

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

JANUARY 21, 2020

AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

Diane Maskol - President
Tom Long - VP
Nancy Spokowski – VP
Fred Baughman - Treasurer
Tom Jones - Secretary
John Moeckel
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 December 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 \$124,058 which includes a reserve of \$67,865. There is approximately \$42,000 available to spend this year.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – Laurel Road widening project:** Michael Wendroff reported that the City Council unanimously approved \$400,000 for engineering of this project.
2. **External Affairs issue #2 – missing link – extension of Knights Trail:** Michael Wendroff said that Jerry Jasper is planning to meet with the County Commission on this subject. There was consensus from the board to support moving ahead with this road project.
3. **External Affairs issue #3 – ad hoc water resource group:** Michael Wendroff reported on a recent meeting of this group. Discussion points were setting uniform fertilizer standards in the community, plus Florida friendly landscaping at the overlook and at pickleball courts.
4. **External Affairs issue #4 – meeting with Al Maio:** Michael Wendroff said a meeting has been scheduled for Feb. 7 to meet with Al Maio, with road issues being the key topic.

5. External Affairs issue #5 – Citizens’ University in Venice: Michael Wendroff said he and Jerry Jasper are part of a group of 20 attending this series of classes.

Other business:

6. Membership: Nancy Spokowski reported that we have 882 paid members for 2020 with letters to be sent to members who haven’t renewed yet. We have a total of 57 new members.

7. Seminars/events: Diane Maskol reviewed the upcoming events:

- Feb. 3 – Media discussion with Herald Tribune editor; RC bar to open afterwards for a \$150 fee plus up to \$100 for appetizers – consensus of the board to approve this expense.
- Feb. 27 – new date for Identity Theft – is it possible to record and post this discussion on our website, due to importance of the topic to many who can’t attend?
- March 2 – Town Hall Meeting – reviewed agenda. Proposal to spend \$700 on music before event was not approved by consensus. There was a discussion on who will MC the event.
- March 17 – annual meeting at 5pm, which follows our board meeting at 3pm

8. Parcels distribution: Diane Maskol lead a discussion on Parcels being sent/given to local businesses, which is not part of the approved distribution of this newsletter. A request had been made to send out our brochure to all area politicians, and this was not approved by consensus of the board.

9. Website: Diane Maskol said that due to the hack of her email and resulting scam, personal email addresses were removed from the website. Nancy Spokowski said she will check with Joe Santucci about a group email address for any contact inquiries. This address would also be used as the “return address” for Parcels mailings instead of an individual’s address.

10. Marketing: Michael Wendroff gave the following survey information from interviews taken at Bike-O-Rama regarding a preference for when to hold our events:

- 44% preferred weekdays, though 51% said they could attend weekends or weekdays.
- 42% prefer afternoons
- 50% prefer a 5pm start time

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 18 at 3pm at the River Club.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09pm on January 21, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Jones, Secretary