

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
NOVEMBER 27, 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
Fred Baughman – Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Diane Bazlamit
Lew Perry
Tom Long

Guest: Nancy Spokowski

Call to order: John Moeckel, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Secretary’s report: The minutes from the October 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 \$111,005 in our account, with \$67,865 of this in a reserve. A motion to approve spending \$200 for Bike-O-Rama handouts was approved unanimously.

Public comments: Nancy Spokowski addressed the board to report on negative comments about VG&RC on the website NextDoor.com. She asked that an article be placed in *Parcels* to alert our community that residents who are unhappy with something about our community should bring that issue to the appropriate board, such as the CDD or POA, or the River Club manager instead of posting it on this website for everyone to see. There was consensus among the board to do this.

External Affairs issues:

1. External Affairs issue #1 – Knights Trail storage: A letter from John Moeckel has been sent requesting this building be painted a neutral color instead of planned bright red-orange. Discussion followed with no consensus on any action.
2. External Affairs issue #2 – County jail facility: Jerry Jasper discussed that the current over-crowding at the main Sarasota County jail could lead to new discussions about a new jail facility on County property on Knights Trail Road. So far, Sheriff Knight has stated this will not happen.
3. External Affairs issue #3 – City burning ordinance: Jerry Jasper said that an ordinance to limit or prohibit burning during land clearing is moving through City Council. Developer Pat Neal has said that his company plans to chip and bury cuttings during clearing instead of burning them.
4. External Affairs issue #4 – PUDs on north Knights Trail Rd: Jerry Jasper said that there will be a pre-hearing at the Planning Commission in December regarding the PUDs at Rustic Road.
5. External Affairs issue #5 – Laurel Road developments: Jerry Jasper reported that the preliminary plats will be presented to City Council in December for the Vicenza subdivision for 311 units (east of the existing Milano) and the Cielo subdivision for 126 units (on south side of Laurel Road and west of Jacaranda Blvd).

Other business:

6. Membership: Bill Dwyer said there are 652 paid members for 2019 and about 300 up for renewal. He said this is less than the expected number of members at this point, and he's working with the River Club on the new member orientations.
7. Town Hall meeting: This meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 25 at Laurel Nokomis School. John Moeckel reviewed suggested topics and who will organize it. The value of this meeting was discussed and how it appeals to new residents.
8. Seminars & events: Roger Effron reviewed the planned events in 2019. He suggested that we give a holiday gift to Joe Santucci for his work on our website, and \$100 was unanimously approved. He said the November election turnout in our precinct was the highest of any in the City and suggested an article on this subject in *Parcels*. There was a discussion on parks in NE Venice and also events in January. Tom Long brought up the subject of liability and workers compensation insurance for all volunteers at our sponsored events, and he will look into this at our insurance renewal.
9. Board member elections: Diane Maskol volunteers to chair the nominating committee for elections at our annual meeting, and she will add a non-board member to this committee.

New business:

10. *Parcels* article: Roger Effron said he plans to include an article in the next issue on the lack of service workers for hourly positions at restaurants, stores, and our own VG&RC facilities (golf club). Store owners report a difficulty in finding people to fill these jobs.

11. Possible report of theft: There was a discussion on a possible theft at a Venetian home. Tom Long said his home alarm system showed a recent theft in the community, and Roger Effron said it should be confirmed with Venice Police Dept. Lew Perry said he'd look into it and report back.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary