



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

[21-5111](#)

Instructions on How to Watch and/or Participate in the Meeting

I. Call to Order

Chair Tom Jones called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 4 - Ronald Courtney, Michael Campbell, Joy Bush and Tom Jones

Absent 4 - George Davis, Nick Flerlage, Sandra Petway and Serenaty Lumpkin

Also Present

Information Technology Director Christophe St. Luce, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, and Recording Secretary Toni Cone.

Dr. Davis joined the meeting virtually from 1:21 p.m. to 1:26 p.m.

III. Approval of Minutes

[21-5112](#)

Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting

No action was taken due to lack of a quorum.

IV. Audience Participation

Jan Vertefeuille, 321 Pedro Street, spoke on gopher tortoise and habitat protection.

V. New Business

[21-5113](#)

Discussion to schedule a workshop in September and an annual workshop in September to discuss language on the mission, objectives, goals of the board, and a process to evaluate progress (Mr. Courtney)

Discussion took place regarding communication with city council, calling a special meeting, staff communication, and glyphosate.

Ms. Stelzer spoke regarding the meeting with Board Chairs and

communication with staff.

Discussion took place regarding board function and direction, raising awareness, and priorities.

There was consensus to schedule a meeting in September and cancel the August meeting.

[21-5114](#)

Discussion of the Environmental Land Development Regulations

Mr. Courtney spoke regarding the Waterford Retention pond letter and encouraged members to write letters to the planning commission regarding gopher tortoise protection and retention pond regulations.

Mr. Jones spoke regarding his letter and update from the planning commission, erosion, and noted the land development regulations (LDRs) will be done in September and the environmental advisory board (EAB) will give input at that time, and members can also give individual input.

Discussion ensued regarding nutrient pollution, erosion, and green building strategies.

Mr. Courtney congratulated Dr. Davis for presenting to city council and getting a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency approved.

VI. Unfinished Business

[21-5012](#)

Recommend to Send Information on Pasta Straws to Venice Area Chamber of Commerce and Venice MainStreet for their Consideration and Distribution to Local Eateries (Mr. Courtney)

Mr. Jones discussed biodegradables, recycling, single-use plastics, city events, and water quality.

Ms. Bush discussed red tide, water quality, and compostables.

[21-5010](#)

Request for Environmental Advisory Board to Recommend to City Council That Use of Round-up by City Staff or on City Property is Prohibited

Discussion occurred regarding whether to continue glyphosate discussion.

There was consensus to recommend a resolution to city council the city not use glyphosate.

VII. Updates

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Jones commented the next meeting will include agenda items on the

LDRs, Round-up, and single-use disposables at City of Venice events.

IX. Board Discussion

Discussion occurred regarding the agenda, sending information to other board members, and contacting staff on agenda items.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary