

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF**  
**VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2020**  
  
**AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB**  
  
**VENICE, FLORIDA**

**Board Members in attendance:**

Diane Maskol - President  
Tom Long – Exec VP  
Nancy Spokowski – VP  
John Moeckel - VP  
Jerry Jasper - VP  
Fred Baughman - Treasurer  
Michael Wendroff  
Lew Perry  
Roger Efron

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

**Secretary’s report:** The minutes from the January meeting were previously circulated to the board for comments and they were approved unanimously. Secretary Tom Jones was absent at this meeting and Nancy Spokowski recorded the minutes.

**Treasurer’s report:** Fred Baughman, treasurer, reported that our total account balance is \$123,104 which includes a reserve of \$67,865. He expects about a \$4,000 surplus for 2019. The budget for 2020 was unanimously approved.

**External Affairs issues:**

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – meeting with Commissioner Al Maio:** Jerry Jasper reported on the EA Committee’s meeting with Al Maio, County Commissioner. Discussed were the Knights Trail extension, parks, and removal of septic systems in the county. Al said that the priorities are getting the Bee Ridge wastewater treatment plant and 2 others up to AWT (advanced water treatment) before there is any focus on individual septic systems.
2. **External Affairs issue #2 –extension of Knights Trail:** Jerry Jasper spoke at the BOCC meeting supporting the Comp Amendment which was needed to allow the extension of Knights Trail to Clark Road. Jerry reported that the County Commission has unanimously approved this amendment which will hopefully lead to a public-private partnership construction agreement for this “East of I-75” north-south thoroughfare. He recruited the Toscana Isles community to also support it, which they did by means of a presentation to and the sending of emails to the BOCC.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – Laurel Road widening: Jerry Jasper said he is frequent contact with Pat Neal of Neal Communities on this project, and the City has approved \$400,000 for preliminary (30%) engineering which will define the right-of-way and provide sufficient information to obtain construction bids. He said the one of the issues I defining the road right-of-way is so that non-Neal property owners along Laurel Road can be brought into the discussion as soon as possible.

4. External Affairs issue #4 – parks in Venice: Jerry Jasper said that parks will be discussed at the February 25 Council meeting and Michael Wendroff will speak in support of a NE Venice park. Council person Mitzie Fiedler is also advocating a park in this area. The issue is land availability. Parcels in Mirasol in along Laurel Rd and in front of Treviso Grand apartments are priced at \$1 million for 2 acres. The City has appropriated \$100,000 to allow for neighborhood meetings and investigation of potential properties. Jerry said Pat Neal has indicated there may be some land for park sites under power lines in his developments, which is unsuitable for residential units.

5. External Affairs issue #5 – GCCF property rezoning: the former Gulf Coast Community Foundation property rezoning is on the Council’s agenda for Feb. 25, and Jerry Jasper will attend to support.

6. External Affairs issue #6 – Hurt property: The rezoning of this property is also on the Feb. 25 Council meeting agenda.

7. External Affairs issue #7 – VG&RC claim for hydraulic fluid spill damage to streets: Jerry Jasper gave an update on the discussions between the City and Venetian CDD on this damage claim.

8. External Affairs issue #8 – water resources: Michael Wendroff gave an update on the proposal that the Venice Comprehensive Plan LDRs (land development regulations) included a mandate of 75% Florida friendly landscaping in new developments. Also, he said the VCDD approved an annual water testing contract for VG&RC lakes.

**Other business:**

9. Membership: Nancy Spokowski reported that 943 homes are paid members, which is equal to the pre-membership drive number. This includes 66 which were not members in 2019.

10. Annual meeting: Diane Maskol reported that all board members whose terms are expiring this year have indicated their desire to continue on the board. They are:

- Diane Maskol
- Jerry Jasper
- John Moeckel
- Lew Perry
- Roger Efron

She said that the meeting announcement and proxy form will be sent to the membership two weeks in advance of the meeting. The nominating committee will be composed of Nancy Spokowski, Michael Wendroff, and Bob Samuels, and they will determine the slate of nominees to be voted on.

11. Email protocol: Nancy Spokowski said that the mailbox [vgrcca@gmail.com](mailto:vgrcca@gmail.com) has been established for inquiries to “Contact us” (the board), as well as for use when the VGRCCA is emailing Parcels and other

notices out and for any other responses solicited from residents. She will speak with Joe Santucci about having all inquiries to this email address forwarded to Roger Efron to monitor.

12. Seminars/events: Roger Efron reviewed the plans for the Town Hall meeting and an eblast will be sent out the week prior. Shredfest plans were also discussed.

13. Audio-visual committee: Roger Efron reported that this committee will be meeting this week on possible new equipment for the River Club. Quotes should be available for the April board meeting.

14. Fraud reimbursement: The board reiterated approval to reimburse Jerry Jasper for his \$300 loss during the website's email scam.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm on February 18, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Spokowski, Acting Secretary