

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
The Venetian Golf & River Club Community Association, Inc.**

Held via Zoom on August 9, 2021

Board Members in attendance:

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

Absent: John Moeckel, Mark Faford

Call to order: Diane Maskol called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. and stated that a quorum was established.

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

Secretary's report: Minutes (with corrections) of the last board meeting were voted on and unanimously approved.

External Affairs as reported by Michael Wendroff:

Update on NE Venice park. At the last park stakeholders' meeting property owners were identified to be contacted to sell their property for the prospective park. The committee will finalize the top 3 locations. \$4 million in park fees are available. Land acquisition costs are included in this amount.

External Affairs as reported by Jerry Jasper:

Update on City Council races. The EA committee has scheduled a meeting with Sandy Sibley who is running for City Council. Also, James Boldt announced he is running for the seat which will be vacated by Rich Caution.

Laurel Rd. widening. Pat Neal is proposing a joint Laurel Road _ NE Venice Park project that could be supported by both Road Impact and Park Impact funds. The next step is a presentation by Mr. Neal to City Council on September 14.

Membership as reported by Nancy Spokowski:

Membership is currently 972 homes, an increase of 2 members since the last board meeting. The new member breakfast event is scheduled for November 5, 2021 at the River Club.

Treasurer's Report by Fred Baughman:

2021 YTD revenues are \$24,589. Cash available for use is \$34,781.

Report by Roger Effron:

Seminars and Events: The sub-committee met twice since the last board meeting and developed a tentative calendar of events and seminars for approval by the board. There were a few questions from board members on the timing of several events in the same month. The proposed calendar of events was approved by the board.

Sept/Oct 2021, 6:30 p.m. Candidate Forum, exact date TBD

October 2021, 12:00 p.m. Lunch and Learn "Estates and Wills"

November 2021, 9:00 a.m. Renee Pearlman "Pollinators: birds, bees, butterflies"

January 2022, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Bike-O-Rama

January 2022, 5:00 p.m. Renee Pearlman "Snakes..."

January 2022, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Volunteer Fair / Show Off

February 2022, 5:00 p.m. Dr. Jami Dulaney "Plant-based Nutrition"

February 2022, 6:30 p.m. Venice fire and police chiefs "New Chiefs in Town"

February 2022, 9 a.m. & 1 p.m. CPR Training by the VFD

March 2022, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Shredfest

March 2022, 5:00 p.m. Dr. Peter Fernandez "Pain in My ____"

March 2022, 5:00 p.m. Venice Symphony TBD

April 2022, 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Meeting

Charitable Giving: (1) Last year we organized "Supply the Supplies" event which collected school supplies for Laurel Nokomis School. Roger has been in contact with LNS principal Mr. Wilson regarding the possibility of repeating this event this year. Mr. Wilson replied that school supplies are not needed this year, in fact there is still a

surplus of last year's donation. Roger mentioned that LNS is "bursting" with students in overflow classrooms and struggling to find space for these children. This problem will be exacerbated by the housing boom in the NE Venice / Nokomis area. Roger would like to meet with the principal to discuss this.

(2) Roger mentioned that the committee would also like to do the holiday non-perishable food drive in conjunction with Ajax corporation as this event was successful last year.

(3) Roger proposed a \$1,000 donation to the Wildlife Center of Southwest Florida. They are in desperate need of donations due to a significant increase in wildlife being rescued and treated at their center from red tide exposure. This was voted on and approved.

Wall of Something:

Roger would like to automate the Wall of Something so that Pam doesn't have to spend as many hours on it. Michelle offered to help Roger evaluate the technology, time, and money to do so. Roger will schedule a meeting with the parties involved.

River Club Audio-Visual needs: Fred reported that he, Roger, and Denise have been getting estimates for upgrading the audio-visual system in the River Club dining area. They have decided on an A/V cart from Audio Video Partners which is a portable system with speakers and microphones and can be stored in a closet and pulled out whenever needed for seminars and events in the dining area. There were concerns from several board members of where this A/V cart will be stored so as not to be damaged. A motion was made and seconded to purchase this A/V cart from Audio Video Partners for \$8,448 provided a suitable storage location can be worked out with Denise and staff. This was voted on and unanimously approved. Fred made a motion that \$9,000 be moved from VGRCCA reserves to the operating account to finance this purchase. Motioned seconded and unanimously approved.

Upcoming Meeting:

The next meeting will be September 13, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. (in person or Zoom TBD.)

Adjournment:

A motion was made and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Trent, Secretary