



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

1:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Board was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Chair Tom Jones called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 6 - Chair Tom Jones, Donna Pachota, Tracy Ivey, Ronald Courtney, Claire Ellis and David M. Stone
Absent 2 - Jane Morgan and Nick Flerlage

Also Present

Liaison Council Member Mitzie Fiedler, Stormwater Engineer James Clinch, Superintendent of Solid Waste and Recycling Bob Moroni and Recording Secretary Shirley Gibson.

III. Approval of Minutes

[17-2982](#)

Minutes of the August 16, 2017 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Ivey, seconded by Ms. Pachota, that the minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. New Business

[17-2983](#)

Assistant City Attorney Kelly Fernandez and City Clerk Lori Stelzer: Refresher on Public Records and Sunshine Laws as Required by the Settlement Agreement in the Citizens for Sunshine and Anthony Lorenzo Litigation

Board members made introductions of new members David Stone and Claire Ellis.

Ms. Fernandez and Ms. Stelzer conducted annual sunshine law and public records law training to board members and went over a quiz.

17-2984 U.S. Green Building Council (Courtney)

Discussion took place regarding city considering making building more green, land use and building codes, review website for future meetings and sustainable community workshop on energy conservation.

17-2985 Bob Moroni, Public Works: Update on Venice's Curbside Recycling

Mr. Moroni spoke regarding the future of recycling, county extended contract, \$570,861 since 2010 made in selling recyclables, expand recycling for red bins, having discussions with Englewood, glass recyclables, single stream recycling, transfer station, tub grinder, North Port recycling every other week, dual stream recycling, providing an informational session to the public, how revenue money is being spent, sending a yearly calendar and answered board questions regarding electronic billing, larger recycling bins, solid waste audit and any issues with the county.

Mr. Flerlage entered the meeting at 2:24 p.m.

Discussion took place regarding recycling participation and perception at the high school.

V. Unfinished Business**17-2986** Planning Departments Land Development Code Schedule (Courtney)

Discussion took place regarding city voting to approve the comprehensive plan and the board's hope to have communication with the Planning Commission when they begin the land development code and zoning regulations and providing updates for next agenda.

17-2987 Objection to State Senator Stuebe's Proposed State Regulation Eliminating Local Control Over Tree Ordinances (Courtney)

Discussion took place regarding the article in the Herald Tribune regarding the legislature trying to abolish city and county tree protections, suggestion for the board to be opposed to the bill as it is violating the rights of local government.

A motion was made by Mr. Courtney, seconded by Mr. Jones, that the board be opposed to the bill filed by State Senator Stuebe and recommend to city council that they take a position opposing the bill and write a letter to State Senator Stuebe regarding opposition of the bill. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

17-2722 Review of City's Comprehensive Plan 2017

Discussion took place regarding city council voting and approving the comprehensive plan.

VI. Updates

VII. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

VIII. Board Discussion

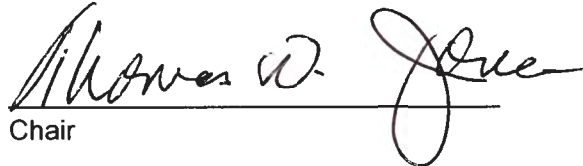
Discussion took place regarding the board taking a summer recess and the new 2018 meeting schedule.

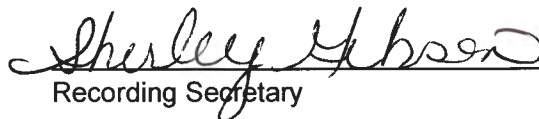
IX. Audience Participation

There was none.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.


Chair


Recording Secretary