



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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Monday, August 15, 2022

3:00 PM

Community Hall

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### I. Call to Order

Chair Roger Effron called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

### II. Roll Call

**Present** 5 - Roger Effron, John Hinshaw, Kirk Wilkenson, Scott Blaser and Om Patel

**Absent** 3 - Candice Roberts, Eydie Kargas and David Auxier

### Also Present

Council Liaison Mitzie Fiedler, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Public Works Director Ricky Simpson, Sarasota County Recreation and Neighborhood Park Division Manager Lauren Kabrick, Administrative Coordinator Toni Cone, and Recording Secretary Amanda Hawkins-Brown.

### III. Audience Participation

Dick Longo, 295 Marsh Creek Rd, spoke on behalf of the Central Venice Coalition on the road project for Pinebrook Road and Wellfield Park.

Mr. Patel joined meeting at 3:11 p.m.

Jackie Mineo, Sovrano Rd, spoke on the number of scheduled board meetings and involvement of board in park changes.

### IV. Approval of Minutes

[22-5721](#)

Minutes of June 27, 2022 regular meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Hinshaw, seconded by Mr. Wilkenson, that the minutes of the June 27, 2022 regular meeting be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### V. New Business

[22-5722](#)

Legislative Agenda Process and Clarification  
(City Manager Ed Lavallee)

City Manager Lavallee spoke on the legislative referral process, operating guidelines for boards, communication lines between City Council and boards, annual reports to City Council, submitting additional items to adopted agendas, example of current Gaga Ball Pit project, the board's provision in mission statement for research or data collection, and steps in the guideline.

Discussion took place on the number of meetings and time frames involved, communication between board and staff channeled through council liaison or City Manager, staff communication with City Council, how citizen requests are directed, board member's ability to research, and recommendation for a process to change the board schedule.

22-5723

Proposal: Venice Leadership 2022

Sonya Fronckowiak, Venice Area Chamber of Commerce Venice Leadership Class of 2022 presented on the class mission, materials used for the proposed gaga ball pit, surface options, game concepts and rules, cost involved, location at Mundy Park, and answered board questions on rain effect and ball material.

**A motion by Mr. Wilkenson, seconded by Mr. Blaser to make a Legislative Referral to add to board's annual agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mr. Efron, Mr. Hinshaw, Mr. Wilkenson, Mr. Blaser and Mr. Patel

**Absent:** 3 - Ms. Roberts, Ms. Kargas and Mr. Auxier

**A motion made by Mr. Blaser, seconded by Mr. Hinshaw, to ask City Council to place the legislative referral on Council's agenda and vote on it. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Mr. Efron, Mr. Hinshaw, Mr. Wilkenson, Mr. Blaser and Mr. Patel

**Absent:** 3 - Ms. Roberts, Ms. Kargas and Mr. Auxier

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

22-5559

Parks Master Plan Discussion (Public Works |Director Simpson)

Public Works Director Simpson spoke on professional background and parks master plan, interlocal agreement with Sarasota County and internal departments involvement needed.

22-5724

Update and Timeline for N.E. Park

Public Works Director Simpson spoke on the building of Northeast park, the comprehensive plan approved, other points being worked on, a survey, the corrected zoning, funding available October first, and scope and design for Council approval.

Discussion took place in regards to a linear park proposal from Neal Communities, a multipurpose transportation link on Loral Road, use of park impact fees, how citizens who want to discuss a park design are directed, the board's role in the development of parks, the stakeholder group, and public meetings.

## VII. Updates

### 22-5563

#### Sarasota County PARC Update

Ms. Kabrick spoke on fiscal year switch over, summer camp ending, Wellfield Park soccer field and football field sod replacement, softball tournaments at Bypass Park, park walk through, quarterly meeting on Thursday for county updates, and answered board's questions on dog parks in city limits, Snook Haven, schedule for Venice Community Center, and promotion of events at county or city buildings.

### 22-5562

#### City of Venice Update

Public Works Director Simpson spoke on Wellfield park sod, needing to establish before use, professional installation, corrected stormwater issues, parking on Pinebrook Road, croquet field expansions, disc golf, monofilament stations, finishing of capital improvement projects including painting Brohard Park pavilion and boardwalk improvements.

Ms. Kabrick answered board questions on north jetty long term plans for stormwater effects on road.

## VIII. Future Agenda Items

Discussion took place regarding meeting frequency, review of the current ordinance, history of meeting frequency, working with the City Manager to change scheduling, changing future meeting frequency to bi-monthly and adding a meeting on December 5, 2022.

## IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary

