



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, May 21, 2018

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 Joan Piper called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 5 - Linda Andrews, Joan Piper, Roger Effron, Eydie Kargas and Angie Sutherland

Absent 3 - Cindy Hicks, Bruce Weaver and Sophie Fraser

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 Mercedes Barcia.

III. Approval of Minutes

[18-3300](#)

Minutes of the April 16, 2018 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Andrews, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that the minutes of the April 16, 2018 regular meeting be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Audience Participation

There was none.

V. New Business

[18-3301](#)

Venice Peace Project: Presentation by Donna Day, President (10 min.)

Donna Day, President, Venice Peace Project, provided a description of the peace poles, and responded to board questions regarding pole maintenance, treatment, installation, purchase, park location, religious and ethnic affiliation, and cost.

Mr. Veneziano commented on the vetting process, project approval, pole maintenance, Maxine Barritt Park, and responded to board questions regarding park donations.

Discussion followed regarding project proposal, parks being neutral free, public perception, staff researching possible park locations, safety concerns, setting precedence, and sending project to staff for review and recommendations.

VI. Unfinished Business

[18-3097](#)

Audit A Park

Discussion took place regarding Code I "Inspection suggested due to safety concerns" and immediate attention column.

There was consensus to modify Code I to read "inspection recommended".

Discussion followed on correcting the spelling of "entrance" under signage, parks with playing fields, striking the words "specify type and number" in the column next to sports and recreation facilities, upgrades needed, how the form will be utilized, and submitting form online.

There was consensus to remove the words "specify type and number" after fields/courts in the column next to sports and recreation facilities.

Mr. Veneziano responded to board questions regarding submitting the form electronically.

Discussion followed regarding paper versus electronic form, form submittal, start date, and conducting annual inspections.

Mr. Effron noted he will be absent at the June meeting.

Discussion took place on having a quorum at the next meeting, Ms. Kargas distributing park assignments to board members, cancelling July and August board meetings, and assigning parks to Ms. Fraser.

VII. Updates

[18-3032](#)

City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano reported on Service Club Park, Chuck Reiter Park ditch, Nolen Greens signs, student volunteers, South Jetty lights, fence added across Maxine Barritt Park, and responded to board questions regarding the roof at Venice Beach pavilion and student volunteers.

[18-3033](#)

Sarasota County Update

Mr. Yeager spoke on Brohard Park's entrance beautification, Venice

Beach flag pole, improvements being made to Wellfield, Chuck Reiter, and Pinebrook Parks, Service Club Park, Venice Community Center (VCC) hurricane exposition and activities, and responded to board questions regarding season activity and sports field renovations.

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Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Piper reported the county is in the process of going through their surplus land holdings.

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Miscellaneous Update

There was none.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary