

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
FEBRUARY 27, 2018
AT THE VENETIAN 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
Jerry Jasper
Fred Williamson
Tom Long
Diane Bazlamit

Lew Perry (Ext Affairs committee member)

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 January meeting were previously circulated via email. They were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, gave the financial report, and we have total operating cash of \$108,515 with \$52,277 of this in our reserve. Our legal bills caused a deficit for 2017 of \$16,058. For 2018, \$24,150 is being budgeted, and this amount was unanimously approved. There was a discussion of doing a postcard mailing to promote the Town Hall meeting, and the request for the expense was withdrawn. The cost for a CPR certificate is now \$17 each, and the Association will cover this cost for all members who take the class.

External Affairs issues:

1. External Affairs issue #1 – Meeting with Mitzie Fiedler: The discussion on Jan. 30 covered Venetian interests and concerns with our surrounding developments. She’s fully informed of our positions.

External Affairs committee meeting notes: The EA committee met on Feb. 13th and these topics were discussed (notes by Lew Perry):

- 2201 Knights Trail Apartments: Jerry Jasper stated he talked with the Realtor of the project who said there is a new firm wanting to build the apartments and will let us know who it is after he has talks with the City and County. Jerry said he is willing to work with us when they are ready to move forward. The only thing he did say about the firm was that they are experienced in building apartments.
- Noise Test for McLeod Crushing Plant: Jerry Jasper said that the Venice Police Department will be responsible for conducting the test. It was expressed that we participate in the test. It is unknown when the test will be conducted. Lew said he would contact the Chief of Police to discuss the test and see if the Chief would meet with the EA Committee. Jerry will send a copy the stipulation agreement to Lew. Questions of where dose the measurement take place to measure the noise. Day time vs Night time, from public and/or private property. During the discussion it was also suggested that Lew inquire of the Chief about assigning the Venetian another Community Officer.
- Noise Ordinance -- County vs City: It was felt that the existing ordinance for the city was more beneficial to us than the County code as presently written, and a meeting with the Code Enforcement Officer was needed. Lew Perry said he would also contact the Code Enforcement Officer and discuss the pre-annexation agreement and get clarity on the hours of operation, and other items within the agreement. It appears that the required noise berm is missing, despite crushing operations going on.
- Neal Communities: Jerry Jasper said that the CDD gave Neal permission to do a traffic speed and traffic count test in our community to assist them in their road planning.
- Sarasota Memorial Hospital and Venice Bayfront Hospital: Jerry Jasper said that SMH is expecting a judgment anytime now. That they are proceeding as if they had the approval. A representative from SMH will be at the Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 26th.
- Completed items:
 - >Regarding the burning of land clearing debris, it was determined that all burning for land clearing is permitted through the Dept. of Forestry. They inform the Fire Departments of the permits, but nothing can be done to change it at this time as it is a permitted use.
 - >Regarding the Treviso Grand Apartments on Knights Trail, Mike King stated that the first building and the club house will be completed by January of 2019.

2. External Affairs issue #2 – Habitat property on Knights Trail: Jerry Jasper explained that the reason Habitat wants to sell the property is that John Peshkin had agreed to furnish certain utilities to the property when available from his Portofino development. It now appears that this could be a considerable time in the future. A Council member had agreed before the meeting to suggest the City, as the original donor of the property, take it back and use it for a pickelball and off-leash dog park. This didn't happen. Two Venetian residents did make this suggestion during the public comment period. Roger Effron and Bill Dwyer will talk to their Habitat contacts about any misunderstanding on our support for this organization.

Seminars & events:

1. Town Hall Meeting on Feb. 2: our best-ever attendance with over 675 attendees. Comments were offered by officials such as Al Maio that this was a terrific turnout and a well-planned meeting. Speakers presented well and kept mostly on time, with a good selection of topics. In the future, car pooling would be helpful, as some people came and left due to no parking available.

2. Upcoming seminars: Ajax visit next week; Venice history on March 19; alligators on March 27; possible event on wills & trusts. There was a lengthy discussion about holding a discussion on school safety, and in the end, it was decided not to cover this subject.

3. HRT texting: Roger Effron suggested that we add text alerts for hurricane notices on an active storm. He'll look into the cost of adding and administering this feature.

4. Flag placement leader: Norm Lowe, who has been the event leader, is moving and a replacement is needed. Fred Williamson volunteered to head the team for the 3 days each year.

Meetings:

1. Annual meeting: to be held on March 27 at 5:30pm, followed by a board meeting to elect officers.

Membership: Bill Dwyer reported that we're now at 880, which is 135 over last year.

Future of the VGRCCA: John Moeckel asked about summer schedules and who will handle the work load. Diane Bazlamit, Tom Long & Tom Jones said they'll be here and available for projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary