

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

**JUNE 23, 2015**

**AT THE RIVER CLUB**

**VENICE, FLORIDA**

**Board Members in attendance:**

Bill Dwyer – VP

Jerry Jasper – VP

Diane Maskol – VP

Fred Baughman – Treasurer

Bill Tvenstrup

Bob Samuels

Carol Barbieri

Marge Chandler

Jerry Flood

Bruce Smith

1. Call to order: Bill Dwyer, Vice-president, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.
  
2. Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, was absent. The minutes from the May 26 board meeting had been circulated via e-mail. They were unanimously approved.
  
3. Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, treasurer, said that we have \$65,090 in our general accounts and \$37,865 in our restricted account for a total of \$102,955.
  
4. HRT update: Bill Dwyer gave report on HRT (Hurricane Readiness Team) equipment that was recently purchased, including 2-way radios, flashlights, vests, lanterns and megaphone. Board members will store items at their homes.

5. Protocol for e-mail to government officials: Diane Maskol discussed e-mail protocol to local government officials and asked board members not to copy everyone on the board. She suggested that board members send e-mail with a blind copy other board members to avoid misinterpretation by the recipient. Everyone was reminded that emails are public documents. Diane also asked members to copy only the necessary board members on such emails as replies on plans to attend a board meeting.

6. Venice Fire department consolidation: Jerry Jasper gave a report on the Venice Fire Dept. proposed consolidation with Sarasota County. He suggested that board stay current with news and events on this matter.

7. Report on former Venice Minerals property: Jerry Jasper gave an update on the status of the former Venice Minerals property. Constantin Petrescu, Venetian resident, and 10 neighbors met with Mayor Holic to discuss the possibility of the City purchasing the 34 acre VM site for future City use. Jerry suggested that the board go on record with the City that we are included in any discussions regarding the future use of the Ajax property being considered for purchase by the City. Limitations on all uses for the property are not detailed in the original pre-annexation agreement but are stipulated in a separate Ajax-VGRCCA agreement. There was unanimous approval to appoint Jerry Jasper to be liaison with City to monitor this matter.

8. Schedule of Seminars for 2015-16: Bill Dwyer discussed the 2015-16 schedule of VGRCCA sponsored seminars and events developed by a subcommittee comprised of Carol Barbieri, Bill Dwyer, Jerry Flood and Roger Effron.

9. Flags on 4<sup>th</sup> of July: Bill Dwyer reminded the board that American flags would be placed at VG&RC entry on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

10. Adopt-a-highway signs: Bill Dwyer suggested that County Commissioner Alan Maio provide more visible signage (close to Willow Chase entrance) showing the VGRCCA's adopt-a-highway portion of Laurel Rd.

11. Sympathy cards: Bill Dwyer mentioned, on behalf of Roger Efron, that an “act of kindness” sympathy card be sent by the board when learning of recent death of a VG&RC resident and a formation of a “bereavement” sub-committee. The motion was rejected by a vote of 8 No and 2 Yes.

12. Venice Traffic Study task force report: Jerry Jasper discussed the recently-created Venice Traffic Study task force. He advised Councilman Bob Daniels of the lack of representation for residents of North Venice. Bob Daniels and City Manager Ed LaVallee have agreed to include a North Venice resident. Jerry made a motion to appoint Carol Barbieri for this position and the vote to approve was unanimous.

13. Possible Merger of POA and VGRCCA: Jerry Jasper gave an update on the POA Transition Committee. He mentioned that Marshall Happer, a resident who demurred from being on the committee, has stated that it was the original intent that the VGRCCA and POA merge once the POA board was controlled by Venetian homeowners. There was a lengthy discussion of the direction and scope of the new POA’s authority and interests as it concerns duplication with CA goals and mission statement. It was asked if both groups could merge together in a harmonious and mutually beneficial process. Jerry proposed that the board vote on a “feasibility study” to be undertaken by members of the CA Board. After much discussion, Diane Maskol made motion to suspend discussion of feasibility study by the CA Board at this time and Bob Samuels seconded the motion. The vote to suspend discussion was 7 Yes and 3 No. It was suggested that the topic be addressed again this fall.

14. Database being developed: Fred Baughman discussed the new features to be included in the developing VGRCCA database with assistance from Joe Santucci. Fred also discussed the drop box being consolidated and set up so that all CA Board members would have access to it.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25 at 3:00pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas W. Jones, Secretary