

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

APRIL 24, 2018

AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

John Moeckel – President
Roger Efron –VP
Bill Dwyer – VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Fred Baughman - Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Bob Samuels
Tom Long
Lew Perry

Guests:

Dee Danmeyer – Habitat for Humanity executive director
Emily Shaw – Habitat for Humanity community outreach coordinator

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 2:46pm. He introduced Dee Danmeyer and Emily Shaw from Habitat for Humanity, who were invited to join the board for a discussion.

Dee explained that their houses planned for the corner of Knights Trail and Laurel Road have been pushed back due to the Peshkin development delays. They have applied to the City of Venice for a 10 year extension. She and Emily discussed their roles with Habitat and the demographics of the typical Habitat homeowner.

Dee and Emily left the meeting at 3:12pm. John Moeckel called the meeting back to order at that time.

Secretary's report: Tom Jones, Secretary, said the minutes from the March meeting on April 3, 2018 were previously circulated via email. They were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, gave the financial report. We have \$107,443 in our account, with \$67,865 of this in a reserve.

External Affairs issues:

1. External Affairs issue #1 – Dona Bay project: Jerry Jasper reported on the meeting on April 23 between representatives from the POA, VCDD and CA boards and several Sarasota County employees. There was a discussion on how our noise concerns will be handled, and sub-contractors will be monitored for excess noise. There was a discussion on how to publicize this project, and the County plans to hold informative meetings in the North Venice area before the start of construction.
2. External Affairs issue #2 – letters to crushing operators: Jerry Jasper reported that the City has sent letters to both Crush-It and McLeod Crushing that 3 things need to be completed before they go into commercial operation (final inspection, issuance of CO, and issuance of business tax receipt). There was consensus to include a note in *Parcels* that the City is monitoring these two plants.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – Pickleball courts: John Moeckel said that Laurel-Nokomis School has agreed to restripe 3 of their tennis courts for pickleball use. There was a question on what hours they'll be available or how they'll be publicized.
4. External Affairs issue #4 – Venice noise ordinance: Lew Perry said he has the name of the attorney who wrote the noise ordinance and he will contact him to get his input concerning changes to the Venice noise ordinance.
5. External Affairs issue #5 – Venice fire fee: Jerry Jasper gave an update on the City's fire fee debate and proposals. There was a discussion on whether the board wants to get involved in this debate at this time, and it was agreed to put a general information article in *Parcels*.

Seminars & events:

1. 2018-19 events: Roger Effron is looking for ideas on next season's events, and these were discussed: scams & computer security, Habitat for Humanity, Tidewell Hospice, stem cell therapy, tax planning, memory care, podiatry, and a volunteer fair.
2. E-mail blasts: Roger Effron lead the discussion of our policy on this subject, and it was agreed that the focus should be on general interest topics and activities. Limits should be placed on events which we don't sponsor.

Meetings:

1. Meetings with politicians: John Moeckel said he's looking into scheduling 5pm "talk sessions" with Rich Cautero and Mitzie Fiedler, and possibly Al Maio and Sheriff Knight.

Membership: Bill Dwyer reported that we're now at 907 members. He and Roger lead a discussion on how to reach non-members and opt-outs.

Misc. issues:

1. **Insurance:** Tom Long reported on his investigation into renewals for our liability insurance. He will proceed with a renewal of our D&O liability insurance from June until next February, and then obtain an umbrella liability policy to go along with our general liability policy. This will place all of our policies on the same renewal schedule beginning in February of every year.

2. **Community betterment project:** John Moeckel asked about the landscaping along our entrance driveway and if the Association should contribute funds to improving it. Jerry Jasper said the VCDD has plans for new landscaping, so we should wait. Roger Effron recommended we contribute \$750 toward the River Club's new sound system, and he also suggested spending \$100 on a plaque for the new flagpole to identify it as a gift from the Association. There was unanimous approval for both.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19pm.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 22 at 3pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary