

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**OCTOBER 23, 2018**  
**AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB**  
**VENICE, FLORIDA**

**Board Members in attendance:**

Diane Maskol – Exec VP  
Roger Efron –VP  
Bill Dwyer – VP  
Jerry Jasper – VP  
Fred Baughman – Treasurer  
Tom Jones – Secretary  
Diane Bazlamit  
Bob Samuels  
Lew Perry

**Call to order:** Diane Maskol, Exec VP, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

**Secretary’s report:** The minutes from the September meeting were previously circulated to the board for comments and they were approved unanimously.

**Treasurer’s report:** Fred Baughman, Treasurer, gave his report that we have \$106,627 in our account, with \$67,865 of this in a reserve. He said that increased money market fund rates are improving our cash position.

**External Affairs issues:**

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – Knights Trail storage:** Jerry Jasper reported that the managing company of this storage facility will be painting the buildings in their corporate colors, which are red-orange, and there are no City restrictions to prevent this. The board agreed that a letter from John Moeckel should be sent requesting more neutral colors, and then an article on this will be included in *Parcels*.

2. External Affairs issue #2 – Sarasota Memorial Hospital: Jerry Jasper recommended that the board not push the City to require Northern Italian architecture and a height restriction. The hospital design is already established with large hospital windows and 85 feet overall height. In a discussion, the board agreed with this. SMH is leaving a space for an emergency hurricane shelter, however it would be up to the City or County to fund this building.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – Dona Bay water storage: Jerry Jasper said that the contractor may reduce the amount of water needed to be removed from the pit, which could help the Venetian's lake water levels. Also, they are now planning a 3 year construction schedule.
4. External Affairs issue #4 – annexation of north Knights Trail area: Jerry Jasper said that the Hurt property on north Knights Trail will be annexed into the City as part of a PUD for about 1,000 homes.
5. External Affairs issue #5 – Venice planning commission: Jerry Jasper reported that the planning commission will have a hearing on two Neal properties on both sides of Jacaranda Blvd.
6. External Affairs issue #6 – fertilizer ban issue: Jerry Jasper reported that he and Tom Jones spoke to the City Council regarding a possible all-year fertilizer ban, saying this was not a practical or beneficial way to reduce nutrient pollution in the Gulf.

**Other business:**

7. Membership: Bill Dwyer reviewed the marketing campaign for new and renewal memberships. There are 515 paid for 2019 and about 400 up for renewal.
8. Candidate Forum: Roger Effron reported on the two forums in October. The first went well with about 125 attending, while the second forum had a large number of non-residents who were partisan in their support. There was a discussion on how to restrict attendance at these forums in the future.
9. Seminars & events: Roger Effron outlined the planned upcoming events:
  - CPR training - Nov. 5 (certificate will be optional at a cost for all participants)
  - Bike-O-Rama VI - Saturday, January 5 – 9am-noon
  - Volunteer Fair/Show Off - January 14 – 9am - noon
  - Straight Talk with Council Member Mitzie Fiedler - January 21 - 5 pm
  - 2nd Annual Venetian Field Trip to Wildlife Center of Venice - January 17
  - Regenerative Therapy - January 28 - 5pm
  - Town Hall Meeting - February 25 - 5:30 pm at Laurel Nokomis School,
  - Shredfest/ Junkfest - March 6 - 8 – 9:30am
  - Straight Talk with Council Member Rich Cautero – March 18 - 5 pm
10. Board member elections: There was a discussion on when to open up nominations and which board members want to run again. Further discussion planned for the November meeting.

11. HRT: Roger Efron lead a discussion on how to manage this team if he were not available, and also how all volunteers can be covered by our insurance.

12. Website: There was a discussion on whether and when to post our board meeting agenda on the website, and there was consensus to do this. Fred Baughman reviewed website assignments to keep the information current.

13. Flag placement coordinator: With the need for a coordinator, it was suggested that someone from the Venetian veterans committee could volunteer.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas W. Jones, Secretary