

**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 April 10, 2023**

**Board Members in attendance:**

Roger Effron - President  
Fred Baughman – VP & Treasurer  
Tom Jones – secretary  
Michelle Trent  
Mark Faford  
Sharon George  
John Manoush  
Steve Hefler  
Taras Kowalczyn

**Guests present:** There were approx. 20 Venetian residents attending in person and 4 joining *via* Zoom.

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

**Secretary's report:** The minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved.

**Public comment:** There were several comments relating to the VGRCCA not appearing at the Planning Commission hearing, or for not being objective and showing bias against the effort to defeat the commercial development. There were also comments in favor of the commercial development.

**Treasurer's Report:** Fred Baughman held his report until the annual meeting to follow.

**Board Retreat:** John Manoush and Taras Kowalczyn reported on the conclusions of the retreat, and the organization of the four committees we decided to establish. They are:

- **External affairs:** Chair is Tom; members are Taras, John and Joe (newly added)
  - **Projects:** Dealing w Controversial Issues. Distrust/Division/Politics
- **Finance:** Chair is Fred; members are Mark and Taras
  - **Project:** Succession Planning
- **Membership:** Chair is Sharon; members are Mark and Fred
  - **Project:** Marketing of the CA
- **Communications:** Chair is Roger; members are Michelle, Steve and John (Mark and John agreed to this because Mark was on 3 C's)
  - **Projects:** Parcels/Communications. Credibility of the CA.

**Board Retreat (con'd):** The committees will meet to establish direction, and the mission statement will be rewritten. There was a suggestion to combine the Communication and Membership committees, but after discussion we elected to stay with 4.

**HRT:** Fred Baughman said there will be training in May for all HRT volunteers, and the financial needs of this group will be minimal.

**Annual CA Meeting:** Tom Jones said that there are sufficient proxies for a quorum and the agenda has been updated as a handout for all attendees.

**Town Hall meeting:** Board members spoke with generally positive comments about this meeting, with good speakers and helpful information which many new residents heard for the first time. Speakers gave us compliments on how we organized this meeting.

**Membership:** Sharon George held her report until the annual meeting.

**External Affairs:** Tom Jones held his report until the annual meeting.

**Laurel Road Widening:** Roger Efron reported that there have been discussions at the state capital on construction funding. The county is concerned about I-75 traffic and want to move local traffic to the access roads on east and west sides, which includes Laurel Road.

**Commercial Development:** Roger Efron suggested that the board have an executive meeting to discuss the issue of representing a divided community, and there was unanimous consent to do so. The POA will be sending an electronic survey to the community with two questions of opinion on this.

**New Business:** John Manoush said the Nominating Committee had interviewed Joe Browne for one of the open board seats. Based on Joe's interest and involvement in VGRCCA issues, John nominated him and the vote was unanimous to approve Joe for the board seat.

**Board member comments:** Mark Faford said the seminar on reversing cognitive decline was attended by one of the largest audiences ever and feedback was very positive. Roger Efron discussed the next and last seminar on the active shooter. Joe Browne thanked the board for approving him for a director position and said he is happy to join.

**Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be held on May 8 at 3:30pm at the River Club.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Tom Jones, Secretary*