

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

MARCH 24, 2015

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President

Roger Effron – Executive VP

Bill Dwyer – VP

Jerry Jasper – VP

Diane Maskol – VP

Fred Baughman – Treasurer

Bob Samuels

Bill Tvenstrup

Carol Barbieri

Jerry Flood (arrived at 3:55pm)

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

2. Secretary's Report: Tom Jones, secretary, was absent. The minutes from the February 23rd board meeting, which were previously circulated via e-mail, were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report: Fred Baughman gave the treasurer's report. Our total operating cash balance as of March 22 is \$68,597 with an additional \$37,865 in a restricted account for landscape buffering. A discussion of the current balance led to a decision to have a meeting on March 31st at 2:30pm to discuss options for using some of our funds as well as to discuss edits made to the CA's Bylaws. Fred was asked to provide some options for consideration at the 3/31 meeting and the motion was unanimously approved.

New Business

4. **Board member resignation:** There was a brief discussion of Terry BeCraft's resignation being final and not allowing him to withdraw his decision to resign. There was consensus to accept the resignation. However, Terry may be a candidate for the open position he created if someone else nominates him.

5. **Letter from Constantin:** There was a brief discussion and agreement that the board would not respond to Constantin Petrescu's letter of March 17, 2015 relating to the noise issue from the industrial plants on the Venetian's northern border.

6. **Adopt-A-Road:** Bill Tvenstrup discussed the Adopt-A-Road litter cleanup project which the CA is sponsoring. Bill mentioned that some of the trash comes from City of Venice trash trucks which create a constant amount of debris on our adopted portion of Laurel Road. Roger Effron was asked to approach Officer Susan La Rock of the Venice Police Department to find out if they patrol other areas of the city where trash trucks drop a substantial amount of debris/trash. Bill said the next clean up is scheduled for Friday, May 15th from 9:30 – 11:30am.

7. **Membership Report:** Bill Dwyer said the CA has 610 members. Efforts to contact residents to renew or join have resulted in a few additional memberships. Bill said that there will be a membership table at each CA seminar in the future and he and Roger Effron will continue to attend the River Club's new homeowners meetings.

8. **Presenter gifts:** Diane Maskol announced that the custom Tervis Tumblers were delivered and the project was completed at \$400 below budget. Tervis also provided gift bags in which to present the tumblers to our presenters. A list will be kept of those who receive a tumbler.

9. **Bold Landscape Project update:** John Moeckel said the design for this project will commence this summer and FDOT will solicit the CA's input.

10. **Noise Ordinance:** John Moeckel advised that he sent a letter to the Venice City Council on behalf of the CA requesting that we be given an opportunity to have input before they make any modifications to the City's noise ordinance. Carol Barbieri mentioned a March 14th article from the Herald Tribune that discussed homeowner options for noise problems. Carol was asked to provide copies of the article at the March 31st meeting.

11. Community support for VPD issue: Roger Effron discussed a recent article in a local newspaper regarding community support for the Venice Police Department and suggested that the police indicated that they would like more public support on this issue. The discussion led to concerns over the lack of current procedure for the CA to handle “hot issues” quickly and expeditiously prior to the next regularly-scheduled board meeting.

12. Land purchase by Ajax president: Jerry Jasper reported that Ajax’s president had just purchased 66 acres of land contiguous to the current Ajax location. The land was previously owned by Venice Minerals. Jerry was unaware of any specific plans for this property.

13. By-laws revisions: There was a discussion regarding Executive Committee meetings, and there was consensus that should be held only with advance notice given to all CA board members, even if other board members are only observing the meeting’s discussion and not participating. Jerry Flood was asked to revise the bylaws and have them ready for the 3/31 meeting. He was asked to use the original 2012 bylaws as the document that was being updated/modified and not any bylaw updates from the November 2014 CA Retreat. Diane Maskol made the motion to return to the 2012 Bylaws as being the official version to take effect after the March 24, 2015 Annual Meeting and this was unanimously approved.

14. Nominating committee: Diane Maskol volunteered to chair the nominating committee which included board members Jerry Jasper and Carol Barbieri. This committee would accept names for the open board position and make a recommendation to the full board for filling this position. A brief discussion ensued regarding the process or lack thereof a board member who resigns and seeks eligibility to be re-appointed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43pm to be continued at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

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Board Officer Election Meeting:

This meeting was called to order at 6:00pm 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. Bob Samuels made a motion to keep the following list of officers in their current, respective roles and it was unanimously approved:

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

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 2:30pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary