

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

FEBRUARY 24, 2015

At The RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board members in attendance:

John Moeckel
Roger Efron
Bill Dwyer
Fred Baughman
Tom Jones
Carol Barbieri
Marge Chandler
Diane Maskol
Jerry Flood
Bill Tvenstrup
Bob Samuels

1. **Call to Order:** John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

2. **Secretary's Report:** Tom Jones said that the minutes from our January board meeting were circulated for comments. They were unanimously approved.

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Fred Baughman reported that we have a total in our accounts of \$106,146. Included in this are a reserve of \$30,000 and a restricted account for landscape buffering of \$37,865.

New Business

4. **Adopt a Highway program:** Bill Tvenstrup said that 30 residents contacted him at or after the Town Hall Meeting to volunteer for this program. He worked with the Sarasota County coordinator and has set March 21 as the initial meeting and training date. The "adopt a highway" signs will be up in about a week and there will be an additional notice in the next *Parcels*.

5. Association documents: John Moeckel reported on the officers' meeting held on Feb. 10 where the Ajax agreement was discussed along with our document handling policy. This group confirmed the Board's established policy: agreements like Ajax are for board member use only, and general members would need to sign a non-disclosure agreement to view it. It's important to note that all the significant parts of this agreement are included in our minutes and financial documents on the website.

6. Website work: Roger Effron said, in conjunction with a discussion with Jerry Jasper and Carol Barbieri, that our "Common Interest" section has not gotten much use. He suggested that this section be modified to include referrals for service providers and vendors. He and Jerry and Carol will look into this further and report back to the Board.

7. Website SQL database contract: Fred Baughman said he met with Joe Santucci for a preliminary structure discussion to use the website for document storage. Joe has been very busy, so in the meantime, Fred has set up a Dropbox account for board member use via his password, which he will distribute.

8. By-Laws: Discussion on this topic was postponed until the March meeting.

9. Town Hall Meeting results: We had about 450 people attend the meeting, which was our largest turnout ever. Mayor Holic called North Venice "the future powerhouse" of the City. Presentations by County Commissioner Al Maio, Planning Commission chair Barry Snyder, and WCI's Rick Barber were informative and effective. There were many positive comments heard as residents departed the meeting.

10. Membership drive: Bill Dwyer reported that our membership is now at 595 after last night's Town Hall Meeting, and we have two more seminars in March and April to pick up more members. The new resident welcome meetings, which are held monthly in season at the River Club, have been a particularly successful way to encourage new residents to join. He suggested we discuss a new dues structure at an upcoming meeting.

11. Gifts for event speakers: Diane Maskol said she is almost done with the VGRCCA design for Tervis Tumbler, and then she will order 75 glasses to be ready in March.

12. Storing policies: John Moeckel said that Dropbox should be used for now for Association document storage.

13. Annual meeting on March 24: John Moeckel led the discussion on the agenda for the annual meeting. There are six board members up for re-election: Jerry Jasper, Tom Jones, Bill Dwyer, Fred Baughman, Bob Samuels, and Jerry Flood. All have expressed willingness to continue on the board. Diane Maskol agreed to serve as chair of the nominating committee along with Carol Barbieri and Marge Chandler, and two non-board members will be added to receive any additional nominations. An announcement will be broadcast to all members announcing the meeting date and notifying them that nominations for the board can be submitted to Diane. Nominations can also be made from the floor at the meeting. A voting proxy form will be included with the broadcast for those who can't attend but wish to vote.

14. City of Venice “Think Tank” session: John Moeckel, Roger Effron, and Tom Jones were invited to be part of the City’s “Think Tank” on February 23. John said he discussed events at the airport, parking on the island, and he encouraged reduced density of development in North Venice. He also brought up the noise issue from our nearby industrial operations. He asked the City to consider this issue as they discuss the possible city-wide noise ordinance revision and to not make any changes that would worsen our problem.

Tom Jones made a motion to have John send a letter to the Council and Mayor requesting that if any revisions to the noise ordinance are made, they should not adversely affect North Venice. This motion was unanimously approved.

Tom said his comments at the “Think Tank” session were to please not let Venice lose the small-town charm that brought many of us here. He asked that development in Venice not be considered a “given” and that open space should not automatically be available for development.

15. Board comments: Roger Effron said he would look into options for possible bench locations along the Veneto sidewalk for submission to the VCDD board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25pm.

Our next meeting will be on March 24, 2015 at 3pm at the River club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary