

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

**NOVEMBER 17, 2015**

**AT THE RIVER CLUB**

**VENICE, FLORIDA**

**Board Members in attendance:**

John Moeckel – President  
Roger Effron – Exec VP  
Bill Dwyer – VP  
Diane Maskol – VP  
Jerry Jasper – VP  
Fred Baughman - Treasurer  
Jerry Flood  
Bob Samuels  
Carol Barbieri  
Bruce Smith  
Bill Tvenstrup

**Call to order:** John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

**Secretary's report:** Tom Jones, secretary, was absent. The minutes from the September 29 and October 26 meetings were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Fred Baughman, treasurer, distributed the monthly financial report via email to all Board members. Our account balance is \$111,455, with \$37,865 in a restricted account for landscape buffering. Fred recommended creating an operating budget for 2016 to include line items for events, seminars, town hall mtg., parcels, advertising, etc. A committee was formed of Fred, Bruce Smith and Diane Maskol to study this proposal.

## **New Business**

1. **Flags for Display:** After discussion, the board gave unanimous approval for the purchase of 100 additional flags at a maximum expense of \$500 for use on selected holidays along the Venetian entrance.
  
2. **Survey:** The board discussed using “SurveyMonkey” or other survey application for membership or other specific data. This discussion was continued to the next meeting.
  
3. **Reminder signs for Comp Plan meeting:** There was a discussion and recommendation that signs be placed at the front gate as a reminder for the Comp Plan meetings on December 7.
  
4. **Comp Plan meeting e-blast:** A committee was formed to compose the e-blast for the Comp Plan meeting, and this committee will be John Moeckel, Jerry Jasper, and Carol Barbieri.
  
5. **Toscana Isles report:** John Moeckel gave a report on the Toscana Isles development. He said that John Peshkin, principal of the developing company Vanguard Land, will look at color samples to possibly repaint the retaining wall along Laurel Road and add shrubbery to improve improving the appearance of this structure and the nearby lift station.
  
6. **Venice Fire Department consolidation:** The City may be ready to place this question on the March 2016 ballot as a bond issue for vote.
  
7. **2040 Comp Plan:** Jerry Jasper presented several maps showing future enhancements to the County’s 2040 comp plan. The principal point of discussion was the extension of Knights Trail north to Clark Road (at the Bee Ridge Road Extension intersection) as well as a connection to the I-75/681 interchange. This would provide an additional North-South route east of I-75, when the Jacaranda Laurel Road link is considered, similar to the Honore Ave. thoroughfare west of I-75. There was discussion whether the VGRCCA board should take position on this at this time, as it will impact our community. John Moeckel will send an email to the board to give his thoughts on taking a position on a conceptual level only. A motion was unanimously approved that John would author a letter for board approval, and afterward it would be sent to Sarasota County commissioners and the County planning commission.
  
8. **Traffic Task force report:** Carol Barbieri gave a report on the December 3rd meeting of the Venice strategic traffic committee. Four members had resigned, so there were not enough for a quorum. They discussed traffic created by multiple events being held at the same time, causing gridlock traffic. Ed Lavallee plans to appoint additional members.

9. External Affairs Committee: John Moeckel said that Jerry Jasper has agreed to remain on the board's external affairs committee. If he is elected to the POA board, he might remain as our contact with city and county politicians as well as residential developers and industrial companies to the north. Jerry will stay in this role until 1/1/16, after which time he will advise if he will continue in that role or not.

10. Merger of VGRCCA and POA: The board had lengthy discussion on viability of merging the VGRCCA with the new POA board after 1/1/16. Nothing was decided. Roger Effron suggested that the executive committee be allowed to hold meetings without the knowledge of the full board involving this merger. No decision was made.

11. Board Vacancies: Marge Chandler will be resigning from the board. Diane Maskol will chair the committee to find replacement. Carol Barbieri will assist her.

12. Executive Committee replacement: Roger Effron made a motion to have Bill Tvenstrup become the newest member of the executive committee effective 12/1/15. This was unanimously approved.

13. Membership: Bill Dwyer reported that more membership letters have been sent out, and we're up to 480 paid members for 2016 with more renewals coming in daily. An e-blast will be sent in mid-December as a reminder of the dues discounts before the end of the year. Our new management system has been very helpful in this membership drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas W. Jones, Secretary