

City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Monday, April 16, 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 8 - Linda Andrews, Joan Piper, Cindy Hicks, Roger Effron, Eydie Kargas, Angie Sutherland, Bruce Weaver and Sophie Fraser

Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Public Works Director John Veneziano, Sarasota County Division Manager of Beaches and Water Access Shawn Yeager, Police Chief Tom Mattmuller and Assistant City Clerk Heather Taylor.

III. Approval of Minutes

18-3245

Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting

Discussion took place regarding the wrong date being annotated in the agenda item title for this meeting, item no. 18-3097 not annotating that Mr. Effron opted to not review a park, and adjusting the verbiage for future agenda items to clarify the discussion was in reference to the parks and recreation advisory boards student member opposed to all student members, and that Ms. Hicks called the meeting to order and not Ms. Piper.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hicks, seconded by Mr. Weaver, that the Minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Audience Participation

Chief Mattmuller, Venice Police Department (VPD), spoke to concerns with gun range to include awareness of sporting activities, modified training schedule to accommodate activities, number of firing lanes, safety instructors, state training requirements, and upgraded firearms, and responded to board questions on types of complaints received, range use by VPD officers only, new public safety building, Sarasota County range

facility, coordination with youth activity representatives, prior safety issues, and options for noise reduction.

Chief Mattmuller responded to additional board questions regarding patrolling of parks and beaches and actions to assist the homeless, enforcement of parks closing times and alcohol consumption, improving relationships with bicyclists, educating, contacting the VPD for issues with police enforcement complaints, conducting traffic surveys, and marking newly paved roads for bike lanes, and golf cart use and violations.

V. New Business

Discussion took place regarding Venice Area Beautification Inc. (VABI) Venice park system map.

VI. Unfinished Business

18-3097 Audit A Park

Discussion took place to include trial of the old form, adding playground equipment to sports and recreation, more room for comments, making function and maintenance rating columns smaller, adding weather conditions, replacing maintenance function rating with condition rating, adding disc golf, dog waste points, and grills, walking/jogging as a recreation, use observation, what the rating code numbers mean, deleting park ownership, include date, time and date of review, column to rating scale for immediate attention (IA), overall park rating, adding date form was created, notifying public works if there is a park that needs immediate attention, and use of SeeClickFix.

There was consensus to replace function rating with conditions column, replace maintenance rating with immediate attention column, and adding time of review.

Discussion took place regarding not including time spent at the park, overall ratings, and rating codes.

There was consensus to include the date the form is updated in the lower corner, and add rows for playground equipment, dog waste receptacles, grills, walking/jogging trails, and other.

Mr. Veneziano spoke to simpler being better, general impression of parks, playgrounds, and ratings and responded to board questions regarding public record of documents submitted, and Adopt a Park program.

Discussion took place regarding the next step to have form modified for next meeting, review of parks by board members to include East Blalock Park, Centennial Park, West Blalock Park, Venetian Waterway Park, and Prentiss French Park.

VII. Updates

| <u>18-3032</u> | City of Venice Update |
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Mr. Veneziano provided an update on the South Jetty Concession, Service Club Park, parks interlocal agreement, and janitorial services.

18-3033 Sarasota County Update

Mr. Yeager provided an update on Service Club Park, Florida Recreation and Park Association 2018 Parks Management Institute, signage at Hecksher Park, activities at the Venice Community Center, and spoke to grant program to reduce cigarette butt litter in parks.

18-3034 Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Piper stated the next meeting will be in May.

18-3035 Miscellaneous Update

There was none.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Mayor Holic responded to board questions regarding Adopt a Park program.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Chair/

Recording Secretary