

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

**MAY 26, 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

Tom Jones – Secretary

Bill Tvenstrup

1. Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
  
2. Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, said draft #2 of the minutes from the April board meeting had been circulated via e-mail. They were unanimously approved.
  
3. Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, treasurer, said that we have \$65,808 in our accounts and \$37,865 in our restricted account for a total of \$103,673. The D&O (Directors & Officers insurance policy premium was paid this month, and Paypal on our website has been updated to show the new dues amounts for 2 and 3 year memberships.
  
4. Binders for board members: Roger Effron distributed 3-ring binders to each board member which contained our By-Laws, minutes, membership lists, and eventually other subjects. A tab called "policies" will be included later.

5. Membership: Bill Dwyer reported that we are at 625 members. The new resident orientations at the River Club have been discontinued until this fall so that avenue for adding new members is on hold. There was discussion on the date to start 2016 memberships, and there was unanimous agreement to make the date September 1<sup>st</sup>. The 2016 form will be included in the October *Parcels*.

6. Website: Fred Baughman said that there has been no progress on adding an SQL capability. Jerry Jasper said that the “Common Interest” and “Local Resources” sections have been added and are on the same page. Our web designer Joe Santucci has been very busy with his regular job so work with him is delayed until August.

7. Adopt-A-Road: Bill Tvenstrup reported that the May 15 cleanup went very well with many repeat volunteer residents. The next date is Monday, July 13. There was a discussion on placing an additional “sponsored by VGRCCA” sign on Laurel Road, possibly in the westbound direction between the Venetian and Willow Chase. John Moeckel said he would bring this up with a County commissioner.

8. External Affairs Committee:

- Woods Project – John Moeckel reported that during the hearing on this proposed development before the City Council, Deborah Anderson, council member, was very outspoken in support of residents who oppose this project. Neal Communities attorney Jeff Boone has talked about possible legal action if the development is denied. The board consensus is to not take a position on this project because its location is not directly in our sphere of influence.
- City’s purchase of 39 acres at Venice Minerals site – Jerry Jasper said that, in his opinion, City of Venice personnel are in favor of buying this property at an approximate cost of \$850,000. What the land would be used for is undecided, and its possible uses are as a park or to relocate the City’s public works department. The board agreed to actively monitor the status of this proposal.
- Legacy Trail overpass over Laurel Road – Jerry Jasper said that federal money of \$2.1 million has been committed and allocated to this overpass. The board discussed the pros and cons of an overpass, and there was unanimous agreement to write a letter to FDOT (Florida Dept. of Transportation) supporting a redesign of the overpass to make it more aesthetically attractive and also to discourage bikers and walkers from not using the overpass so the traffic light can be removed. Jerry Jasper said he would write the letter and send it to FDOT with a copy to MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization).

9. Summer planning: Roger Effron said that the May *Parcels* included reports from the VCDD and POA and this worked well. Flags along the front entrance for Memorial Day weekend were picked up this morning. He asked for the authorization to buy 30-40 more flags and an amount of \$300 was unanimously approved. Asaro's Italian Restaurant at Plaza Venezia (Pinebrook at Laurel) is now open. Roger will survey board members on their availability for meetings in June, July and August, with our next meeting tentatively planned for June 23. He outlined the things to do this summer:

- Summer tasks – seminar schedule, dropbox, policies and letters assembly, database, website
- Issues to watch – Legacy Trail overpass, Venice Minerals property purchase, Venice Fire Department consolidation, possible City bond issue
- Hurricane readiness team (HRT) – Roger met with the VCDD and POA resident managers on their plans for hurricane preparation. Fred Baughman made a motion to authorize spending up to \$2,000 for emergency equipment, such as radios, lights, bullhorns, etc. There was unanimous approval. Bill Dwyer, Jerry Flood and Tom Jones will meet to determine what equipment should be purchased.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23 at 3:00pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas W. Jones, Secretary