



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes Traffic Advisory Task Force

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Thursday, January 4, 2018

4:00 PM

Community Hall

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### 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 4:04 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

**Present:** 4 - Paul Cline, Carol Barbieri, Linda Dalton and Mr. John Collier

**Absent:** 1 - Mike Pachota

### Also Present

City Manager Ed Lavallee, Recording Secretary Mercedes Barcia, and City Engineer Kathleen Weeden.

### III. Approval of Minutes

17-2878

Minutes of the July 6, 2017 and October 5, 2017 Regular Meetings

**A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Mr. Cline, that the Minutes of the July 6, 2017 and October 5, 2017 meetings be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

### IV. New Business

17-3027

City Engineer Kathleen Weeden: Update on Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Issues During Periods of Flooding (10 min.)

Ms. Weeden spoke to roadway flooding, the Flamingo Ditch, drainage, pedestrian safety during flood events, community outreach for flood insurance, and downtown pedestrian safety improvements to include sidewalk Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance, in pavement lighting at crosswalks, and stop signs.

Discussion followed on downtown sidewalk usage, foot candles, cafe permits and licensing agreements, Cafe Venice, and ADA standards for open walkway.

17-3028

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Discussion followed regarding selection of vice chair.

Mr. Collier nominated Ms. Barbieri to continue as chair. Ms. Barbieri nominated Ms. Dalton as chair and Ms. Dalton declined the nomination.

A motion was made by Mr. Collier, seconded by Ms. Dalton, to nominate Ms. Barbieri as chair. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Cline, to nominate Mr. Collier as vice chair. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17-3029

**Discuss Safety Measures for Traffic Light Outages at Intersections**

Discussion took place regarding safeguards during traffic light outages at intersections, Sarasota County temporary stop sign placements, police vehicles stationed at intersections, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), East Venice Avenue corridor, four-way stop statewide protocol, CodeRed, and utilizing the city's website for public outreach.

**V. Updates**

17-2427

**City of Venice and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Line of Sight and Distances Required at Intersections**

Discussion took place regarding the stop bar at Harbor Drive South and Beach Road, vegetation on private property, pedestrian crossing, line of sight and FDOT standards, removing item from the next meeting agenda, providing safety tips on the city's website, and Airport Road resurfacing.

Discussion followed regarding bicycle riding safety and public education, ordinance banning bicycle riding on downtown sidewalks, sharrows on Venice Avenue travel lanes, and downtown bicycle parking.

17-2578

**Unregistered Golf Carts on Public Ways**

Discussion took place regarding golf carts on public ways, speed limit, young children on carts, adding educational tips on the city's website, private roadways and gated communities, removing item from the next meeting agenda, Country Club Estates, and motorized vehicles on sidewalks.

17-2579

**Low Profile Recumbent Bikes**

Discussion took place regarding elevated flags on low profile recumbent bikes.

Discussion followed on golf cart parking at Venice Beach, golf cart charging stations at Centennial Park and Sharky's Restaurant, and including charging stations on the city's map.

17-2780**Stop Sign Needed at Venetian Waterway Park Bike Path at Golf Drive and Clubhouse Road**

Discussion took place regarding the Venetian Waterway Park bike path at Country Club Estates, public works placing larger stop signs on the trail, law enforcement, visibility, recommendations to the community, SeeClickFix, city limits, and Ms. Weeden obtaining an update from public works.

17-2580**Vehicles Blocking Public Sidewalks**

Discussion followed on vehicles blocking public sidewalks, reporting issues on SeeClickFix, and code enforcement speaking with property owners.

**VI. Future Agenda Items**

Discussion took place regarding citizen participation in a disaster preparation committee, cold weather shelters, volunteers, adding task force member participation for pre and post storm preparation as an agenda item for the next meeting, hurricane category rating on shelters, using the Venice Community Center (VCC) as a staging site, and the county's responsibility for determining shelters.

Discussion followed on public transportation options, the island loop, Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT), the trolley to include use, purpose, and expense, alleviating traffic, special events, shuttle buses, adding satellite parking at the train depot, marketing parking locations, parking garage, special events at the festival grounds, residential traffic, and airport property development.

Ms. Weeden spoke on SCAT to include new management, purchase of an ADA accessible trolley for Siesta Key, and the island loop.

Discussion continued on the trolley, sending a letter to SCAT to have a trolley style vehicle to keep up with the community population, transportation loop, route, 20 minute loop cycle, and ridership.

A motion was made by Ms. Dalton, seconded by Mr. Cline, to recommend the city manager send a letter to SCAT requesting to replace the existing island loop with a trolley style vehicle.

Discussion followed regarding measuring and supporting ridership, route, people mover, the train depot, Anna Maria Island shuttle, and rider fee.

The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

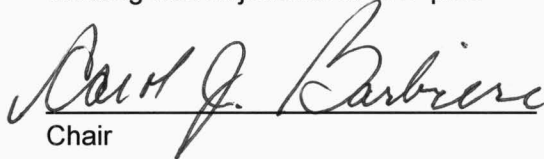
Discussion followed on the next meeting date and time.

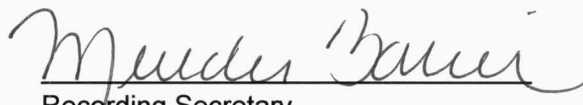
**VII. Audience Participation**

No one signed up to speak.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before this Task Force, the meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

  
Chair

  
Recording Secretary