

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

MARCH 28, 2017

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

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

Guests:

Jerry Jasper

Call to order: Roger Effron, Executive VP, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. John Moeckel, President, joined the meeting at 3:33pm.

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

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, reported that we have \$80,676 in our general account and savings plus \$37,865 in a landscape buffering reserve.

New Business

1. Marketing activities: Roger Effron summarized our programs:

- The Town Hall meeting was attended by about 400 people and many positive comments were received. Parking appeared to be sufficient and we may want to move the start time back to 5:30pm from 5pm. The Q&A after the presentations went well, however about 75% of the attendees left.
- HRT (hurricane readiness team) is a good program and needs to stay active. Captains kept in communication through last season, and the text messaging system was felt to be justified for our purposes, even though the POA declines to incorporate it. There was unanimous approval for Roger to investigate the cost and logistics of the text system.
- Wall of Something is working well and an app for the website is being considered, with the cost to be determined.
- Upcoming seminars are FMO/FWO on April 10 and Commissioner Al Maio on April 11. The agenda for Al's presentation was reviewed.

2. Membership: Bill Dwyer, chair, reported that membership is now at 732. A few more members were added at the seminars and new resident orientations.

3. External Affairs issue #1 – Venice Comprehensive Plan meeting: John Moeckel and Jerry Jasper reported that the format for the meeting has been changed, whereby the Planning Commission will discuss the plan first and then audience comments will be taken. There was consensus to not send out another e-blast on this change. Jerry's summary of opinions will be e-mailed to the Council.

4. External Affairs issue #2 – Affordable Housing proposal by Ed Pinto: This developer will make a presentation on March 30 at 9am at the River Club.

5. External Affairs issue #3 – Crush-It plant: Jerry Jasper reported that he will be meeting with this company's attorney in early April to set the parameters for the tests, which he and John Peshkin have agreed upon. He suggested that Venetian residents go outside to listen or drive up to Gene Green Road to observe.

6. External Affairs issue #4 – 700 Gene Green LLC: Jerry Jasper reported that this company was denied a temporary use permit by the City's Planning Commission and told not to operate.

The meeting was recessed at 4:43 pm to attend the annual meeting.

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting back to order at 5:37pm.

Election of officers: There was unanimous acclamation to re-elect all board members to their current positions. (see list of attendees at start of these minutes)

Discussion: There was a brief discussion on the board's position on the affordable housing issue. John Moeckel and Roger Effron will draft a summary on this to present to the board at our next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52pm

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary