

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

APRIL 28, 2015

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President

Roger Efron – Executive VP

Bill Dwyer – VP

Jerry Jasper – VP

Diane Maskol – VP

Fred Baughman – Treasurer

Tom Jones – Secretary

Bill Tvenstrup

Carol Barbieri

Jerry Flood

Marge Chandler

Bruce Smith

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

The only order of business for this portion of the meeting was to review the recommendation of the Selection Committee for a replacement board member, and this was Bruce Smith. There was unanimous approval of this choice.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12pm.

2. Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting back to order at 3:12pm.

3. Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, said the minutes from the March annual meeting and board meetings had been circulated via e-mail. They were all unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, treasurer, said that we have \$67,975 in our accounts and \$37,865 in our restricted account for a total of \$105,840.

5. Parcels From Paradise newsletter: Roger Effron reported that the newsletter is doing well with positive feedback, and he wants to make some changes to keep it fresh. He suggested:

- “We’ve discovered...” -- news places to visit as sent in by readers, somewhat like restaurant raves
- Highlights from VCDD and POA meetings – reports to communicate information and increase awareness of different organizations. Reports would be set off in different bordering. Approval from these two boards would be necessary.
- Survey of Parcels feedback – try a survey to get replies
- More photos – looking for pictures to be submitted
- Column by the president

6. Seminars for next season: Roger said he is looking for seminar topics for this fall and asked board members to submit ideas. Also suggested something along the line of “Cooking for cancer” or collecting coupons for schools.

7. Hurricane readiness team: Roger reviewed the status of this project and queried the board on what we should be doing. A CD with the Sarasota County disaster planning guide was given to Bill Dwyer, and he and Tom Jones agreed to discuss how to move forward.

8. By-Law revision: Jerry Flood has completed the re-write of the By-Laws and there was a discussion of minor changes to the verbiage. The amended By-Laws were unanimously approved.

9. External affairs committee: Carol Barbieri reported on the Venice planning commission hearing on April 21 where the Woods of Venice received approval for its requested zoning change by a 4-3 vote. It was a lengthy meeting (almost 6 hours) with lots of emotional speakers from the nearby residents who opposed the change.

Also, the City of Venice has proposed acquiring the Venice Minerals property for use by the City's public works department. John Moeckel will send a letter to the Mayor and Council with our concerns about the use of this property, specifically the noise issue. The City's noise ordinance revision is awaiting a progress report from the City manager.

10. Adopt-a-road: Bill Tvenstrup that the next Laurel Road cleanup is scheduled for May 15. There were 18 volunteers at the March cleanup. The Sarasota County program coordinator has asked for photos of the team at work.

11. Website changes: Carol Barbieri and Jerry Jasper reported that our website was hacked into and advertising was posted. This was removed with no apparent damage to the site. “Local resources” section with recommended service providers will be added.

12. Website SQL database: Fred Baughman said he is meeting with Joe Santucci in the near future to review the layout of a membership master file. Access will be restricted on a basis to be determined.

13. Binders for board members: Roger Effron suggested that a 3-ring binder be made up for each board member with key documents and information. He asked to spend up to \$500 for this expense and the vote was to approve this purchase.

14. Membership: Bill Dwyer said our membership total is 623 as of today, with over 400 of those in a multi-year program. New resident orientations continue to be an excellent way to recruit new members. The new dues structure with reductions for 2 and 3 year memberships will start immediately, and the 2015 membership form will be revised to show the change. Fred B. will change the Paypal amounts on the website.

15. Capital Bank site closed: This bank’s location on Laurel Rd at Knights Trail has been closed, with the nearest location for the Association’s banking on Laurel Rd at highway 41.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26 at 3:00pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary