

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

FEBRUARY 8, 2021

BY ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

VENICE, FLORIDA

Board Members in attendance:

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

Call to order: Diane Maskol, President, called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm and verified that a quorum was established.

Public Comments: No members of the public were present to make comments.

Secretary's report: The minutes from the January Board meeting were previously circulated to the Board for comments and were approved unanimously.

External Affairs issues:

1. **External Affairs issue #1 – Northeast Venice Park:** Michael Wendroff reported that the Northeast Venice Park Advisory Committee has met. At their first meeting, Michael Wendroff was elected to be chair. He reported that a survey, modeled after the VGRCCA survey, is being developed on behalf of the City by its consultant to poll Venice residents on their desires for the park. The survey will be disseminated to residents through the Stakeholder's Advisory Committee, Venice government lists, and public notice. A realtor has been hired by the City to seek possible available land.

2. **External Affairs issue #2 – LDR's:** Michael Wendroff reported the Planning Commission continues to work on the Land Development Regulations (LDR's) with the next workshop scheduled for February 10th. Nothing of note impacts our community at this time.

3. External Affairs issue #3 – Laurel Road Expansion: Jerry Jasper reported that the engineering evaluation by Pat Neal’s team is expected to be completed by mid-Summer at which point they would be prepared to present a detailed estimate of costs to City Council. He also reported that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) made a presentation to the City on various items that included mention of Laurel Road. As a result of some of the data discussed, Jerry indicated he will speak to Joe Neunder (Venice’s representative on the MPO Board) to ensure Joe has the correct facts on the anticipated future traffic on Laurel Road.

Membership: Nancy Spokowski reported that 888 homes are currently paid members, which is slightly less than that of this year at this time. January tends to be the lowest membership count month as homeowners with renewals due often do not renew until after year end. Approximately 91 residents with 12/31/2020 expirations have not yet renewed. A schedule of names and addresses of homeowners that have not yet renewed will be distributed to Board Members after this meeting, so that Board Members can assist in speaking to any homeowners that they know, encouraging them to renew. Twenty-seven new members have been added in the past three months.

Seminars and Events: Roger Effron reported that approximately 200 residents viewed the Sunita Williams presentation live with a total of 430 views of the You Tube recording. A discussion ensued as to the best way to let the community know about the potential for viewing this and other seminars after the conclusion of the seminar season, with a decision to inform residents through Parcels on this matter. Further, Nancy was asked to send a special mailing to new move-ins about the Sunita Williams presentation.

Roger also reported Mitzie Fiedler’s presentation got 31 live views.

Roger indicated that Shredfest/Junkfest is scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th and that he asked several community residents to assist with the event. A discussion ensued about our prior practice of charging non-members to participate in this event to defray a portion of the cost. Jerry was asked to look into the legality of charging non-members for this event.

Treasurer’s report: Fred Baughman, Treasurer, reported that revenue for the 2021 year to date stands at \$21,949, with expenses standing at \$3,276, for a net surplus at this time of \$18,673. Cash available for current use now stands at \$46,745.

New Business:

Community Betterment Projects: Roger reported that the two new benches (one on Padova, one on the Boardwalk) are in place and look good. He proposed a potential place for another future bench, but it was decided that this initiative should be tabled until next fiscal year.

E-mail fatigue: A discussion ensued regarding being mindful of excess email and reply all sending.

SMH – Venice: John Moeckel reported the Sarasota Memorial Hospital – Venice Advisory Committee will be meeting on site next week for a physical tour of the new hospital. He also reported that the hospital may be undertaking a fund-raising event with the potential for donors to have certain rooms in the new hospital to be named after the donor. The planning for this possible fund-raising initiative remains in process and John will update the Board in the future.

The next Board Meeting will be held on Monday, March 8th at 4:00 pm by Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Spokowski, Secretary