

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
DECEMBER 18, 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
Tom Long
Bob Samuels

Call to order: Diane Maskol, Exec VP, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Secretary’s report: The minutes from the November 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 \$114,840 in our account, with \$67,865 of this in a reserve.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – meeting with County Commissioner Maio and Sheriff Knight:** Jerry Jasper said that John Moeckel is setting this up for sometime in January.
2. **External Affairs issue #2 – parks in NE Venice:** Jerry Jasper reported that the City is discussing the issue of park maintenance. Impact fees pay for new parks however there are limited funds for maintenance. Roger Efron, a member of the City’s parks board, said he will bring this subject up at one of their meeting.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – Rustic Road development: Jerry Jasper said that during a pre-meeting of the Planning Commission on this development, it was confirmed that Rustic Road will be extended under I-75 to connect with Honore Avenue.

4. External Affairs issue #4 – Ajax Paving: Jerry Jasper said the Planning Commission has approved the addition of 3 more silos at the Ajax site. These will be used to increase storage capacity of finished material. There was a discussion on Ajax and their “good neighbor” status.

5. External Affairs issue #5 – possible new high school: Roger Effron suggested that because of the proposed new high school in the Venice area, our board should become more active with the Sarasota County school board.

Other business:

6. Membership: Bill Dwyer (absent from this meeting) said in an email that there are 726 paid members for 2019 with about 200 who have not yet renewed. There is a direct mail campaign planned for January.

7. Town Hall meeting: Roger Effron led the discussion on the agenda for this meeting. We may include a discussion by the POA on traffic compliance and by the CDD on pickelball and a dog park. Other possible topics are NE Venice development, red tide, the new Sarasota Memorial Hospital, parks, and the status of the Venetian golf course. A survey will be sent out in January asking for 5 top topics.

8. January events: Roger Effron reviewed the January calendar, with Bike-O-Rama, the volunteer fair, wildlife center tour, conversation with Mitzie and regenerative therapy. He said the December *Parcels* had an 85% open rate.

9. VGRCCA survey: Roger Effron said he is looking for feedback from members on how we’re doing. He led a discussion on what questions and subjects and format to use in this survey.

10. Board member elections: Diane Maskol said she has a non-board member for the nominating committee and needs another board member – Lew Perry was suggested. The current board members whose terms are up are Fred Baughman, Bill Dwyer, Diane Bazlamit, Bob Samuels, Tom Long and Tom Jones. It was suggested that Diane contact each of these six to determine their status for re-election.

11. Website: Fred Baughman asked each board member to check their assigned area on the website.

12. Insurance: Tom Long said he is working on a quote for our general liability and umbrella policies, along with a possible change from our classification as an HOA.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 29 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Jones, Secretary