

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

MARCH 18, 2014

At The RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Effron – Executive VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Bob Samuels
Bill Shaw
Jerry Flood
Carol Barbieri
Diane Maskol
Dick Ritter

1. John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. He introduced the new candidates for the board: Terry BeCraft, Dave Bates, and David Tschanz.
2. Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, was absent. The minutes for the February 25, 2014 board meeting were previously circulated via e-mail. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. Membership Chair report: 533 total members as of 3/18/2014. There are still 52 residents who are former members but have not yet paid for 2014. The last letter Bill Dwyer sent out didn't generate many new members. We will upload a new invoice form to the CA web site for next edition. Bill will resend the list of non-paid, former members to the Board to see if generates additional memberships. Diane Maskol said that there were five non-members who attended the Bike-O-Rama and took advantage of the free service without joining the CA at that event. David Tschanz asked what incentive residents have to join the CA since they receive Parcels from Paradise whether or not they are members. Roger Effron responded that it doesn't benefit us to deny people and make the organization feel exclusionary. He said that we want to be viewed as a "good will" organization. It is difficult to give anything quantitative to residents and residents do not receive something quantitative for joining. However, the CA is a formidable "voice" in the community because our organization represents 50% of the VG&RC residents. He added that the CA makes significant efforts to maintain the good quality of life that we have at the VG&RC.
4. Treasurer's report: John Moeckel discussed the financial report that Fred Baughman recently distributed to the Board. He reminded everyone that we could spend our surplus funds on legal fees and/or traffic studies if necessary. We should discuss in detail a determination of purpose for any financial expenditure at the upcoming Board workshop.

5. Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held at 5pm today, immediately following this board meeting. Afterward the annual meeting, the Board will hold a short meeting to hold new board member elections for two year positions.
6. Website: Carol Barbieri asked for approval to purchase from Go Daddy the Economy (Basic) monthly maintenance package at \$4.99 and to have Joe Santucci coordinate with Jerry Jasper and Fred Baughman, payment details, Go Daddy passwords, etc. Board asked that the updated List of Accomplishments be posted to the website. Jerry offered to do this. Adding items such as “stuff for sale” was discussed but would have to be removed on regular basis so as not to be outdated.
7. Landscape Maintenance on Laurel Road: John Moeckel discussed the initial agreement with the City. The Peace River Authority agreement was signed by City Council members. Diane Maskol was the Board’s committee chair. The purpose was to be sure the swale and borders had appropriate landscaping. Committee of John Moeckel, Jerry Jasper, and Diane Maskol will attend future meetings to provide updates on this matter. Jerry Jasper said Venice City Council members Sherman and Daniels and City Manager Lavalley had suggested that using the Venetian landscape contractor, Tri-County, might be the best way to maintain the landscape buffer.
8. APAC noise issues: Jerry Jasper discussed issues with APAC asphalt, who has put up plywood to buffer sound from their property. Jerry also said the southeast corner of their property has 25-35 ft high buffering materials to mitigate noise levels. Titan America is in the process of converting to “white noise” backup alarms which is helpful in mitigating noise from vehicle activity. \$38,000 still available to use as buffering but would not favorably impact the noise. Jerry will make another visit to AJAX to see if there is some solution to abate the noise and wondered if the Martellago residents who are complaining are CA members.
9. Identity Theft Seminar: Bill Dwyer and Bob Samuels said they’ve received excellent responses from residents who attended. The attendance was about 60 people. Future events will be advertised via signage at front gate. David Tschanz said that the identity theft seminar did not include computer security but should have.
10. Future event: Roger Effron discussed upcoming Health Fair: Venice Regional Hospital rep to meet with him. Topics will include hips, knees & shoulders. CVS may donate medical-related goody bags. Potential date for Health Fair is either 4/7 or 4/14 late afternoon.
11. Old business: POA developed emergency planning (CERT) will be postponed until next board meeting. Reminder was made to Board members to attend the 3/19 POA meeting, where the subject of yard art will be discussed.
12. New Business: CONA dues: \$40. The decision to join was postponed.
13. New Business: Roger E. discussed THM and Bike-O-Rama expenses. Was the expense of \$650 justified for postcard reminders as 185 postcards were returned to us for incorrect address info. We paid \$250 for background music band. Roger E. said the expense was justified because it resulted in the largest attendance response to any CA event to date. Maybe CA future events list should include Dog Walk, although we would need to know our potential legal and/or liability issues first.
14. Next board meeting: Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm on March 18, 2014.

Officer Election meeting:

This meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by John Moeckel, President, after the conclusion of the annual meeting.

The only order of business for this portion of the meeting was the election of board officers. There were no nominations from the floor, and the following officers were elected by acclamation:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Efron – Executive VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 5:48pm on March 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary