

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

APRIL 3, 2018

AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Diane Maskol – Exec VP
Roger Effron –VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Tom Jones – Secretary
Bob Samuels
Tom Long
Diane Bazlamit
Lew Perry

Guests:

Fred Williamson
Rick Mengel

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. He introduced Rick Mengel as the new chair of the Laurel Road cleanup team

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

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, was absent, so John Moeckel gave the financial report. We have \$107,359 in our account, with \$67,865 of this in a reserve. We have \$14,545 in deferred dues for 2019-22.

External Affairs issues:

1. External Affairs issue #1 – Pickleball courts: With growing support for pickleball courts in our area, the VCDD and River Club are looking into if a part of the parking lot nearest the tennis courts could be converted to 2 pickleball courts. Also, Laurel-Nokomis School's tennis courts may be a possible site, with restriping necessary for them to also be used for pickleball. There was a unanimous vote to support the conversion of L-N School tennis courts.
2. External Affairs issue #2 – Habitat For Humanity meeting: Roger Effron said that the local Habitat chair is willing to meet with the board. There was unanimous approval to hold a meeting during our April 24 board meeting.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – Neal Communities “Family Life” neighborhood: Jerry Jasper reported on Neal's proposed new homes which would have exterior plank siding accents and flat tile roofs. This deviates from the usual Northern Italian design in our area. After a long discussion, a motion was made and the vote was 6-4 to oppose this design.
4. External Affairs issue #4 – Venice Hospital: John Moeckel said he and Roger Effron met with Rob Moore, CEO of Venice Bayfront Hospital. They aired views and he was very open to discussion on the future of hospitals in the Venice area.
5. External Affairs issue #5 – Code enforcement: Jerry Jasper and Lew Perry reported that the City of Venice is looking at noise measuring procedures.
6. External Affairs issue #6 – Dona Bay water storage: Jerry Jasper said he has sent questions to the County on this water storage project and he is awaiting answers.

Seminars & events:

1. Future events: Roger Effron asked for suggestions on seminar and event planning for the 2018-19 season. There was a discussion on holding the CPR seminars at a cost of \$17 each to the Association.
2. HRT texting: Roger Effron said that it's best to stay with text alerts for hurricane notices just to the HRT team.

Meetings:

1. Meetings with politicians: John Moeckel said that an invitation is planned to go to Chuck Newsome (new City Council member) for a discussion with the board. John will check with Al Maio (County Commissioner) about a possible meeting with the External Affairs committee.

Membership: Bill Dwyer reported that we're now at 899 members, with 425 paid for 2019.

Misc. issues: John Moeckel said that Fred Williamson has volunteered to serve as chair of the flag placement detail. Jerry Jasper reported that the City water department will fund the back-flow preventer maintenance and replacement. Roger Effron suggested that we discuss a donation of approximately \$1,500 to the River Club for a new sound system.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary