

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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President (via phone)
Roger Effron – Exec VP
Carol Barbieri – VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Tom Jones – Secretary
Bob Samuels

Call to order: Roger Effron, Executive VP, called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.

Secretary's report: Tom Jones, secretary, said that the draft minutes from the July meeting were previously circulated for comments and revisions via e-mail. The vote for approval was unanimous.

Treasurer's report: There was no report.

New Business

1. External Affairs issue #1 – Lennar purchase offer to WCI: John Moeckel lead the discussion on Lennar Corporation's offer to purchase WCI, who has 35 days to accept. In discussions with WCI people, they feel that there will be no changes to the build out plans at VG&RC, while the eventual sale of the golf course and Welcome Center are still uncertain.
2. External Affairs issue #2 – Sarasota Memorial Hospital plan for Venice facility: John Moeckel reported that letters from Tervis Tumbler, PGT, John Peshkin, Mayor Holic, and others, along with Willow Chase and Venetian homeowners groups, have been sent to SMH in support of their new proposal to the State for a Venice facility.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – Crush-It plant: No update on the plan for this site.

4. External Affairs issue #4 – Mini-storage development on Laurel Rd. at Knights Trail: John Moeckel said there is a meeting on Oct. 5 with the EA committee and the attorney for the owner of this property.

5. External Affairs issue #5 – I-75 BOLD landscaping project: John Moeckel reported that the plan is to begin work on this project on Sept. 28.

6. VGRCCA website: Carol Barbieri said that the newly updated website is up and running with good feedback. Submittals are needed for the “Wall of something”.

7. Membership: Bill Dwyer reported that membership drive letters are ready to be sent out, and he’s waiting for the final schedule of events to include in the mailing. We have 362 members paid in advance for 2017, and the goal is 750 vs. 660 for 2016. Bill asked board members to increase their 1 on 1 contact with residents about joining, and to come to the next meeting with specific ideas about how to become more involved in the membership drive.

8. HRT (hurricane readiness team) preparation and involvement: Roger Effron said residents responded very well to the broadcast for volunteers and people are set in the key positions.

9. October event schedule: Roger Effron said the candidate forum is set for Oct. 10, with both mayoral candidates and 5 of 6 VCDD candidates planning to attend. There were replies to our broadcast asking to extend the event to 2 hours, however the format will remain at about 75-80 minutes. *Parcels* readers replied with few questions for the Q&A portion of the forum. On Oct. 17, the “Coffee & Conversation with Ed Lavallee” is scheduled at the River Club, the garden seminar on Oct. 18, and flu shots on Oct. 24.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 25 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary