

MINUTES For The REGULAR MEETING
Of The BOARD OF DIRECTORS Of
VGRC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

FEBRUARY 25, 2014

At The RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Efron – Exec VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Carol Barbieri
Bob Samuels
Diane Maskol
Bill Shaw

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm by John Moeckel, President.

Secretary's Report: Tom Jones, Secretary, said that the minutes from the January board meeting were circulated previously by e-mail, and they were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, said that the Association has \$62,738 in cash and savings plus \$37,865 in a restricted account for a total of \$100,603. The financial document will be posted on our website. Fred reviewed the verbiage to go along with the finances on the website, and it will include the reserve fund for legal expenses and the landscape buffering fund.

Business discussion:

1. **Gene Green Road – north industrial area noise:** Jerry Jasper reported on a meeting he attended in February with Ed Lavallee, City Manager, and several Venetian residents plus management from Titan America (concrete batch plant). Titan wanted to be able to run in the early morning hours for a special project for two days. In order to get approval from the City, Titan agreed to install special backup alarms which are much less noisy. In another noise issue, APAC Asphalt is causing noise complaints due in part to the use of older drying equipment. Ed Lavallee is setting up another meeting with APAC and Venetian Residents to discuss solutions.

2. **Master file design:** Fred Baughman is assembling this file which will show those who have paid dues and their e-mail addresses, which will facilitate members-only e-mail broadcasts.

3. Membership: Bill Dwyer reported that after last night's Town Hall meeting, we have 522 paid members and are down to only 57 from 2013 who have not renewed. Bill feels that personal contact is the best approach and he'll continue to contact these former members. He said he is still getting returned mailings from an earlier mailed membership reminder.

4. Town Hall Meeting: The meeting was our largest ever with approximately 450 people attending. The parking lot accommodated everyone with the help of the parking lot guides. There was a discussion on how best to publicize events like this one, and there was agreement that a combination of signs, mailings and e-mailings works well. John Moeckel asked for an accounting of the total cost of this event.

5. By-law changes: Jerry Flood worked on our By-Laws and corrected the issues of alternate term periods and advance time for notices. Also, the fiscal year was changed to run from April 1 to March 31. There was unanimous approval of these changes.

6. Nominating committee: There are three board member openings and a nominating committee is needed to review the applications for the vacancies. This committee will be made up of Bill Dwyer, Dick Ritter, Bill Shaw and Jerry Flood.

7. VGRCCA annual meeting: A meeting notice needs to be sent out by March 3rd for the annual meeting on March 18. In order to have a meeting quorum of 10% of the membership, each board member will need to get 5 proxys plus his/her own.

8. Website: Carol Barbieri reported that she will host a meeting this evening at her home with Joe Santucci and Jerry Jasper to migrate our site to GoDaddy. This group will work on making this transfer.

9. Portofino Project update: Carol Barbieri reported that the Venice City Council approved the rezoning for this project on February 11. John Peshkin, principal of Vanguard Land, said he will notify the advisory board when he has tenant information. Carol will circulate a list of permitted land uses and ones allowed by special exception.

10. Identity Theft seminar: Roger Effron reported that this 1 hour seminar is schedule for March 17th at the River Club. He recommended that it be open to all residents with a membership table at the entrance, and he also suggested another moderator than himself. Bill Dwyer and Bob Samuels will handle this, and the Venice Police Dept. will be doing the presentation.

11. Medical seminar: Roger Effron said he has contacted Venice Regional Hospital and they are willing to hold an informational seminar on joint issues. He suggested this be scheduled in April during the season, and the consensus of the board agreed.

12. CERT involvement: Tom Jones asked the group about its interest in sponsoring a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) which Waterlefe and other communities in our area have done. It was decided to pass this to the Venetian POA.

13. Meeting postponement: The March 7th planning meeting for refining our mission and financial plan has been postponed until October.

14. Next board meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18 at 3:30pm before the VGRCCA annual meeting at the River Club. Then a special Board meeting will be held immediately after the Annual meeting to elect officers for the upcoming year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm on February 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary