



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Planning Commission

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Chair Barry Snyder called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present: 7 - Chair Barry Snyder, Helen Moore, Jerry Towery, Shaun Graser, Tom Murphy, Charles Newsom, and Janis Fawn

Also Present

Liaison Councilmember Kit McKeon, City Attorney Dave Persson, Development Services Director Jeff Shrum, Senior Planner Roger Clark and Recording Secretary Michelle Girvan.

III. Approval of Minutes

16-1843 Minutes of the January 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Ms. Fawn, that the Minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried by voice vote unanimously.

IV. Updates

16-1844 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
Staff: Jeff Shrum, AICP, Development Services Director

- Presentation by Venice High School Students

- Continuation of Discussion of Neighborhoods

Mr. Shrum introduced the Venice High School students.

Andrea Stultz and Angela Potier, Venice High School students, provided a presentation on the comprehensive plan, set of policies, importance of community, input from students, activities, one word exercise, transportation, housing, land use and development, environmental conservation, economic development, community preservation, and

vision.

Ms. Stultz and Ms. Potier answered questions regarding the parking garage location, parks on the island, shopping, coffee shops for students, limiting residential housing on the island, preservation of land, Venice being family oriented, bike sharing program, youth activity locations, and living location of students.

Mr. Shrum provided input regarding high school students view of the comprehensive plan, draft plan, various thoughts and ideas, consensus, enthusiasm from high school students, feedback, topics, updated version of island information, public comment, changes, important topics, island discussion issues, population projections, handouts, list of items and recommendations, and primary pyramid.

Discussion took place regarding the population projection, Bureau of Economic Business Research (BEBR) level chart of medium to high levels of data, seasonal aspect, recommended range, focus on 2025 plan, current plan comparison, estimates, suggestion of recommendations, sources, conclusions, list of topics of what Mr. Snyder generated, and community preservation definition.

Recess was taken from 2:06 p.m. until 2:16 p.m.

Mr. Graser commented on the island development, design, community preservation, limited development, and spacious parks.

Discussion took place regarding the online survey, comment input, island characteristics, Nolen Plan, creation of island, downtown design, streetscapes, theme of city, setbacks, types of development, look and feel of Venice, gateway, community benefits, buffering, commercial aspect, medians, signage, height, alleys, density maps, allowable densities, protections in plan, workshops, beachfront hotels, locations, airport, existing plan, density areas, acreage, potential housing units, mixed use areas, walkable areas, and a new zoning category.

Discussion continued regarding comprehensive plan areas, increase in density, increasing residents, flexibility for the future, future land use category, importance of zoning, commercial activities, mixed use, zoning map and code, single versus two story buildings, age and renovations of buildings, ordinance for historic buildings, and guideline of the land development code. Further discussion included pedestrian only street, crosswalk congestion, parking lots, expansion of the trolley service, parking garage, parking issues, driverless cars, tracking of buses, trolley service, Uber service, bicycle sharing, adding or removing parks on the island, recreational activities and maintenance, charter county, shortage of park areas, neighborhood setups, amenities, parks master plan,

restrooms, conclusion on comments, veteran residents, and less cause for change on the island.

Discussion followed on transportation, roads and parking, congestion issues, upgrade of process, units per acre, achievement of John Nolen's plan, thriving cities, aspects of plan, existing policy, boat related items, smart city topic, broad band system, and the flexibility of the business corridor.

V. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

VI. Comments by Planning Division

Mr. Shrum commented on the consultant's schedule, population, date of meeting, and the workshop date.

VII. Comments by Planning Commission Members

There were no comments.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.


Chair


Recording Secretary