



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, August 15, 2016

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 Linda Kenfield Andrews called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 7 - Chair Linda Kenfield Andrews, Joan Piper, Verna Silk, Jim Woods, Cindy Hicks, Grant Alexander and Charles Alfano

Absent 1 - Josette Aramini

Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Public Works Director John Veneziano, County Parks and Recreation Liaison James Wormley, and Recording Secretary Michelle Girvan.

III. Approval of Minutes

16-2151 Minutes of the June 20, 2016 and July 18, 2016 Regular Meetings

A motion was made by Ms. Piper, seconded by Ms. Silk, that the Minutes of the June 20, and July 18, 2016 meetings be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Audience Participation

Erin Silk, Venice MainStreet, spoke in regards to the plans for the Venice Blues Festival, concerns, Maxine Barritt Park, damage, notice by Venice MainStreet, protection of damage to park, bathroom path, submitted to city for review, attendance, perimeter fencing, path signs, park capacity, parking, other events, photos of damage to the park and daily use, and golf cart damage.

Ms. Andrews spoke in regards to park maintenance and a planned vehicle friendly route.

V. New Business

16-2152

Drainage Project Ponce de Leon Pocket Park

James Clinch, Assistant City Engineer, spoke in regards to the drainage project, Ponce De Leon pocket park, infill of houses, complaints regarding the drainage, lower homes being threatened by the water, survey and in house plans, minor grading, waterflow, discharge to roadway, rain garden, and the neighborhood on the site.

Mr. Clinch answered questions from board members to include infiltration, drainage in other parks, ground water table, mosquito control, small green spaces, perimeters of parks, defining perimeters, boundary survey, public access to green spaces, signage, and park being bicycle friendly.

VII. Updates

16-2153

Sidewalk Gap Project-Update

Mr. Clinch spoke in regards to the completion of the sidewalk project, allotted budget on sidewalk gap improvements, assessment of city sidewalks, existing gaps, and identification of areas.

Discussion took place regarding recommendations for next year's sidewalk project, bike or walk easement, cost estimate, trees and mailbox removal and replacement, sidewalk placement and list, and budget.

New Business (continued)

16-2158

Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI) - Tarpon Statue in Blalock Park Arboretum

Lynn Moseley and Monty Andrews

Monty Andrews, VABI, spoke in regards to the tarpon statue in Blalock Park arboretum, donation from the creator of the sculpture, statues in other parks, shaded area, artist, location, pipe to secure statue, length, history of the tarpon, and delay in formalities for approval.

Ms. Andrews spoke in regards to the delay in materials regarding the statue and not being able to make a recommendation and sending forward to the public art advisory board.

Discussion took place regarding standing water and drain in the statue, statue being stainless steel, color, accent to park, bringing observation and education to the park, not making an official recommendation due to the lateness of materials to the board, preparation work will be done by VABI, and landscape.

Mr. Andrews stated that the bike friendly application was submitted and are waiting on the results, noted changes in the application, and accomplishments.

Updates (continued)

16-2154 Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Piper spoke in regards to not being able to attend the next PARC meeting.

16-2155 Sarasota County Update

Mr. Wormley provided an update on fall sports, Wellfield Park, restroom signs, installation of new croquet courts, Chuck Reiter fields, beach areas, neighborhood parks, city and county staff, sport parks, new sign at Paw Park, Venice Myakka Park closed due to flooding, wellness fair, craft fair, wrestling, and year round pickleball.

Mr. Wormely answered questions from board members to include parks maintenance, park issues, Maxine Barritt Park damage issues, and designated route regarding grass area.

16-2156 City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano provided an update on city parks, Myakka Park kayak launch, flooding, county agreement to add amenity, handicap access, moisture in the community center, and irrigation system.

16-2157 Miscellaneous Update

There was none.

VI. Unfinished Business

16-2132 Parks Master Plan Draft - Toole Design Group

Mr. Veneziano provided an update on the parks master plan, definitive action, new ideas not addressed in the plan, vote on recommendations, and input.

Discussion took place on the parks master plan, comprehensive plan, guidance from city council, and voting.

Mayor Holic spoke in regards to the parks master plan, city council recommendation for a joint meeting with the parks and recreation board, comprehensive plan, planning commission, incorporating the parks master plan into the comprehensive plan, Ajax purchase, and land

expansion.

Ms. Fawn, Planning Commission liaison, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, level of service (LOS), beach access parks, vision of green space, amenities of gated communities, addition of amenities to parks, functional population definition, and recommendations.

Discussion took place regarding the water situation at the South Jetty, excessive rain, standing water, type of material, and grading.

Mr. Alfano spoke in regards to the carving in Humphris Park and maintenance, tree insect infestation, statue in place of tree, and process of tarpon statue.

Discussion took place regarding the tarpon statue, park being a destination place for photos, Anita's Sandcastle building, lift station, cost, portable structure, restrooms, permission of placement of statue, donation of statue, funds for public art, process, and donation of other sculptures.

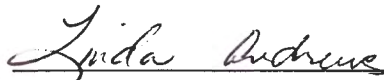
Ms. Silk stated that this will be her last meeting and it was noted she has been on the board for 14 years.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.


Chair


Recording Secretary