



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, October 21, 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 6 - Linda Andrews, Joan Piper, Roger Effron, Angie Sutherland, Candice Roberts and Eydie Kargas
Absent 1 - Jonathan Allen

Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Public Works Director James Clinch, Sarasota County Division Manager of Beaches and Water Access James Wormley, City Attorney Kelly Fernandez, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, and Recording Secretary Caroline Moriarty.

III. Approval of Minutes

[19-4196](#) Minutes of the June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Effron, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that the minutes of the June 17, 2019 regular meeting be approved as amended to switch discussions on 18-3034 to 18-3033. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Audience Participation

There was none.

V. New Business

[19-4197](#) City Attorney Kelly Fernandez and City Clerk Lori Stelzer: Refresher on Public Records and Sunshine Laws as Required by the Settlement Agreement in the Citizens for Sunshine and Anthony Lorenzo Litigation

Ms. Fernandez advised that no significant changes were made to the sunshine law or public records act in the legislature this past year.

Ms. Fernandez spoke on articles regarding public records and sunshine law cases.

Ms. Fernandez noted that such violations are almost always charged civilly.

Board discussion continued on more than one board member attending a party or meeting and the potential of impropriety for speaking at the same meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

The board discussed meeting frequency.

Mr. Clinch stated monthly meetings are not necessary and quarterly meetings are preferred.

Board discussion took place on meeting schedules.

A motion was made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Sutherland, that the board meet quarterly in October, January, April, and July. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VII. Updates

[18-3032](#)

City of Venice Update

Mr. Clinch spoke on Make A Difference Day, updates to East Gate, Fountain, Maxine Barritt, and Humphries parks, and the finished kaleidoscope feature by the children's fountain in Centennial Park.

Mr. Clinch continued on upcoming projects at the community center to include new flooring, updating the hearing loop, and new LED lights, Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) building to include roof repairs and paint exterior, Marina Park to include sealing, restriping, and replacement of solar lights, Chuck Reiter Park to include new fencing, South Brohard Beach Paw Park to include fencing and repairs to the boardwalk, Centennial Park to include updating of all decorative components of the gazebo, South Jetty concession building to include safety ADA items, Higel Marine Park to include a refurbished dock, Pinebrook Park to include updating of the pedestrian bridges, and Venezia Park to include design project.

Discussion continued on the design budget for Venezia Park.

Mr. Clinch spoke on timeline for design phase and funding.

Ms. Kenfield Andrews recounted a meeting with residents from the

Venezia neighborhood who expressed their desires for the park to include a walking path, shade structure, lighting, and shade trees.

Discussion continued on the selection of an outside engineer firm, the interest of the board to be apprised of the design process, trees, future agenda items, and the role of the board.

Mr. Clinch stated the goal for the board will include seeing a concept plan, workshops, and staff considerations.

Ms. Kenfield Andrews spoke on getting reclaimed water to Venezia Park.

Ms. Kargas spoke on Pinebrook Park and the National Wildlife Federation's certification of approval signs that need to be installed.

[18-3033](#)

Sarasota County Update

Mr. Wormley spoke on new concrete and benches in the dugout at Chuck Reiter Park, and new chiller installed at Venice Community Center (VCC).

In response to a question regarding events at the community center, Mr. Wormley reported he will distribute a list of events to the board.

[18-3034](#)

Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Piper spoke on Sarasota County PARC expediting the Legacy Trail and that work continues on the extension from Patriot Park.

Mr. Effron spoke on how well the Nokomis Community Garden is operated.

[18-3515](#)

Review and Discuss Audited Parks

This item was not discussed.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Piper requested an updated contact list be distributed to the board.

The board confirmed the next meeting is January 27, 2020.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary