

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

SEPTEMBER 29, 2015

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

Roger Effron – Exec VP

Bill Dwyer – VP

Jerry Jasper – VP

Diane Maskol – VP

Fred Baughman – Treasurer

Bob Samuels

Carol Barbieri

Guests:

Annette Dwyer

Rich Cautero

1. Call to order: Roger Effron, Exec VP, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. At the onset of the meeting, those in attendance were Bob Samuels, Bill Dwyer, Jerry Jasper, Fred Baughman and Diane Maskol. As the number of Board members present did not meet the requirements of a quorum, the meeting at this time was unofficial discussions. Approximately mid-way through the meeting, Carol Barbieri joined the meeting, thus the requirement for a quorum was met and the meeting was official.

2. Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, was absent. The minutes from the August 23 meeting were circulated previously via email and were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, treasurer, distributed the monthly financial report via email to all Board members. There were no questions or concerns this report.

New Business

4. School fund-raising program: Resident Annette Dwyer asked the Board to support a program, which she will run, accepting cereal box tops as part of a fund raising program for the Laurel Nokomis School. She would set up collection points at the River Club and Golf Club. The Board thought this was a worthy project and agreed to publicize it in *Parcels*.

5. Discussion with Councilman-elect Rich Cautero: The Board spent about 25 minutes talking about issues with Councilman-Elect Rich Cautero. Rich said he was appreciative of the opportunity and indicated his openness for future discussions.

6. Data Base: Treasurer Fred Baughman gave a demonstration of the new data system, which basically provides the membership status of every resident. The Board complimented Fred and Bill Dwyer, who worked together on this project. The Board also went through an exercise to see how to get on the system and how it works.

7. Membership Drive: Bill Dwyer, membership chair, reported that letters have been sent to those whose membership is updated and those who have to renew this year. The data system needs to go through some more changes before Bill is confident that the third group, those who have not been members in 2015, is more accurate.

8. External Issues: Jerry Jasper gave a report on this topic, which includes:

- Lift Station Aesthetics -- in the absence of Jerry, Roger Efron, on behalf of the VGRCCA, made a brief statement to City Council regarding the need to improve the aesthetics of the lift station on Laurel Rd.
- Fire Department -- It appears the consolidation issue will go on the March ballot.
- Knight's Trail -- the county has taken up the possibility of extending Knight's Trail. Jerry Jasper indicated that this will be a long process and he will monitor its progress.
- Traffic Committee -- the Traffic Advisory Task Force is in full operation and has asked the VGRC Community Association to host their meeting at the Venetian. Jerry will find a date that is suitable to all.

- Signage -- Approval has been given to the signage for the Villages of Milano project on Jacaranda Blvd.

Activities and Events

9. Flu Shots: Bill Dwyer and Marge Chandler supervised the flu shot event at the Venetian in conjunction with Publix. The event was well attended with over 80 residents receiving shots. Bill suggested that if we do this again, we urge Publix to get to the site earlier. Diane Maskol indicated that she heard from one participant who had to pay for her shots even on Medicare and was somewhat upset thinking it would be free.

10. CPR training: This event is scheduled for Monday, October 19th. Requests to participate are coming in fast, according to Roger Efron.

11. Candidate Forum: Everything is set for the upcoming Candidate Forum at the River Club on Oct. 13. Rich Cautero will be introduced and speak briefly, with the remainder of the time devoted to the two candidates running for the open council seat.

12. Green Thumb Seminar: Our first educational seminar will be the Green Thumb seminar. Renee Pearlman has done an outstanding job of coordinating the event, and Roger Efron will take care of the publicity.

13. Supporting our Projects: Roger Efron emphasized to all Board members the importance of attending as many as possible of the various events and seminars that the Community Association sponsors.

14. Photos of events: Roger Efron indicated that when we have an event, it would be helpful to have pictures that could be placed in *Parcels*. He suggested that the pictures include individuals “in action” rather than posed pictures.

15. Parcels Distribution/New Finds: Printed copies of *Parcels* are being distributed in plastic holders at the Golf Club and River Club. There will also be a slight change in formatting in the November issue.

16. Talk it Up Board: Roger Effron indicated that all Board members are the mouthpieces of the organizations. We live in different areas of the community and have our select interests and hobbies. We must “talk it up” when interacting with fellow residents, whether it is an upcoming seminar, a special event, what we are working on, or membership. We have to be our own cheerleaders.

Other Business:

17. Board member responsibilities: Bill Dwyer highlighted that being a Board member means a responsibility to attend Board meetings, participate in activities, do the necessary homework before each meeting, and respond in a timely manner to emails as appropriate. All of these add up to an effective Board and organization.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 26 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary