



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Environmental Advisory Board

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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, Ronald Courtney, David M. Stone, Nick Flerlage, Serenaty Lumpkin and Sandra Petway
Absent 2 - Jane Morgan and George Davis

Also Present

Liaison Mayor John Holic, Public Works Director James Clinch, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Planning Commission Chair Barry Snyder, and Recording Secretary Adrian Jimenez.

III. Approval of Minutes

[19-3997](#) Minutes of the April 29, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Courtney, seconded by Mr. Stone, that the Minutes of the April 29, 2019 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. New Business

[19-3998](#) Rae Dowling, Florida Power and Light, Area Manager: Increased Installation of Residential Solar Energy Systems

Rae Dowling, Florida Power and Light (FPL), provided a presentation on solar systems, cost effectiveness, low rates, global leader in solar systems, new solar power plants, tracking systems, current and new locations, Florida rankings, residential customers, net metering, FPL website, eligible energy resources, guidelines, solar contractors, and answered board questions on National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL), clouds hindrance, and fossil fuel. She continued on natural gas, nuclear plants, oil, and answered board questions on lithium batteries, community solars, proactive suggestions, conservation, usage per consumer per household, future technology advances, continued on battery technologies, and

answered board questions on solar economics, solar farms vs. solar panels, renewable portfolios, costs, reduced energy, and incentives.

Ms. Dowling continued on rebates, tax credits, benefits, and answered board questions on Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE), negative impacts on solar plants, continued on life span, Audubon Society, and answered board question on PVC piping in housing, environmental board promotion suggestions, and continued on energy audits.

19-4001

Jeff Shrum, Development Services Director of Planning and Zoning: Land Development Regulation Update

Mr. Shrum spoke on Land Development Regulations (LDRs) process, waiving permitted fees, affordable housing projects, open space elements, comprehensive plan, development of zoning codes, environmental regulations, current regulations, environmental analysis, property changes, requirements, community developments, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), wetlands, species and habitats, sea turtle protection, open space corridors, local laws, coastal developments and high hazards, tree regulations, Sarasota County Interlocal Agreement, landscaping codes, tree permitting, buffering, proposed draft in August, flood code ordinance, staff review and comments, language workshops, public hearing process, policy decisions, and public workshops.

Mr. Snyder answered board questions on ways of environmental support, spoke on implementation of regulations, tree ordinance definitions, LDRs, education components, city arborist input, tree canopies, environmental stand alone section, and replacing language.

Mr. Shrum spoke on tree ordinance stand alone section.

Mr. Snyder and Mr. Shrum answered board questions on elements of open space, levels of service standards, private or public functional spaces, and amount of parks in the east.

Mr. Snyder spoke on park impact fees.

Mr. Shrum answered board question on sustainability and green buildings, continued on policy decisions, and costs.

Mr. Snyder spoke on Land Development Codes (LDCs) updates, impervious surfaces, drainage requirements and safety, and costs.

Mr. Shrum spoke on pervious concrete and asphalt, maintenance, incentivizing, and tree regulations.

Mr. Jones spoke on water resources and cost.

Mr. Shrum spoke on parking and pavement, regulations, and answered board questions on renovation building codes, and runoff regulations.

Mr. Snyder spoke on future land use and Planned Unit Developments (PUDs).

Mr. Shrum spoke on lot coverage, impact on neighboring projects, adjoining projects, engineering licensing, LDRs, John Nolen drainage, impervious areas, single family districts, and answered board question on wildlife corridors.

Mr. Snyder spoke on Nolen communities, wildlife corridors, and sound buffers.

Mr. Shrum spoke on continuous walls, comprehensive plan language, and development requirements.

Mr. Shrum and Mr. Snyder answered board question on 25 foot break corridors, and spoke on LDR scheduling.

19-3886

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Ms. Lumpkin, that Mr. Jones remain as Chair. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Petway, seconded by Mr. Flerlage that Mr. Courtney be Vice Chair. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

19-4005

Reconsider the Board Decision on Taking a Summer Break

Board discussion took place on proceeding with the August 28, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Courtney invited the Engineering Department for Jon Thaxton's presentation.

V. Unfinished Business

18-3247

Discuss Recommending that the City of Venice Waive All Permit and Inspection Fees for Developers, Commercial Construction and Individual Homeowners and to Request Permission to Use Solar Panels or Solar Tiles in their Construction or Remodeling (Courtney)

Board discussion took place on Florida Power and Light (FPL) presentation, solar letter to legislator, solar roofs, incentives, inspection fees, sustainability, net metering, reestablishing energy credits, increasing state government incentives, and elimination of government fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Courtney, seconded by Mr. Jones for approval to recommend to city council sending the letter to the state legislators. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

Board discussion took place on solar panels and solar farms, state encouragements, and formatting changes to the letter.

VI. Updates

[18-3543](#)

Discuss Enforcement of Section 54-5, Hauling Solid Waste, Code of Ordinances (Stone)

Mr. Stone provided an update on hauling solid waste, taking photographs, and covering debris.

[19-3815](#)

Allowing Mini-Reefs in Venice Waters in Roberts Bay (Stone)

Mr. Stone provided an update on Sarasota County navigation hazards, costs, waived fees, and Ocean Habitats.

[19-3816](#)

Septic System Inspections in Venice (Stone)

Mr. Stone provided an update on septic system concerns, inspection requirements, definition of compliance, and regulations.

Board discussion took place on city paying inspection fees, system fails and pollutants, hookups on sewer systems, and recycling stakeholders group.

VII. Future Agenda Items

Board discussion took place on Land Development Regulations (LDRs) and questioned the process.

VIII. Board Discussion

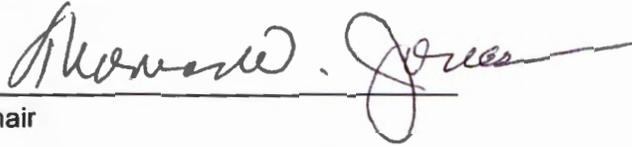
Board discussion took place on sustainable community workshop schedule and water quality summit workshop.

IX. Audience Participation

There was none.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



Chair



~~Recording Secretary~~ Deputy City Clerk