

City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Traffic Advisory Task Force

Thursday, April 6, 2017

5:00 PM

Community Hall

I. Call To Order

A Regular Meeting of the Traffic Advisory Task Force was held this date in Community Hall at City Hall. Chair Carol Barbieri called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Paul Cline, Carol Barbieri, Mike Pachota, Linda Dalton, Gabe Moretti, John Collier and Joseph Bird

Also Present

Assistant City Manager Len Bramble and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

III. Approval of Minutes

17-2571

Minutes of the January 5, 2017 Regular Meeting

Mr. Pachota joined the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Discussion followed on modifying the meeting minutes to include adding a placquered sign indicating a four-way or all-way stop at north Nassau and Tarpon Street, and St. Augustine Avenue and Santa Maria Street. The minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

VII. Audience Participation

Verna Silk, 1314 Laurel Avenue, noted being a volunteer at the Venice information booth and kiosk, and spoke regarding the trolley service.

Discussion followed regarding tourist and local rider percentages, public input, South Jetty and Sharky's Restaurant stops, trolley purpose, the board's recommendations to city council regarding route, Siesta Key's trolley service, trolley map, and Venice MainStreet's sponsorship of the kiosk.

IV. New Business

17-2572

Introduce New Board Member Joseph Bird

Mr. Bird introduced himself and spoke on his background and reasons for joining the board.

Ms. Barbieri explained the board's goals and meeting schedules.

17-2573

Traffic Situations and Suggestions (Ms. Dalton)

Ms. Dalton spoke on an email and suggestions received regarding the traffic circle at the intersection of West Venice Avenue and Avenue Des Parques.

Discussion followed regarding traffic lanes, left turn arrow, and traffic on Harbor Drive.

Ms. Dalton spoke on the traffic issue on north Harbor Drive between West Venice and Tampa Avenues. Ms. Dalton suggested placing a right turn only street arrow on the right lane turning onto Tampa Avenue, and placing two arrows on the left lane directing traffic to proceed straight to Bayshore Drive and left turn onto Barcelona Avenue.

Discussion took place regarding the Jacaranda roundabout.

Discussion followed on removing the straight arrow on the left south bound lane of Harbor Drive approaching Venice Avenue, adding a right hand turn lane going northbound onto Harbor from Airport Avenue and Beach Road, safety concerns, providing drivers advance notification of the left turn only lane on Harbor Drive if modified, master plan, budget constraints, board recommendations and suggestions being implemented, and having a traffic engineer on the board.

Mr. Bramble noted he will discuss the board's suggestions with Ms. Weeden.

Discussion took place regarding the city manager's disposition list.

17-2574

Discussion on Curb Stops at the Parking Lot of Centennial Park Along Nokomis Avenue

Mr. Collier provided members with a picture showing a parked vendor truck from the Farmer's Market and other parked vehicles taking part of the sidewalk, and noted curb stops are necessary.

Discussion followed regarding vendor parking license agreement, sidewalk width, placing bumpers, unused parking stall footage, prohibiting vendor truck backup parking, parking enforcement, accessible parking areas, and adding electrical power boxes for vendors.

V. Updates

17-2575

2017 Trolley Pilot Program (Ms. Dalton)

Ms. Dalton spoke on the trolley program and route, council's decision, Tarpon Center Drive and South Jetty stops, and board recommendations.

Discussion followed regarding the board's work on the project, trolley study, Ms. Dalton's work on gathering data, bidding, three year trolley agreement, tourists, trolley brochure, city staff providing the board with direction if the trolley is approved for next year, advertising on the trolley, budget, request for proposal (RFP), setting precedence, alleviating traffic, Siesta Key trolley, council's vision on the trolley's purpose, endorsing idea to bid out trolley service and have the bidder recoup expenses by charging or advertising, and city code.

A motion was made by Mr. Pachota, seconded by Ms. Dalton, for the city to place an RFP for trolley service that combines tourism and parking enhancement and allows the trolley operator to recoup expenses by advertising or charging.

Discussion followed on trolley intent, last year's trolley route, South Jetty stop, RFP language, trolley stops, local riders, tourism, advertising, charging fee, and next fiscal year's budget.

Mr. Collier suggested postponing motion until the next fiscal year's budget is known. Discussion followed on continuing with motion.

The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

17-2426

City Manager Ed Lavallee: Proposed Schedule Change to Meet Every Other Month or Every Quarter

Mr. Bramble did not have an update on this item.

Discussion followed regarding changes to the meeting schedule, responding to issues in a timely fashion, meeting bi-monthly, and board suggestions and achievements.

Ms. Dalton read the board's purpose and responsibilities.

Discussion continued regarding the board receiving feedback on suggestions made, and number items referred and implemented.

Board members were asked to vote on the meeting schedule by a show of hands. Mr. Bird, Mr. Collier, and Mr. Cline were in favor of the board meeting bi-monthly. Ms. Dalton and Ms. Barbieri were in favor of the board meeting every month with the option to cancel a meeting if necessary. Mr. Moretti and Mr. Pachota did not select an option.

There was consensus to change the meeting schedule and meet every other month.

VI. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place on addressing unregistered golf carts on public ways, line of sight and distances required at intersections, low profile recumbent bikes, and vehicles blocking public sidewalks at the next meeting.

Mr. Moretti noted he is relocating out of Venice and is resigning from the board.

17-2578

Unregistered Golf Carts on Public Ways (Mr. Collier)

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

17-2579

Low Profile Recumbent Bikes (Mr. Collier)

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

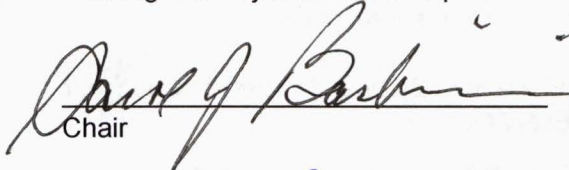
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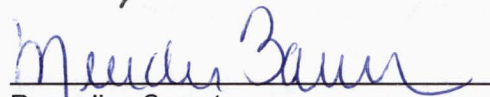
Vehicles Blocking Public Sidewalks (Mr. Collier)

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.


Chair


Recording Secretary