

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VGRC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

FEBRUARY 21, 2017

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Effron – Exec VP
Carol Barbieri – VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Diane Maskol – VP
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Diane Bazlamit
Bob Samuels

Guests:

Jerry Jasper

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, said that the draft minutes from the January meeting were previously circulated for comments and revisions via e-mail. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, said we have \$81,971 in our general account and savings plus \$37,865 in a landscape buffering reserve. He said that dues receipts are running over the budget estimate.

New Business

1. External Affairs issue #1 – Crush-It plant: Jerry Jasper reported that they have started site development with earthen berms of approximately 12 feet high in place. The crushing test demonstration will be held in March or April, and the owner said the intention is to satisfy all parties. Jerry will meet with John Peshkin to set the parameters for this test.

There was a discussion of the noise problem from the Gene Green Road plants. Roger Effron proposed sending a letter to all VG&RC addresses on the northern side that are assumed to be in the “noise area”, and there was consensus to do this. John Moeckel will mention the noise issue at the Town Hall meeting and the letter will be sent out shortly thereafter.

2. External Affairs issue #2 – 700 Gene Green Road LLC: Jerry Jasper said this business has accumulated large piles of waste concrete for recycling in violation of a City of Venice permit. The City has filed a court action for a code violation, however this business is still operating.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – Laurel Road Mini-Storage: Jerry Jasper said that our request for an 80% opacity landscape buffer is still awaiting a reply from their attorney, Jeff Boone.

4. Town Hall meeting: Roger Effron led the discussion on the preparations for this event and the roles for board members, along with the agenda and an e-blast. About 450 attendees are expected.

5. Membership: Bill Dwyer, chair, reported that membership is now at 715.

6. Marketing activities: Roger Effron said that Shredfest was a success with 136 residents bringing in documents for shredding. The hearing test event is scheduled for today, with the “Future of Communication” on March 20, “Alligators” on March 27, and “FMO, FWO” (medical issues) on April 10. He suggested investigating the purchase of a new sound system for the River Club as a community betterment project. The “Wall of Something” has about 200 postings, and the need is greatest for service providers.

7. Annual meeting: John Moeckel reviewed the annual meeting, to be held on March 28 at 5pm after our monthly board meeting. John will chair the nominating committee. A proposal to change our By-laws to not allow nominations from the floor at the meeting as approved by a vote of 8-1 (Efron dissenting). A notice sent out 2 weeks in advance will offer the opportunity for any member to nominate themselves for a board position.

8. Adopt-a-road sign: John Moeckel said that he has been checking with the County on how an adopt-a-road sign can be placed just west of the VG&RC entrance, however there are a number of policy obstacles in the way. We have offered to buy a new sign or move an existing one, with no agreement so far.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 28 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary