

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.
DECEMBER 17, 2019
AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB
VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

Tom Long - VP
Jerry Jasper – VP
Nancy Spokowski – VP
Tom Jones - Secretary
Roger Effron
Michael Wendroff
Lew Perry

Guest/resident: Peter Casamento

Call to order: Tom Long, Vice president, called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

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, was absent, however he submitted his monthly financial report which shows our total account balance is \$120,796 which includes a reserve of \$67,865.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – Crush It:** Jerry Jasper said this business has agreed to the list of stipulations to reduce noise for its planned expansion.
2. **External Affairs issue #2 – Laurel Road widening:** Jerry Jasper reported that Venice city manager Ed Lavallee has asked the county administrator to make this widening a priority project. Developer Pat Neal will work with the county on this public-private partnership.
3. **External Affairs issue #3 – board meeting with Rich Cautero:** Jerry Jasper said that Rich requested a date change for his discussion with the board to our meeting on February 18 instead of in January. He is also scheduled to hold a general community discussion at the River Club on February 18.

4. External Affairs issue #4 – retention ponds: Jerry Jasper, Michael Wendroff, and Tom Jones all commented on the status of the City’s land development regulations (LDRs) on littoral shelves and whether they will be the same as those of SWFMUD. Also, there’s the question of how much city staff time would be available for establishing and monitoring these LDRs.

5. External Affairs issue #5 – reclaimed water: Jerry Jasper and Michael Wendroff commented on the Venice water treatment plant’s improvement to advanced water treatment (AWT) for reclaimed water over the past year which has reduced the amount of phosphorus in it.

Other business:

6. Membership: Nancy Spokowski reported that we have 800 paid members for 2020 with 37 of those new members.

7. Seminars/events: Roger Effron reviewed plans for the Town Hall Meeting on March 2:

- Mayor Ron Feinsod will speak
- County commissioner Al Maio will discuss the Knights Trail extension
- Update on both hospitals
- Fire Chief will review the City’s ambulance service
- Parks in NE Venice
- Map of NE Venice with developments charted and projected path of 4-lane Laurel Road
- Thank you awards to Venice Fire and Venice Police
- Tables for VGRCCA, VCDD and POA.

Bike-O-Rama: on-line signups are filling quickly; no appointment waiting is also available

CPR: 2 sessions planned with on-line signups

Venice Police Dept: identity theft and scam seminar on Feb. 17

8. Old business: there was a brief discussion on our dues amount and when to discuss or act on a change.

Tom Long said our Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance renews in February.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08pm on December 17, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Jones, Secretary