive plan.

Mr. Clinch spoke regarding the increase in beach erosion, no concerns at this time and they are continuing to monitor, runoff from the island, preventing beach closures, decreased bacteria issues, lowered limits on beach sampling, birds roosting on the beach can sway the samples and answered board questions regarding septic systems and water study.

VII. New Business

[18-3142](#)

Discussion On The Procedure To Encourage Developers To Invest In Solar Roofing On Residential Neighborhood Construction (Courtney)

Discussion took place regarding incentives used to create energy savings, working with Kimley-Horn on language to create solar roofing, new police station, new building for solid waste department in the future, city can start using solar as an energy source, Land Development Code, encouraging the use of renewable energy, green buildings, landscaping, putting together a policy to send to council, recycling issues at the high school, reducing idling time of cars and city vehicles, incentives and creating a policy to forward to city council.

Mr. Clinch spoke regarding city vehicles, new feature in the works to monitor vehicle usage, mileage and idling times.

Discussion continued regarding city vehicles, idling times, recycling at the high school, posters, recycling bins and informing residents of what can be recycled.

A motion was made by Ms. Ivey, seconded by Mr. Courtney, to request city council to raise awareness and reduce idling times of city vehicles to exclude vehicles used while in an emergency situation. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

[18-3143](#)

Discuss Invitation for Development Services Director Jeff Shrum to Inform the Board on the 10 Year Water Supply Plan as Requested by Southwest Florida Water Management District and any Potential Involvement by the Board (Courtney)

This item was discussed under Item No. 17-2986.

[18-3144](#)

Follow Up On The January 23, 2018 City Council Presentation and Possible Need to Draft a Letter to President Joe Negron and Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran Regarding Eliminating Local Control Over Tree Ordinances. (Courtney)

Discussion took place regarding removing local control, legislature had rewritten Senator Stuebe's bill, city staff are drafting a letter to the legislature, be more distinct on what the board wants in the future when going before the city council, apartments, landlords, rental market, bed tax, short term rentals and local control.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place regarding summer recess and future meetings.

IX. Board Discussion

Ms. Ivey announced that she will no longer be serving on the board.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary