

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

JUNE 26, 2018

AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

Diane Maskol – Exec VP
Roger Efron –VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Tom Jones – Secretary
Diane Bazlamit

Call to order: Diane Maskol, Exec VP, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. WITH ONLY 5 BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE, A QUORUM WAS NOT REACHED SO THIS WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING.

Secretary’s report: Because this wasn’t an official meeting, the minutes from May’s meeting could not be approved. The May minutes draft has been circulated to the board for comments.

Treasurer’s report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, was absent. Per his pre-meeting report, we have \$104,159 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 that County Commissioner Al Maio asked Jonathan Davis, County administrator, to specify electric pumps for water removal. Lake water will be pumped into the south recharge ditch to limit the water level effect on VG&RC.

2. **External Affairs issue #2 – storage condos:** Jerry Jasper said that a developer held a workshop on new high-end storage condo units to be built behind the CVS on Knights Trail. The Planning Commission will be considering this project but is delayed with a backlog of issues.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – Sarasota Memorial Hospital: Jerry Jasper reported on the community meeting held by SMH, and they are 99% confident that they'll receive the OK to proceed from the state agency. A new hospital CEO has been appointed and a site plan has been shown. For Phase 1, SMH would like to construct a 5 story building to 85 feet, which would require a special exception. They expect to present this to the Planning Commission this fall and hopefully break ground by next April. Construction will take 3 years and eventually this location will have 300+ employees. They don't want to follow Northern Italian architecture because their design has larger windows than normally used in that style. They will work with the City and County for funds to build the planned emergency shelter.

4. External Affairs issue #4 – Treviso Grand apartments: Jerry Jasper said that construction is proceeding on this apartment complex on Laurel Road. It will be 272 units in 6 – 3 story buildings plus carports and a clubhouse. The entrance now being built off Laurel Road will be the main entrance into the entire 50 acre Portofino Project.

5. External Affairs issue #5 – Neal Communities purchase of Gulf Coast property: Jerry Jasper reported on this transaction, and Neal will retain the zonings set for the former Bridges project. The section along Laurel Road may have multi-family residential buildings, and an August workshop is planned.

6. External Affairs issue #6 – noise ordinance: Jerry Jasper said that the Venice City Council had a general discussion on the City's noise ordinance and enforcement of it. They asked the City attorney to research it and advise them.

7. External Affairs issue #7 – land-clearing burns: Jerry Jasper said that the Florida Forest Service has the exclusive authority to regulate burns for land-clearing. The City may not have any ability to control this, and the City attorney is investigating.

8. External Affairs issue #8 – extraordinary mitigation fees: Jerry Jasper said that the City attorney has asked for a special meeting on a possible settlement with Neal Communities on special mitigation fees.

Seminars & events:

1. July Parcels: Roger Effron said this issue will include news on the hospital, a new Lucky grocery store, and RFIDs.

2. Knights Trail storage business: Roger Effron said he plans to meet with the owner of this business now under construction about promoting it among Venetians.

3. HRT meetings: 2 meetings with volunteers were held plus 2 community-wide presentations

Membership: Bill Dwyer was absent but provided a report that our membership is now at 925 members, with 446 of those paid for 2019.

Meetings: Diane Maskol reminded everyone that no meetings will be held in July or August due to travels and absences.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary