

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

MAY 28, 2019

AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

Diane Maskol – President
Tom Long – Exec VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Nancy Spokowski - VP
Fred Baughman - Treasurer
Tom Jones - Secretary
Roger Efron
Michael Wendroff
Bob Samuels

Call to order: Diane Maskol, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the April meeting which were previously circulated to the board for comments and they were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's report: The Financial Statements were accepted as presented. We currently have an account balance of \$114,619 of which \$67,865 is in a reserve.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – Knights Trail Extension:** Jerry Jasper reported that a group of developers are talking about extending Knights Trail to the north and would enter Clark Road at two different points. They would fund the cost of the road with reimbursement from impact fees.
2. **External Affairs issue #2 – Sheriff's Support Facility:** Jerry Jasper reported that ground clearing had begun for the site to be located on the south side of Honore Avenue, north of the junction of Laurel and Honore. He provided a plat of the site. Completion is expected in 2020. This project had been opposed by NACA.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – GCCF “Bridges” Development: Jerry Jasper said the Planning Commission approved the road an estimated cost of \$8-10 million. No study was done on the road. When this item comes before City Council., we will Support Norther Italian architecture, but oppose the road as proposed. We will oppose public funding for the road on the grounds that it will take away funds to widen Laurel Road.

Membership: Nancy Spokowski reported that we have 922 members representing 949 homes, or 69% of Venetian residents. We have 484 members prepaid for 2021 and beyond, with 420 non-members.

4. Membership Survey: Nancy Spokowski reported the result of the recent membership survey. The survey was sent to 322 non-members including 88 dual memberships. There were 84 responses, the first 50 of which received a free breakfast coupon. Nancy distributed a report of the results. The main take away from the survey was the need for stronger branding of the “Community Association” to differentiate it from the other organization in the Venetian.

Other business:

5. HRT: Tom Long provided an update on the status of the HRT and upcoming informational meetings for residents. He previously met with Steve Warhol, the Battalion Chief in charge of Hurricane response. The one item that came out of that meeting was the need for the HRT to have a chain saw, which the Board approved.

6. Branding – Thank You Letter: In a discussion of possible ways we could improve our branding, Nancy Spokowski suggested we send out a thank you email every time someone pays their dues. Nancy will work on the content of the letter and Nancy and Fred will work with Joe Santucci to develop a method of delivery from our CAMM system.

7. New Business: Michael Wendroff requested that the External Affairs Committee be expand from 5 to 6 members and that he be appointed to the Committee. After discussion the Board unanimously approved the expansion of the External Affairs Committee from 5 to 6 and appointed Michael to the Committee. In other new business Bob Samuels reported that the Laurel Road clean-up, under the leadership of Rick Mengel, has all of the supplies necessary and is doing an excellent job of keeping Laurel road free of liter. Lastly, Fred Baughman asked the new Board members to forward their Bios to him so that they could be posted to our website.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm on May 28, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Baughman, Acting Secretary