

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
SEPTEMBER 25, 2018
AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB
VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

Diane Maskol – Exec VP
Roger Efron –VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Diane Bazlamit
Bob Samuels
Tom Long
John Moeckel – President (via phone)

Call to order: Diane Maskol, Exec VP, called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

Secretary’s report: The minutes from the May meeting were previously circulated to the board for comments and they were approved unanimously. The minutes from the June meeting, though it was not an official meeting for lack of a quorum, were also circulated and unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, gave his report that we have \$105,041 in our account, with \$67,865 of this in a reserve. He said that at our current dues and membership level, annual revenue is about \$24,000 and annual expenses are \$18-20,000.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – City of Venice red tide problem:** Jerry Jasper reported that the City of Venice is being pushed to institute a year-round ban on fertilizer use, however the Council and Mayor are resisting. HOAs in the City are questioning a ban. The Venetian CDD will do water sampling in 4 outfall lakes to test for nitrogen and phosphorus.

2. External Affairs issue #2 – Sarasota Memorial Hospital: Jerry Jasper attended the first SMH neighborhood advisory committee meeting and a key discussion point was regarding a waiver from the City's Northern Italian architecture requirement and height restriction.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – Portofino Project: Jerry Jasper said that the plat of this property will be revised to show the location of the Treviso Grand apartments.
4. External Affairs issue #4 – Treviso Grand apartments: Jerry Jasper said the builder of these apartments has filed for minor changes to the traffic lanes around the complex.
5. External Affairs issue #5 – Knights Trail storage: Jerry Jasper reported that the re-plat and rezone of the border of this property will be going before the Planning Commission.
6. External Affairs issue #6 – Aria development: Jerry Jasper said that this Neal Communities development across Jacaranda Blvd. from Milano is moving along with the land preparation process. Burning of cleared brush is completed and Neal will use the burn box for future brush clearing work.

Other business:

7. Membership: Fred Baughman made the motion and there was unanimous approval to continue with the current dues structure of \$30 - \$50 - \$70 for 1-2-3 year memberships.
8. Friends of the Legacy Trail request: John Moeckel said he was contacted by this group and they requested our support for their effort to pass a county referendum for new funding for this trail expansion. After discussion, the board agreed to not get involved here and take a side on this issue.
9. Parcels distribution list: There was discussion on who is being sent copies of the *Parcels* newsletter who does not live in the Venetian. A motion was made to restrict the mailing list to community residents, and anyone else must be approved by the board. The motion passed 7-2 (Efron & Samuels voting no). In a followup discussion, the board unanimously approved Josh Ladyzhensky (POA) and Kareen Richards (VCDD), Chris, Pat and Barb at the golf club, and Denise, Charlie, and Chris at the River Club. Other names submitted were not approved.
10. Seminars & events: Roger Efron outlined the planned upcoming events:
 - Oct. 1 - Candidate Forum – City Council candidates (2), County commissioner candidates (4)
 - Oct. 15 - Candidate Forum – State legislature candidates (3)
 - Oct. 22 - Gardening seminar
 - Nov. 5 - CPR training – certificate will be optional at a cost for all participants
11. Website: Fred Baughman said that he has added security features and backup to our GoDaddy account at an additional cost, which were strongly suggested. The board agreed this was a good move. He said he will ask board members to assist him with the monitoring of various parts of the site.

12. HRT: Roger Effron said that activities are coming to a close with the end of hurricane season.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary