

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

**MAY 27, 2014**

**At The RIVER CLUB**

**VENICE, FLORIDA**

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President  
Roger Effron – Exec VP  
Bill Dwyer – VP  
Jerry Jasper – VP  
Tom Jones – Secretary  
Bob Samuels  
Jerry Flood  
Carol Barbieri  
Diane Maskol  
Terry BeCraft  
Dan Bates

Guest:

Bill Ambrose

1. Roger Effron, Exec VP, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm. John Moeckel, President, was delayed at the start of the meeting and took over as chair after his arrival.
  
2. Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, reported that the minutes from the March 18 and April 22 board meetings and annual meeting were previously circulated via e-mail. They were unanimously approved.
  
3. Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, treasurer, was absent. He provided a report that as of 4-30-14 we have operating cash of \$63,094 and \$37,865 in a restricted landscape buffer account.
  
4. Membership Chair report: Bill Dwyer reported that we have 545 total members as of today, with about 250 of those paid for multiple years. He has found that direct personal contact with non-members and new residents works best. Work still needs to be done on a detailed list of members and e-mail addresses.

5. Website modifications: Carol Barbieri has been working with Joe Santucci on this. Jerry Jasper is doing updates of things like minutes and newsletters on a regular basis. Google analytics data on use of the website was discussed. A motion was made to authorize Carol to purchase up to a \$150 gift certificate for Joe Santucci as a “thank you” for his work, and it was unanimously approved.

7. Conference to discuss financials and our mission: John Moeckel determined that a facilitator would cost around \$1,000, and Roger Effron supported hiring a facilitator for the efficiency of such a conference. Other board members objected to the cost and felt we could do it ourselves. Terry BeCraft volunteered to lead and establish the committee.

8. CERT program: Jerry Jasper explained the structure of a Community Emergency Response Team and used Waterlefe’s CERT as an example of how it can be organized. There was a lengthy discussion on the aspects and ramifications of doing that at the Venetian. The board agreed unanimously to have Roger Effron and Tom Jones meet with representatives of Venice Fire Dept. and Venice Police Dept. as a starting point.

9. Downtown Redevelopment Project (DRP): Carol Barbieri and Dan Bates are monitoring activity on this by the Venice City Council. Councilman Emilio Carliesimo is pushing the Council to move ahead on this.

10. Future activities: Roger Effron distributed a hand-out on possible activities and seminars for the upcoming season. Roger, Bill Dwyer, and Terry BeCraft will work together to plan seminars and dates. There was consensus of the board to keep the Dog Walk event independent of the VGRCCA.

11. Ways to increase website usage: Roger Effron suggested a “common interest” section of the website to allow residents to post their interests and look for others in the community to join them. This would offer a service as well as possibly drive more traffic to the site. There was unanimous approval to test this.

12. Peace River water system: Jerry Jasper reported that the City of Venice wants to tie into the Peace River water system at a junction to be placed at the northeast corner of Laurel Road and Knights Trail. City utilities manager Len Bramble and developer John Peshkin (who owns property at this corner) are strongly opposed to this location. The proposal is on hold for now.

13. VICA property: Jerry Jasper reported that Neal Communities plan for “Villages of Milano”, which will have its northern boundary along Laurel Road, shows an access road to Laurel Road just west of the Venetian entrance. Neal’s office said they don’t need this entrance and will only include it if the City says it’s needed for public safety. This subject will be part of the City Council meeting on June 10.

14. Sarasota neighborhood grant: Jerry Jasper said that there is \$100,000 of grant money to fund projects in neighborhoods, and the deadline is in November. Diane Maskol and Carol Barbieri will investigate this.

15. Election of board member to executive committee: There is one open spot on the 7 member executive committee. Diane Maskol volunteered for this position, and there was unanimous approval.

16. Next board meeting: Our next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 22 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22pm on April 22, 2014.

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A special board meeting was called to order at 5:22pm on Tuesday, May 27, 2014.

The purposed of this meeting was to elect a person to the open seat on the 13 member board. Bill Dwyer nominated Marge Chandler and there were no other nominations. Marge was unanimously approved.

The special meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm on May 27, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas W. Jones, Secretary