

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
OCTOBER 15, 2019
AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB
VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

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

Call to order: Diane Maskol, President, 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, reported that our total account balance is \$110,871 which includes a reserve of \$67,865.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – Townhouses in Milano:** Jerry Jasper reported that there is a proposal for townhouses to be built by Neal Communities across from Willow Chase. There will be two entrances off Laurel Road, 1 for active use and the other for emergencies. This community is not named yet and it will be 126 residences in 6 buildings. A public workshop has been held and it will be reviewed at an upcoming Planning Commission meeting.
2. **External Affairs issue #2 – Laurel Road widening:** Jerry Jasper said that City staff disagreed with Jeff Schrum, Planning Director, on his analysis of traffic on Laurel Road and the expansion of Pinebrook Road to 4 lanes. Jerry suggested a meeting with City Manager Ed Lavallee to review this issue.

Other business:

3. Membership: Nancy Spokowski reported that we have 943 members. Letters have been drafted for a direct mail campaign to go out in late October. A list of members will be included in the next *Parcels*. The consensus was to print a tri-fold Community Association brochure. There will be a new homeowner orientation on Nov. 22.

4. Seminars: Roger Effron circulated the schedule of events for the upcoming season.

Feb. 3 - conversation with the Herald Tribune editor

March 2 - Town Hall Meeting at LN School

March 17 - VGRCCA meeting with a board meeting to follow,

April 6 - conversation with Mitzie Fiedler

5. Wall of Something: Submissions are screened by Roger, and Pamela Henard will handle this duty in the future.

6. Candidate Forum: Roger Effron said the reviews from this event were mostly positive and the audience was involved. The special *Parcels* wrap-up was appreciated by many readers. He felt it would help to have a platform or stage to elevate the tables and speakers. Diane did a good job with the introductions. Having a sound specialist present improved the audio quality and clarity. There was good publicity for VG&RC in the newspaper coverage.

7. New business: Nancy Spokowski said she would order new name badges and our event banner, all with our new logo. Fred Baughman has purchased 144 new flags which will be used for Veterans Day.

Diane Maskol recommended a community betterment project of new bike racks for the River Club, and she feels the best one is priced at \$349 for 18 bicycles. She proposed purchasing 2 bike racks, and there was a unanimous vote in favor of this. Roger Effron said the board may review purchasing a bench for the boardwalk at a future meeting.

8. Adopt-a-road: Roger Effron said he is working with Richard Mengel on a revised announcement for Laurel Road cleanup days.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:44pm on October 15, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Jones, Secretary