

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

APRIL 26, 2016

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

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

Member of External Affairs committee:

Jerry Jasper

Homeowner guests:

David Salerno

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

Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, said that the draft minutes from the March meetings (2) and a committee meeting were combined into one set and were previously circulated for comments and revisions via e-mail. The draft minutes from the March annual meeting were previously circulated via e-mail. The vote for approval of all minutes was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, treasurer, distributed the monthly financial report via email to all Board members. Our total account balance is \$113,856 and we have \$37,865 in a restricted account for landscape buffering. Fred reported that volunteers are covered under our liability policy for up to \$1 million. For an additional \$1 million, the cost is \$625 per year. There was discussion on the need to go higher since we don't own any property and our assets are just over \$100,000. Fred and Tom Long will meet to review what coverage is needed and justified.

New Business

1. External Affairs issue #1 -- concrete crushing operation: Jerry Jasper reported that the City won't issue a temporary use permit for an acoustical test due to outstanding violations of a road installation and tree removal without a permit. Crush-It's phase 1 plan is to submit a site development plan showing the road and tree work already done and then the temporary permit will be issued to allow the acoustical test.
2. External Affairs issue #2 – Bridges Project: Jerry Jasper said there is no further news on this issue and it appears that the Gulf Coast Community Foundation is unwilling to donate their land to the City as the Mayor wishes.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – Venice traffic advisory board: Carol Barbieri reported that she is the vice-chair of this board and it will be meeting monthly. Board members have re-written their objectives and goals on traffic management strategies.
4. External Affairs issue #4 – Meeting with Al Maio and Sheriff Knight: John Moeckel reported on this March 31 meeting where a proposed Sheriff's Dept. vehicle maintenance facility on County-owned land at the corner of Honore Ave. and Laurel Road was discussed. The funds for this building will be part of the County's November bond issue. The Venetian group, consisting of John, Jerry Jasper, Tom Jones, and Roger Effron, saw no reason to oppose this proposed facility.
5. External Affairs issue #5 – Venice Minerals site: Jerry Jasper reported that there is now firm funding for the City to purchase this 39 acre site. Jerry and John Moeckel will be meeting with the City manager on possible uses for this land and conditions for use. Some suggestions are parks, a US Post Office distribution center, and a City water utility booster pump site.
6. External Affairs issue #6 – parks: John Moeckel and Jerry Jasper said that the City's parks consultant will hold an all-day session on May 17 to take public input. The City's Parks and Recreation board is pushing for more parks on Venice island, so a VG&RC resident is needed on this board to more fairly represent NE Venice.
7. External Affairs issue #7 – Sarasota Memorial Hospital facility: John Moeckel updated the board that SMH received a sufficient number of letters in support of the proposed new facility on Laurel Road. We are awaiting the state board decision in June.
8. Membership: Bill Dwyer said that our total of members is now at 666, and active solicitation of new members is over for this year. The info brochure on the Association has been very helpful in promoting and explaining our mission. A survey is planned to go to non-members with a few questions to ask their reasons for not joining. It was suggested that the Venetian residents' directory could have a more prominent presentation of all Venetian organizations, including the CA. Also, more new resident orientations could be held next season than the two sessions that we had this year.

9. Marketing activities: Roger Effron said that a “coffee and conversation with Rich”, featuring Venice Council member Rich Cautero, will be held on May 9 at 8am at the River Club. *Parcels* has received a dozen replies to requests for feedback, all with positive comments. There was discussion on a possible classified ad section in *Parcels* or on the website, and this was continued to our next meeting. There have been a few requests for a garage sale, however this activity would be handled by the POA board.

10. Board openings: John Moeckel said that at one time there were 43 members of this board. Now we are chartered for 13 positions and we have 2 openings. There was discussion of whether to reduce the number to 11. A motion to change the board to 11 was unanimously approved. John said he would work on the necessary changes to our By-laws for ratification at the May meeting. There was consensus to ask non-board members to assist on specific projects where and when the need arises.

11. Hurricane Readiness Team: Roger Effron said he plans to meet with Kareen Richard (VCDD on-site manager) and Christine Klopotic (POA property manager) to review VG&RC planning for a hurricane situation, and other board members will be invited.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary