

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of
The Venetian Golf & River Club Community Association, Inc.
Held at the River Club and via Zoom on January 9, 2023**

Board Members in attendance:

Roger Effron - President
Fred Baughman – VP & Treasurer
Tom Jones – Secretary
Mark Faford
Sharon George
John Manoush
Steve Hefler

Guests present: There were approx. 20 Venetian residents attending in person and approx. 22 joining via Zoom.

Call to order: Roger Effron called the meeting to order at 3:45pm.

Secretary's report: The minutes of the special board meeting on November 21 and the December board meeting were unanimously approved.

Public comment: Roger Effron invited guests to make comments. There were 2 speakers and the comments were in opposition to the commercial development and regarding the Planning Commission meeting next week where the Milano PUD amendment will be reviewed.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Baughman reported that for 2022 we had revenue of \$22,651 and a net loss of \$4,275, which was due to community betterment projects. Our current total operating cash is \$118,722.

Membership: Sharon George said she and Fred are working with Joe Santucci on correcting the problem with the email address we send from. This is affecting our ability to reach current and prospective members via email.

External Affairs: Tom Jones reported on City projects along or near Laurel Road. These include the Rustic Road developments (off Knights Trail north of Laurel Road) called Magnolia Bay North and South, which will include an extension of Rustic Road to the west under I-75 to connect with Honore Ave. Also, it's been announced that Jacaranda Blvd. will be widened to 4 lanes between Border and Laurel Roads, which is part of the plan for a continuous route east of I-75 when Knights Trail is extended to Lorraine Road and to Clark Road.

Laurel Road Widening: Roger Effron said that the County has marked Laurel Road as an arterial route. The collaborative team of POA and VGRCCA members will be meeting with Pat Neal this week regarding the Laurel Road widening and to get an update on a possible light at our entry. This road will be built by Neal Communities and planning for the project goes back to 2016.

Commercial Development: Roger Effron said the Milano PUD amendment will be heard by the Planning Commission on Jan. 17. It's a quasi-judicial hearing and the City Council has final say.

Website: Mark Faford reported for Michelle Trent that the new website will open up in February. She is recommending that the board consider an investment to upgrade the site. The Wall of Something currently has 770 users and it's limited to VGRC residents only.

Seminars and Events: Mark Faford said that Bike-O-Rama was a success in its 10th year and handled 47 reservations and walk-ins over a 2 hour period. It was the consensus of the board that Mark chair this event next year, and he will meet with Bicycles International regarding their future plans for this event. There are two seminars scheduled this month.

Town Hall meeting: Roger Effron reviewed the meeting plans for March 20 and speaker suggestions were discussed. A decision on the Milano PUD commercial development could affect what speakers are selected. The start time is still not decided.

Board Retreat: John Manoush and Taras Kowalczyn will plan this event and asked for available dates from board members. John said he is still looking for a possible facilitator.

Board member comments: Board members gave input on:

- Having a second comment period to hear more from those attending
- Discuss and share opinions on the commercial development

It was the consensus of the board that we hear comments at the beginning and end of our meetings, with time permitting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be held on February 13 at 3:45pm at the River Club.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Jones, Secretary