



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, February 11, 2019

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 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 8 - Ms. Linda Andrews, Joan Piper, Cindy Hicks, Roger Effron, Eydie Kargas, Angie Sutherland, Bruce Weaver and Jonathan Allen

Roll Call

Ms. Hicks arrived at 3:08 p.m.

Also Present

Liaison Council Member Mitzie Fiedler, Public Works Director James Clinch, Sarasota County Division Manager of Beaches and Water Access James Wormley, and Recording Secretary Adrian Jimenez.

III. Approval of Minutes

[19-3745](#)

Minutes of the January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting

Ms. Piper welcomed Liaison Council member Fiedler to the board.

A motion was made by Ms. Andrews, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that the minutes of the January 14, 2019 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Audience Participation

Ron Doering, 1260 Lakeside Woods, spoke on Pinebrook Park, city achievements, protecting and enhancing Pinebrook Park, police and fire station, parking lot, nature and fitness trail, Hurricane Irma, ownership of parks, erosion, future event information, volunteer experts, maintenance, parking, signage, brochures, map, blue and orange post signs, horses, allowing dogs in parks, soil, mini trees, Pinebrook Meadows, and answered board questions on events, article for Gondolier, pictures, ideas for a fitness trail, and bench policy.

V. New Business

[19-3746](#)

City of Venice Parks Master Plan

Mr. Clinch spoke on final draft master plan, budgeting, consultants, full adoption, updating master plan, park and county responsibilities, planning commission feedback, timing, scope of work, approved master plan, reviewing concerns, identifying issues, county changes, development, modifying verbiage, identifying projects, Interlocal agreement, maintenance, shared responsibilities, county partners, public meetings, and surveys.

Mr. Wormley spoke on Interlocal agreement expiration, renewal, changes, and continued agreement.

Discussion took place on reviewing master plan, planning commission feedback, and concerned details.

[19-3748](#)

Chris Simmons: National Wildlife Federation

Chris Simmons, Venice Naturally, spoke on wildlife habitat program, background, national ties, resources, partnership between federation and City of Venice, urban settings, existing programs, water preservation, beautification, certifications, city benchmarks, food, water, coverings, places to raise the young wildlife, checklist, bird, butterfly habitats, habitat placements, endangered species, monarch restoration, enhancing parks, improving new habitats, pilot programs, community participation, registered and certified habitats, strengths and weaknesses, costs, certification fees, metal signage, supplemental support, Skagit Conservation District, backyard conservation stewardship short course, wetlands, amphibians, local organization, restoring habitats, free training, and answered board questions on recommending to city council to partnership with City of Venice and Venice Naturally, and training.

Mr. Clinch spoke on budget concerns, maintenance, fees, staff time, and policy decisions.

Mr. Simmons answered board questions on certification needs.

Discussion took place on workshop structures, eco walks, county parks, habitats, wildlife corridors, certifications, Pinebrook partnership, procedures, roles of committee, volunteer groups, city procedures, budget, Venice Area Beautification Inc, (VABI) urban forest project, responsibilities, involvement, national biking city, preserving, and population of coyotes, foxes and rabbits.

VI. Unfinished Business

[19-3698](#) Role of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

This item was discussed under Item No. 19-3746.

[19-3683](#) Discuss Memorial Bench Program

Mr. Clinch spoke on drafting policy, revisions, styles, Venezia Park benches, restoring, and relocating benches.

VII. Updates

[19-3698](#) Role of Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Mr. Weaver questioned Mr. Allen on the expectations of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, park audits, and obtaining younger population feedback.

[18-3032](#) City of Venice Update

Mr. Clinch spoke on new windows at Venice Beach concession, facade fixings, Marina Park partnership, dock repairs, sea wall, fresh concrete, repainting, solar light replacements, Hecksher Park, electrical upgrades, Brohard Park, city and county partnership, Keeping Venice Beautiful, Brazilian peppers, poisoning all stumps, natural vegetation, removed boardwalks, permanent sidewalks, Pinebrook Park to include trail erosion, pipe section installed in creek, fence installed and grading, Fountain Park to include replacement plans, materials used, historical components, lifespan, and structure erosion.

Discussion took place on fountain, oasis in heat, Public Art Advisory Board input, examples, stainless steel material, deterioration, local artist input, VABI public art committee, costs, capital improvement project, sponsorship, and dedications.

Mr. Clinch spoke on the capital improvement program workshop, park projects, park impact fees, and answered board questions on replacing the dolphin at Humphris Park, reconfiguring traffic, Jetty gate, and closed parking lot.

[18-3033](#) Sarasota County Update

Mr. Wormley provided an update on events to include Orchid Show, Home Show, Monthly Oldies Dance, Journey and Styx Tribute, Fire Safety Day, quarterly tours, Interlocal agreement, pickleball, athletics, field number two, Maxine Barritt Park, YMCA Resolution Run, Venice Elementary PTO Color

Run, quilt event, Sunset Boulevard Arts and Crafts, Discovery Show, Brazilian peppers, removal of vegetation, and answered board questions on parking at Patriots Park.

[18-3034](#) Sarasota County PARC Update

There was none.

[18-3515](#) Review and Discuss Audited Parks

Ms. Piper will give Mr. Allen her audited parks and forms to complete.

[18-3035](#) Miscellaneous Update

There was none.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Weaver suggested a one day pass to dock across from Marina Park, courtesy docks, downtown shops, cost, removing a portion of mangroves, pavements, existing bike trail, ownership, and Myakka Park ramp.

Mr. Clinch spoke on property ownership.

Mr. Weaver answered board questions on overnight parking and cost.

Discussion took place on biking status, bike coordinator, bike enforcement, inviting Bicycle Pedestrian Program Coordinator Darlene Culpepper to provide update at next meeting, biker responsibilities, inviting a police officer to the next meeting, bike patrol officers, fines, and safety.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary