

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

MARCH 22, 2016

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AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

March 22 regular board meeting:

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Effron – Exec VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Diane Maskol – VP
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Carol Barbieri
Diane Bazlamit
Fred Williamson

Residents/Homeowners attending:

Jerry Jasper
Tom Long
Mike Houpt

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:31pm. He introduced Tom Long and Mike Houpt as possible new board members who attended this meeting as guests.

Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, said that the minutes from the February meeting had been previously circulated for revisions via e-mail. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, treasurer, distributed the monthly financial report via email to all Board members. Our account balance is \$113,432 with \$37,865 of this in a restricted account for landscape buffering. Fred previously provided all board members with a copy of the proposed budget for 2016. It was reviewed and comments made and unanimously approved. A motion was made and seconded to authorize an expenditure of up to \$10,000 for attorney fees to come from the landscape buffering reserve account. After discussion, this motion was rescinded.

New Business

1. External Affairs issue #1 – Crush-It concrete crushing plant: John Moeckel and Jerry Jasper reported they are working with John Peshkin, developer of the nearby community Toscana Isles, on strategies to deal with this proposed operation. Crush-It has agreed to pay up to \$3,500 for an acoustical study of a temporary operation which they will set up on the property. No date has been set for this test, and Crush-It has not yet filed an application with the City for this business. Discussion on this issue was lengthy.
2. External Affairs issue #2 – Bridges Project & affordable housing: John Moeckel reported that Mayor Holic has met with the Gulf Coast Community Foundation to encourage them to donate this land for workforce/affordable housing, a new police station, school, and park.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – Sheriff’s Dept. Maintenance Facility: John Moeckel reported that County-owned land at the intersection of Laurel Road and Honore Ave. may be used to build a maintenance facility. There were no further details. A meeting with the Sheriff is scheduled.
4. External Affairs issue #3 – Parks survey: John Moeckel will ask the City manager to keep the parks survey on the City’s website until the end of this month in hopes of getting more survey input from Venetian residents.
5. External Affairs issue #4 – Venice Minerals site purchase: Jerry Jasper reported that the City has a budget deficit due to a shortfall in pension funds, and the \$850,000 in the budget that was intended to be used to pay for the purchase of the VM site will be needed for the pension fund.
6. External Affairs committee: John Moeckel said that we need to plan and coordinate the activity of this committee. He suggested that we join the Tiger Bay Club and appoint someone to attend their monthly meetings. A motion to spend \$100 for the annual dues was unanimously approved.
7. Sarasota Memorial Hospital: John Moeckel suggested a letter-writing campaign to support SMH expansion to Venice, and he will meet with Joe DeVirgilio, SMH board member, to plan this.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm in order to attend the VGRCCA Annual Meeting.

Meeting reconvened after Annual Meeting: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting back to order at 5:45pm.

The following nominations for the board officer positions were made:

- President – John Moeckel
- Exec VP – Roger Effron
- Treasurer – Fred Baughman
- Secretary – Tom Jones
- VP – Diane Maskol
- VP – Bill Dwyer
- VP – Carol Barbieri

The vote was unanimous for the full slate of officers.

A discussion followed on board openings and the reasons for resignations. It was agreed to do exit interviews, where possible, with those who have left the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55pm.

Friday, March 25th at 3:00pm Meeting of the External Affairs committee was held at the home of John Moeckel.

Attending: Tom Jones, Carol Barbieri, John Moeckel, and Jerry Jasper. Absent: Bob Samuels

The External Affairs Committee met to discuss a number of important issues which are of concern to the Community Association due to the possible impact each one may have on the VG&RC homeowners. Jerry Jasper was named the chair of the committee.

CA Board members Diane Bazlamit, Fred Williamson are interested in joining this committee. If Tom Long joins the Board he is interested also. Their possible addition will be discussed at a future CA Board meeting.

The committee reviewed a list of 13 issues, which John Moeckel had compiled, so as to prioritize them in order of urgency regarding the CA's interest in taking a position publicly. Issues discussed included the concrete crushing business, the affordable housing issue being promoted by the Mayor, former Venice Minerals property, etc.

Committee assignments: Members will serve as a liaison to make regular contact with various city and county government officials so as to stay current on these and other relevant matters.

Assignments are:

- Mayor Holic: John/Tom
- Ed Lavallee: Carol

Fred Fraize: Tom
Bob Daniels: Jerry
Rich Cautero: Jerry
Deborah Anderson: Tom
Jeff Shrum: Jerry
Barry Synder: Jerry/Tom
John V, Parks: Jerry
Al Maio: John
Charlie Hines: Carol
Nancy Detert (if Elected): John
Sheriff Tom Knight: John
PID Corporations: Jerry
Liaison to Willow Chase: Tom
Liaison to Fire Department: Roger
Liaison to Police Department: Roger
Liaison to Venice Park Board: Roger.
Liaison to Sarasota Memorial Hospital: John
Liaison to Pat Neal, John Peshkin: Jerry

Venice Planning Department Weekly Report: Jerry to retrieve and send to committee.

Projects assignments are:

Concrete Crushing: Jerry/John
Affordable Housing: Jerry/John
Venice Traffic Study: Carol
Portofino Project: Carol
Comprehensive Plan Update: Jerry/Tom
Tiger Bay Rep: John
Letter Writing to Support Sarasota Memorial Hospital: John

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

March 29 regular board meeting:

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Effron – Exec VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Diane Maskol – VP
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Carol Barbieri
Diane Bazlamit
Fred Williamson

Residents/Homeowners attending:

Jackie Del Negro

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the special board meeting to order at 3:31pm.

1. Board member openings: John Moeckel reviewed that Tom Long and Mike Houpt attended last week's meeting as potential new members. Diane Maskol introduced Jackie Del Negro as another interested potential member. Fred Williamson led a discussion on the organization, structure and purpose of our board, as well as the optimum number of members and full-time vs. part-year residents. There was unanimous approval of Tom Long as a new board member.

2. Marketing activities: Roger Effron covered the upcoming seminar on weather, and then discussed a possible date to meet with Council member and Venetian resident Rich Caetero. This meeting would be open to the community and held similar to a town hall meeting. It was suggested that Monday, May 2nd would be a good date to consider. Roger reviewed the new brochure which outlines the role and objectives of the VGRCCA and is being distributed around the community. He then gave a report to assess this season's events and activities and how to plan for next year. Included: topic selection, advertising, attendance, best day of the week, attendees comments, qualification of speakers, memberships gained, which seminars to continue or repeat, survey to members about seminars, tri-fold announcement brochure, and ideas for new events beginning this fall. There was a lengthy discussion on these topics.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary