



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, February 12, 2018

3:00 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Chair Joan Piper called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 7 - Linda Andrews, Joan Piper, Roger Effron, Eydie Kargas, Angie Sutherland, Bruce Weaver and Sophie Fraser
Absent 1 - Cindy Hicks

Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Assistant Public Works Director Rick Simpson, Sarasota County Division Manager of Beaches and Water Access Shawn Yeager and Recording Secretary Shirley Gibson.

III. Approval of Minutes

[18-3105](#)

Minutes of the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Effron, seconded by Ms. Andrews that the minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular meeting be approved as written. Motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Audience Participation

Sverre Falck-Pederson, 235 Base Avenue, Venice, spoke regarding difficulty with bicyclists riding on the sidewalks, signs, Sharky's run, no place to run in Venice, limestone screening, safety lane and concrete difficult for runners legs.

Discussion took place regarding state law for bicycles on sidewalks, location of bike lanes and recommendation for Mr. Pederson to reach out to Bicycle Pedestrian Coordinator Darlene Culpepper.

Kim Yuddy, 920 Cooper Street, spoke regarding research on access mats on Venice Beach, maintenance needing to be done, two demonstrations

completed, interlocal agreement, many volunteers ready to help, resting shade areas, funding is already there and warranty.

Discussion ensued regarding the locations of the mats, handicap residents, regulations, specifications of maps and mobile chairs.

V. New Business

[18-3096](#)

Nolen Green

Discussion followed regarding sunshine law, new member procedures and specialized training for the board.

Cindy Hicks entered the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Mr. Simpson spoke regarding working with contractor on signage which has now been completed, 22 signs to be installed and placing them in the correct locations and answered board questions regarding neighborhood notifications, placing an ad in the Gondolier, changing the term pocket parks to Nolen Greens, Maxine Barritt Park shingles and issues with the gate.

[18-3097](#)

Audit A Park

Mayor Holic spoke regarding bringing the matter to city council, unsure which parks the city will own, board to assign themselves to the various parks and monitor, follow the same format on the remainder of the parks, checklist and answered board questions regarding the basketball and pickleball courts.

[18-3098](#)

Parks Inter Local Agreement with Sarasota County (Mayor Holic)

Mayor Holic welcomed Sophie Fraser to the board, the importance of her role and continued to speak regarding the original interlocal agreement, dual taxation, county agreed to take over maintenance, no monetary limits, new agreement in 2011, stipulations, county to do a quarterly audit with a city employee, parks maintenance, termination of the parks interlocal agreement, county and staff meetings and rewriting a new agreement. He continued on maintenance reverting to the city, letter of proposal rejected by city manager, future negotiations, prior conditions of parks, fields in better repair than before, effects on Little League, showed an aerial map of Venice Little League areas, capital improvements and answered board questions regarding potential of placing the matter on hold with the county, mediation, is the county willing to negotiate, impact to residents, increase in taxes, potential of shutting down some parks, communication with residents and having a town meeting.

VI. Unfinished Business

[17-3031](#) Discussion on the Application Process for Naming of Parks and Buildings
Recommendations submitted by board members regarding the application process will be forwarded to John Veneziano.

[18-3032](#) City of Venice Update
There was none.

[18-3033](#) Sarasota County Update
Mr. Yeager spoke regarding Maxine Barritt Park, recommendation for a bench at Legacy Trail was forwarded to division manager, Venice Beach updates, walk through at Service Club Park, Brohard Paw Park updates and Venice Events listing for January and February.

Lucille Vaillancourt-Kreider, Sarasota County Parks and Natural Resources, spoke regarding a management institute in February, Legacy Park tour, underwater archeologists and quarterly inspections.

Mr. Yeager spoke further about the basketball and pickleball courts and requested any issues be forwarded to Sarasota County.

[18-3034](#) Sarasota County PARC Update
There was none.

[18-3035](#) Miscellaneous Update
Discussion took place regarding the issues with speeders at Caspersen Beach.
Mr. Yeager spoke in response to the speed issues and indicated he will review the matter and provide an update at the next meeting and answered board questions regarding speed bumps.

VII. Updates

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place having updates of the maintenance of the lime pits and vegetation on the next agenda.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:54 p.m.



Chair


Recording Secretary