



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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Monday, October 17, 2016

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

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

### II. Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Chair Linda Kenfield Andrews, Joan Piper, Jim Woods, Cindy Hicks, Josette Aramini, Grant Alexander and Eydie Kargas  
**Absent** 1 - Roger Effron

### Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Public Works Director John Veneziano, County Parks & Recreation Liaison James Wormley, Beach Manager Shawn Yeager, Assistant City Engineer James Clinch, and Recording Secretary Michelle Girvan.

### III. Approval of Minutes

[16-2275](#) Minutes of the September 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Woods, seconded by Ms. Piper, that the Minutes of the September 19, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

### IV. Audience Participation

Janis Fawn, Planning Commission member, provided a report from the planning commission to include approval of letter to city council, draft of parks master plan, news item for creation of Wellfield Park, comprehensive plan, and the technical report of 2070.

Discussion took place regarding the newspaper article on the funding and creation of Wellfield Park and the volunteers.

Ms. Andrews announced that she received information from the Keep

Sarasota County Beautiful organization regarding nominations for recognitions for 2016 and took the liberty of recommending the Keep Venice Beautiful volunteer group in the Venice community who won the award, which is under Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI).

## V. New Business

### 16-2276

Presentation by Mayor Holic and Pam Holic Regarding Mariemont, Ohio - Association of Nolen Communities

Mayor Holic provided a presentation on the city of Mariemont, Ohio, and spoke in regards to his tour of the city, the city having a strong mayor, establishment of city, obtainment of city structures, city being on the national register of historic places, the Mariemont Inn, photos of the city, view of city being much like Venice, beautification of the city, city preservation, and places of special interest.

Discussion took place regarding other historic cities being on the national register and other John Nolen cities.

Mayor Holic's presentation continued on the resolution sent to Mariemont, Association of John Nolen communities, other cities being a part of the Nolen plan, drawing people to Venice parks, John Nolen's history and book, Nolen Venice book, Mariemont directory, function of associations with other cities, mission statement, objectives to perform, and establishing association within the next few months.

### 16-2286

Replacement of Dolphin Statue at Humphris Park

Discussion took place regarding the dolphin statue in Humphris Park, treating of the wood and deterioration, statue being in a city park, public art, statue being unsafe and unsightly, statue in Blalock Park, stainless steel statue as a replacement, statue being in a gateway, funding sources for the new statue, the city's public art fund, private donations, and the Army Corp of Engineers approval.

## VI. Updates

### 16-2287

Assistant City Engineer James Clinch: Update on Parks Projects to include Heritage Trail, Ponce de Leon Pocket Park, and Wellfield Park

Mr. Clinch provided an update on storm drainage parks project, new signage for parks, neighborhood meeting regarding Ponce de Leon pocket park drainage, maintenance on clearing of swales at Wellfield Park piping and facilities, water going to specific ponds, Heritage trail contractor being on board with project, timeframe of start date, rebuilding of old trail, usage of different material, maintenance, ADA ramps, and installation of lighting in some of the parks.

Discussion took place regarding Mr. Clinch checking on the banyan tree lighting improvement.

Mr. Clinch continued his update on additional parking spaces, challenges with Heritage Park trail, timeline of finished project, donated signs for stormwater parks, marketing campaign to clean up after pets "no poop fairy" signs for dog parks, dog waste bags at dog parks, signs not being seen, sidewalks, and walking through parks to see the most suitable locations for the signs.

Discussion took place regarding a new art piece to replace the dolphin statue at Humphris Park, city not in ownership of easement, possible approval needed from the Army Corp of Engineers, an easy removal of the statue for maintenance at the park, safety issues, and plants for the area.

**A motion was made by Ms. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Woods, that the signs be placed in city dog parks. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Chair Kenfield-Andrews, Ms. Piper, Mr. Woods, Ms. Hicks, Alexander and Kargas

**No:** 1 - Ms. Aramini

**Absent:** 1 - Effron

16-2271 Sarasota County PARC Update

There was no update provided.

16-2272 Sarasota County Update

Mr. Wormley introduced the new beach manager, Shawn Yeager and his new responsibilities.

Mr. Wormley provided an update on the drainage and lighting ceremony at Wellfield Park, Venice Community Center (VCC) chamber expo, Comcast regional event, neighborhood conference, Halloween Mash Dance, red tide fish removal, Venice beach party, ramp progress at Maxine Barritt Park, dedicated route for service, plan in place for keeping the foot traffic in place, landscape project at VCC, planting and irrigation system updated, trimming of palm trees at VCC, activities and fitness programs, and the senior summer camp.

16-2273 City of Venice Update

Mr. Veneziano provided an update on volunteers for Make a Difference day, completion of the Venice Beach restrooms, sod for croquett fields, opening of disc golf, working with county on baseball fields, VCC issues with roof leaks and repair, main ballroom lights, solar structure, Venetian Waterway, park time limitations, recommendations for changes to park

hours, issues in different parks, parks master plan going to city council for final presentation, fiscal year 2017 was adopted, Venice Area Beautification, Inc (VABI) suggestions, city hall entryway setback, and trolley's new possible stop at the jetty and start date.

Discussion followed on narrative for trolley driver or pre-recorded information regarding the city, ringing of trolley bell, and trolley signs.

Discussion took place on reducing parking issues, hub of trolley, trolley route signs, sign in Centennial Park stating all available parking and possible widening of the west end exit for safety issues, parks master plan, walkable city, walkways, walkability projects, recovery of green spaces, usage of opportunities, markers, pocket park walk throughs, simple defining of the perimeter of parks, historical markers, suggested term for pocket parks, location of pocket parks, public right-of-ways in neighborhoods, and a suggestion for a walking tour of parks.

Discussion took place regarding Make a Difference day, staff, and volunteers.

16-2274

Miscellaneous Update

There was no update.

**VII. Unfinished Business**

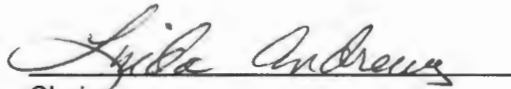
There was none.

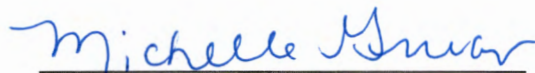
**VIII. Future Agenda Items**

There were none.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Recording Secretary