

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.

NOVEMBER 28, 2017

AT THE RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Efron – Exec VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Diane Maskol – VP
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Bob Samuels
Diane Bazlamit
Tom Long

Guests:

Jerry Jasper – External Affairs committee chair

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Secretary's report: Tom Jones, Secretary, said the minutes from the October meetings were previously circulated via email. They were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, gave the financial report, and we have \$74,483 in operating cash and \$37,865 in the landscape buffering reserve. Legal bills will result in a loss in our finances this year. He proposed that we combine our landscape buffering reserve with our current reserve into a general reserve, and the vote was unanimous to do this. There was also a unanimous vote to pay the legal bills from this reserve.

New Business

1. External Affairs issue #1 – 700 Gene Green LLC (McLeod Concrete Crushing): Jerry Jasper said that the Venice City Council approved the appeal by this company at the November 14 Council meeting. So far, there is no indication that McLeod will reinstate his lawsuit against the Association. Jerry said that our liability insurance only covers our legal expenses in a lawsuit, but not any damages.

2. External Affairs issue #2 – Dona Bay water storage facility: Jerry Jasper reported that Sarasota County plans to use City of Venice property at the end of Gene Green Road as a staging area for equipment and pumps as they prepare the area. Jerry will talk to Rich Cautero (City Council) and Ed Lavallee (City manager) about stipulations on noise, truck activity, etc.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – Neal Properties development east of Milano: This future development was discussed and concern was expressed for smoke and ash from burning that will be done during land clearing.

4. Membership Drive: Bill Dwyer said we now have 687 paid members for 2018, with many first-time members due largely to the HRT performance in September. The November new member orientation was also a helpful recruiting event.

5. Upcoming seminars: Roger Effron reviewed the upcoming events:

- “Up close conversation” with Sheriff Tom Knight was postponed and a new date will be determined
- Jan. 6 is “Bike-O-Rama” and there was a discussion on how to end the event as a courtesy to Bicycles International. There was a unanimous vote to spend \$250 to buy miscellaneous items as handouts at the event.

Staffing for these seminars is needed.

6. CPR signup: This event is scheduled for the morning and afternoon of January 30. Bill Dwyer said there is interest in signing up already, and Roger will promote this on the website.

7. Board resignation: Carol Barbieri has resigned as a board member, due mostly, according to Roger Effron, to her concern over the liability risk to her with the McLeod lawsuit. There was a discussion on the lessons learned from this case regarding communications, process, and liability. Roger suggested a broadcast to find a new board member.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 19 at 3pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary