

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
NOVEMBER 19, 2019
AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB
VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

Diane Maskol – President
Jerry Jasper – VP
Nancy Spokowski – VP
Tom Long - 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 3:03pm.

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, reported that our total account balance is \$118,969 which includes a reserve of \$67,865. He suggested that we should look for expenditures for community betterment projects. One idea is to purchase a new video presentation system for the River Club, and he, Tom Jones, and Roger Efron volunteered to serve on a committee for that purpose.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – Pinebrook & Laurel area 2.5 acre annexation:** Jerry Jasper recommended that we not spend time on this proposed annexation which he feels is out of our zone of concern.
2. **External Affairs issue #2 – Laurel Road widening:** Jerry Jasper and Michael Wendroff had a meeting with City Manager Ed Lavallee to review this issue. Ed's opinion has changed to supporting a public-private partnership to widen this road.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – Dona Bay reservoir for VG&RC irrigation: Tom Jones said he had a brief discussion with Javier Vargas, City public utilities director, on how a possible reduction of our use of reclaimed water would affect the City’s ability to manage the system and expand the user base. Javier said he was open to changes if we were to be able to use water from the Dona Bay reservoir.

Other business:

4. Membership: Nancy Spokowski reported that there are 197 renewals with expiring memberships at the end of this year. 730 members are paid for 2020 and beyond. There is a new member social and orientation later this month, which is usually a good source of potential members, and our new brochure is ready for this meeting. The new banner is in and new name badges are in production.

5. Seminars/events: Roger Effron said he is planning speaker/coordinators for most of this season’s events. Bike-O-Rama will have a time signup procedure to help smooth the flow of participants. With our website, Fred Baughman is maintaining the minutes and Michael Wendroff is keeping track of the calendar and other sections. Rich Caution requested time to discuss issues with the board, and it was decided to do that at our meeting on January 21.

6. New business: Tom Jones reported that the POA has purchased 2 benches for the boardwalk from the same company who supplied the benches we purchased for 2 places in the community. There was unanimous approval to reimburse the POA for up to \$1,100 for these benches. Roger Effron will order plaques noting them as our contribution.

7. Water quality ad-hoc committee: Michael Wendroff reported on the meeting of this committee and the points of discussion, which were:

- Fertilizer and mowing standards
- Community education
- Florida friendly landscaping
- Rain barrels/cisterns
- Funding
- City of Venice comprehensive plan land development regulations (LDRs)
- Retention pond standards/requirements
- Septic systems surrounding us in the County

8. Volunteers: Diane Maskol said Venetian resident Joe Browne has inquired about getting involved, and it was suggested that he may be interested in coordinating our flag placement days.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17pm on November 19, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Jones, Secretary