



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Wednesday, March 15, 2017

1:30 PM

Community Hall

Special Meeting - Comprehensive Plan

I. Call to Order

A Special Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held this date in Council Chambers at Community Hall. Chair Tom Jones called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Tom Jones, Jane Morgan, Tracy Ivey, Margaret Fiedler, Nick Flerlage and Ronald Courtney

Absent 1 - Donna Pachota

Also Present

Liaison Council Member Fred Fraize, Development Service Director Jeff Shrum, and Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia.

III. Unfinished Business

17-2530 Comprehensive Plan

Ms. Fiedler provided a handout to board members regarding suggested motions and spoke on the comprehensive plan, state standard language, reference to the term "feasible", and wetlands in connection to new developments.

Discussion followed regarding the term "feasible" used in the plan, criteria on restoring wetlands, consistency with language, city protecting groundwater sources, city's vision, overall plan and land development code (LDC), and modifying language in plan.

Barry Snyder, Planning Commission Board Chair, commented on items in the comprehensive plan and noted it provides the user with guidance.

Discussion followed regarding park policies, city's vision, revised changes, code developments, language on restoration, feasibility, protecting groundwater sources, language consistency, land development plan, regulatory agencies, Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA), LDC and review process, LDC guidance, restoration of wetlands review process, and language changes.

Ms. Morgan joined the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Discussion continued on language regarding restoring wetlands, approval process, use of the term "shall", and modifying verbiage and language.

A motion was made by Ms. Fiedler, seconded by Mr. Courtney, to eliminate all language which includes, but not limited to; where feasible, as financially feasible, as possible, as feasible, and appropriate, in Section III Elements- Open Spaces, with the exception of Strategy OS 1.4.3(D), of the City of Venice Comprehensive Plan 2017-2027 because such language does not meet the state standards of clear, predictable, and consistent.

Discussion continued regarding open space elements and endangered or threatened species.

The motion carried by voice vote 5 to 1 with Mr. Flerlage opposed.

Ms. Fielder spoke regarding the mining consideration section in the comprehensive plan to include extending section, modifying intent statement, adding strategies on public health, welfare, and safety and environmental preservation, prohibiting extreme well stimulation and injection, and insurance policies.

Discussion followed on expanding mining coverage, protecting public interest and expenses, mining corporations, defining strategies further, language in the comprehensive plan, intent statement, code on reclamation plan, bond requirement, business wastewater cleanup, plan approval process, operations, detailed mining requirements, regulations in the LDC, environmental preservation, recommended language and concepts, and groundwater protection.

A motion was made by Mr. Courtney, seconded by Ms. Fiedler, that the environmental advisory board make recommendations to the planning commission to include incorporating the following language appropriately under sections 1.7 Mining Considerations and 1.7.2 Reclamation Plan of the comprehensive plan: (1) Change Intent OS 1.7 Mining Considerations to the city shall minimize potential negative impacts from mining operations. Negative impacts shall include, but not be limited to, negative impacts on public health, welfare, and safety and environmental preservation; (2) Under Mining Considerations include strategies that define public health, welfare, and safety which include, but are not limited to, public health standards in regards to noise, illumination, dust, air and ground pollution, and truck/heavy construction traffic and environmental standards in regards to the prohibiting of extreme well stimulation (fracking) and injection wells and wastewater sludge/pits; (3) All mining operations must present detailed plans on environmental impacts, mitigation and clean up procedures, and obtain insurance policies necessary to cover all costs prior to obtaining permits; (4) All mining operations shall be monitored by the city and financed by the mining company to ensure no negative impacts on citizen health, welfare, safety, or on the environment occur; and (5)

Include that reclamation plans are funded entirely by the mining company and secured by an insurance plan to cover all costs under Mining Strategy OS 1.7.2.

Discussion followed on the suggested language for the motion.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Courtney provided board members with language proposal regarding mining considerations, and discussion took place regarding fracking, prohibiting extreme well stimulation, preserving drinking water, State of Florida house bill, Florida's aquifer, regulations, adding language regarding fracking to the comprehensive plan, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), injection wells, environmental standards, reviewing water master plan, general intent statement, adding cost clarifier, modifying language, city's clean water system, properties having access to the city's water system, and including definition for extreme well stimulations.

There was board consensus to recommend adding the definition for extreme well stimulation to the planning commission.

Discussion continued regarding groundwater and surface water protection, Strategy OS 1.10.1 LDC Considerations section (E), water supply outside of the city, water treatment plant, functional open space strategies, public golf courses, facilities open to the public, LOS standard, minimum standard for conservation, Curry Creek Preserve, planning commission's approval to change Pinebrook Park from a park to conservation land, definition of conservation, percentage of open space requirement, mixed use residential area open space requirement, parks master plan, conservation areas, trails, adding language regarding conservation open space, mixed use developments, developmental standards, residential versus non-residential minimum percentage of open space requirement, wildlife corridors, preserving Curry Creek, status of the different master plans, non native invasive species, wildlife preservation, unique habitats, and endangered species.

Discussion followed on wildlife corridors, barriers, Toscana Isles, using bricks and vegetation as barriers, safety issues, land development regulations (LDR), comprehensive plan policy effective date, LDC project start date, carrying over items from the old comprehensive plan that are regulatory in nature, and code update.

Mr. Snyder spoke regarding the seven-acre functional open space requirement and how it was derived.

Discussion continued on maintaining open fields, complete street concept, and setbacks.

IV. Board Discussion

Mr. Jones spoke regarding the plastic bag resolution being passed by

city council and upcoming advisory board training sessions.

Mr. Shrum requested the boards' comments be provided prior to the next planning commission meeting.

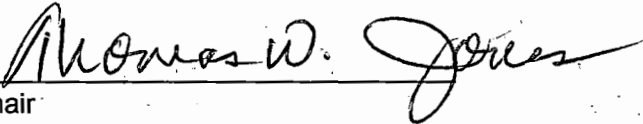
A motion was made by Mr. Courtney, seconded by Mr. Jones, for the board's comments, a rough draft of the meeting minutes, and the definition of extreme well stimulation be forwarded to Mr. Shrum and Mr. Snyder. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

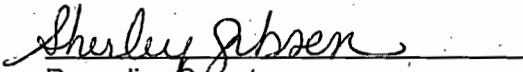
V. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the workshop was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.


Chair


Recording Secretary