



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, August 8, 2016

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Workshop

I. Call to Order

A Workshop 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 5:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Linda Kenfield Andrews, Joan Piper, Jim Woods, Cindy Hicks, Grant Alexander and Charles Alfano
Absent 2 - Verna Silk and Josette Aramini

Also Present

Public Works Director John Veneziano and Recording Secretary Michelle Girvan.

III. Audience Participation

Ms. Fawn, 213 Harbor Drive, spoke in regards to the planning commission meeting, comments from planning, beach parks included in statistics, park locations, public versus private parks, pickleball, dog parks, public hearings, and funding.

Ms. Fawn answered questions from board members to include public and private beaches, beach access, and golf courses.

AJ Metzgar, 237 Sovrano Street, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, removal of trees, sidewalks, tennis courts, airport circus grounds, train station, maintenance of parks, dark areas of Venice, and trees.

Discussion took place regarding noise and stadium lights.

Rose Hightower, 529 Riviera Street, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, Venezia Park, vision of maintaining Venice, historic park, open space park, landscape architect, shade trees, and John Nolen's vision.

Sharon Gilman, 540 Riviera Street, spoke in regards to charm and ambiance of Venice, Venezia Park, wildlife, trees, paths, picnic tables, tennis court, and park additions.

Jerry Jasper, 130 Burano Court, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, Ajax property, public parks, stakeholders group, industrial companies, residential area, private parks, and recreational facilities.

Russell Johnson, 325 Salerno Street, spoke in regards to Venezia Park, neighborhood meetings, liaison for board, formal relationship with Venice Area Beautification, Inc. (VABI), and parks and recreation advisory board.

Ms. Andrews spoke in regards to the sunshine laws, parks master plan, input, vision, and the outcome of Venezia Park.

Jim Dempsey, 224 Salerno Street, spoke in regards to Venezia Park, trees, changes, baseball parks, tennis courts, diversity of parks, wildlife, and the charm of Venice.

Jeff Boone, Boone Law Firm, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, parks, past history of Venezia Park, trees, root damage, tennis courts, lights, and grass.

Bill Dwyer, 402 Montelluna Drive, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, growth of the city, and recreational facilities.

Roger Effron, 293 Mestre Place, spoke in regards to the parks master plan consultant, public input, consideration of northeast area, housing boom, recreational facility needs, futurism, and pickleball.

Ms. Andrews spoke in regards to the parks and recreation advisory board meetings, parks master plan presentation, website, agenda, workshop, news release, and public comments.

Lynn Moseley, 612 Valencia Road, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, VABI, comments, tree removal and replacements, and improvements in Venezia Park.

Ms. Andrews spoke in regards to VABI, improvements in parks, and input.

IV. Workshop Discussion

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Parks Master Plan

David Barth, Toole Design Group, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, comments from the audience, rules, park planning, acreage, needs of community, level of service (LOS), consideration of parks, trees, upgrades, set of design standards, Ajax property, and stakeholders group.

Ms. Andrews spoke in regards to the LOS, definition of categories, beach, water access, developable land for parks, purchase of Ajax property, passive green space, neighborhood parks, and park distance.

Discussion took place regarding maintenance, LOS metric, acreage, definition of passive, higher sensitivity to passive green parks, property offered to the county for parkland, metrics, conservation lands, zones, LOS map, park distances, online survey map, indoor recreation, costs, pickleball, youth sport parks, LOS standards, industry tradition, trends, and multi-use parks.

Discussion followed regarding design standards, citizens group, vision, criteria, selection of materials in parks, design firm, quality, input, draft park plan, stakeholders committee, recommendation to city, design standards, fundraising for park items, permits, population, addition of developable land, LOS, cost of park improvements, demand on public spaces, sources of funding, future drafts, presentation to city council, grant opportunities, criteria, developable land, and LOS metrics.

Mr. Veneziano spoke in regards to funding sources, park impact fees, grants, donations, process of funding, other fees, monies spent on building facilities, purpose of plan, prioritizing items for parks, comprehensive plan delay, recommendations to city council, and future drafts of plan.

Discussion took place regarding grant opportunity for Venezia Park.

Discussion continued on grant opportunities, planning of parks, separation of park acreage, online survey, funding for parks, fees for parks, information regarding the city of Naples' parks, city/county zones, city boundary, natural spaces, passive green spaces, surveying of passive parks, recommendations, and grants.

Mr. Veneziano spoke in regards to recommendations and design standards.

Discussion ensued on Centennial Park parking, active use spaces, parks facilities, key venues, conversion of space for more pickleball and tennis courts, reassessment of Hecksher Park, discussions on relationship with school board with use of land, usage of school swimming pool for lessons, Golden Beach private access, on-street parking, beach parking alternative, and sidewalks.

Mr. Alfano spoke in regards to comments from the public, addressing particular parks, and moving cautiously through the parks master plan and moving forward.

Discussion continued on concerns of passive greens spaces, upgrades, adding parks master plan to the next meeting agenda for recommendation to city council, and follow-up of the functional population definition.

V. Audience Participation

Kit McKeon, 628 Granada Avenue, spoke in regards to the parks master plan/comprehensive plan completion dates, and timeline issues.

Mr. Veneziano spoke in regards to the completion date of the parks master plan, relationship with the comprehensive plan, and recommendations.

Mr. Barth spoke in regards to the parks master plan, LOS commitment, basic metrics, and comprehensive plan metrics.

Mr. Boone spoke in regards to the comprehensive plan, parks master plan, areas for parks, park LOS, policies, City of Venice and Sarasota County parks, settlement with city and county funding and maintenance of parks, and impact fee dollars.

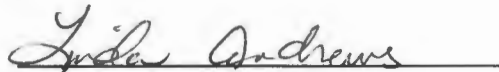
Ed Lavallee, city manager, spoke in regards to the parks master plan, comprehensive plan, vision of city, vision of parks, removal of trees and tennis courts, underlying responses, maintenance of parks, dual taxation, interlocal agreement, cap on capital improvement of parks, Wellfield Park, sport fields to county, ownership of parks, baseball programs, vision of Venice, sport activities, impact fees, and road transfer agreement.

Discussion took place regarding LOS, responsibilities, funding, county help, vision of infrastructure improvement, fire station, airport property, Wellfield Park and Ajax property, limitations, vision of county taking over some of the parks, maintenance of parks, utilities department money for Ajax property, joint venture of parks master plan, and a unified sports complex.

Mr. Lavallee spoke in regards to sport parks, beaches, regional parks, taxes, ownership of parks, identity of neighborhoods, 911, and service quality.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


Chair


Recording Secretary