

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

**JULY 21, 2020**

**Via ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**VENICE, FLORIDA**

**Board Members in attendance:**

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

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

**Secretary’s report:** The minutes from the May Special meeting, May regular meeting, and the Board meeting following the Annual Meeting to elect officers were previously circulated to the Board for comments and they were approved unanimously.

**External Affairs issues:**

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – Laurel Road Widening:** Jerry Jasper reported that the process for seeking approval for \$400,000 for preliminary engineering to define the right-of-way and to provide sufficient information to obtain construction bids is underway and is expected to be presented to the County Commissioners as a Consent Item relatively soon.

2. **External Affairs issue #2 – Mirasol Development:** Jerry Jasper reported that there will be a Public Hearing at 5 pm at the Elks Club on August 4<sup>th</sup> regarding the plans for development of the 3.2-acre corner portion of Mirasol. This presentation is only being held as an in-person meeting (not virtual). Tom Jones, Jerry Jasper, and John Moeckel, as the Venetian’s representatives to the Portofino/Mirasol Advisory Committee, along with representatives from Willow Chase, will meet with John Peshkin and the parcel developer at a separate meeting that will be held earlier that morning.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – City Council Candidates: Jerry Jasper reported that the External Affairs Committee met with Bill Willson, one of the candidates for Seat 2 of the Venice City Council. Plans are underway to schedule a meeting with his opponent, Brian Kelly.

4. External Affairs issue #4 – Document Requests from the City: Jerry Jasper reported that he periodically seeks documents from various City of Venice departments for External Affairs Committee purposes. The City is now charging nominal fees for such documents. The Board agreed to a blanket approval of no more than \$50 per request going forward. For any costs more than \$50, Jerry will seek approval from Diane Maskol.

**Other business:**

1. Zoom Meetings: Michelle Trent reported on the options for holding Zoom Meetings and Zoom Webinars for future VGRCCA Seminars/Forums. She recommended we pursue getting a demo of the Zoom Webinar product as it seems that it would be most useful for such meetings. Michelle will find out when a demo can be scheduled and get back to the Board on this. Michelle will also find out more about the pricing options and report back.

2. Roger Effron reported on various matters, as follows:

1. Mask distribution at the River Club. This initiative was very successful with an estimated 250 masks distributed to Venetian residents.
2. Audio Visual Committee. Progress has been slow considering the inability to meet for in-person discussions and demonstrations considering COVID-19, but it is expected that forward movement can be restarted in August.
3. HRT. Organization is going very smoothly with the text messaging system fully tested and all information being gathered with the help of Pam Henard. An instruction video was distributed to the 50 volunteers and a four-page summary of helpful hints was distributed to all Venetians. Roger Effron asked for blanket approval to pay for minimal cost supplies, such as spray paint, vests, handwipes, batteries, etc. This approval was agreed to by the Board.
4. Roger reported on our Constant Contact Open Rate Analysis for various e-mailings.
5. Candidate Forum – A discussion was held on the best means of holding this year's CDD Supervisor Candidate Forum as well as the Candidate Forum for City Council. After much discussion Board Members were most in favor of pursuing a Zoom Webinar format with candidates and the moderator **only** speaking from the River Club to ensure consistent technology for all.
  - a. Diane will call CDD Candidates to discuss their availability and willingness to participate in person with proper social distancing.
  - b. Diane also to call City Council candidates to discuss their availability and willingness to participate in person with proper social distancing.
  - c. Diane has reserved the River Club for October 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Roger will moderate and resident questions will be solicited in advance through Parcels
  - e. Joe Santucci will be asked to be present to help with technology.
6. Other VGRCCA sponsored events. There was general agreement of the Board to pursue holding additional TBD events by Zoom Webinar over the course of the year should in person meetings not be feasible considering COVID-19. The Seminar Committee (Michelle, Michael, Roger, and Diane) will meet to discuss further ideas on this.
7. Roger proposed that the VGRCCA consider a small donation to the Venice Community Theater. The Board declined to pursue this request.

**Membership:** Nancy Spokowski reported that 988 homes are paid members, which represents a slight increase from that at the time of the Annual Meeting. Nancy suggested that new members from August 1 forward be given a membership term including the rest of the stub of 2020, as well as the paid for membership term, consistent with prior year practice. This suggestion was approved by the Board.

**Treasurer's report:** Fred Baughman, Treasurer, reported that our total cash account balance is \$118K which includes \$33K available for current use. He reported that \$12K had been spent to date, so we are in good financial shape.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18th at 3 pm most likely by Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nancy Spokowski, Secretary