

**MINUTES FOR THE 15th ANNUAL MEETING of the**

**VG&RC COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**April 10, 2023**

**AT THE VENETIAN RIVER CLUB in VENICE, FLORIDA**

**1. Call to Order:** Roger Effron, President, called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and welcomed everyone to the annual meeting. A quorum of 10% of the Association membership was present through attendance or proxy (91 signed proxies received and 35 members in attendance). Proof of notice of the meeting was established via email and on the Association's website. The minutes of last year's meeting were previously approved by the board and posted on the Association's website.

**2. Election of Directors:** There were 7 board positions up for election to 2 year terms, and the Nominating Committee presented a slate of 6 nominees for the open board of director positions to the association membership. The 6 nominees were elected by acclamation, and they are:

Fred Baughman  
Michelle Trent  
Sharon George  
Mark Faford  
Tom Jones  
Joe Browne

**3. Officers and Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Fred Baughman, treasurer, reported that we had a 2022 year-end cash balance of \$118,000. The revenue for last year was just over \$24,000, which ran about equal to expenses.

**Membership:** Sharon George, chair, reported that our membership is now at 65.5% of the community, a slight decline from previous years which she attributed to the number of people moving in and out. She asked those attending to promote membership whenever they can.

**External Affairs committee:** Tom Jones, chair, reviewed development in NE Venice:

- He referred to the map used at the Town Hall meeting which showed the significant increase in built and projected new living units
- He discussed the new commercial properties along Laurel Road at Knights Trail
- He said the Habitat for Humanity property in the Mirasol project (Laurel Road at Knights Trail) is being rezoned, which is for administrative purposes and is agreeable to Habitat.

**President:** Roger Effron reviewed the history of the Community Association, formed in 2008, and the purpose of the organization to enhance the lifestyle of the VGRC. He discussed the involvement and achievements and the events and seminars we sponsor. Our *Parcels* newsletter is well received and has a very high "open" rate. He recognized past board members Jerry Jasper, John Moeckel, and Diane Maskol who were unable to attend this meeting.

**4. Questions from the floor on the reports:** Questions included a request for more information on the proposed commercial development, status of the traffic light and roundabout at our entry, dealing with developer Pat Neal, the commercial development survey from last May, and a suggested seminar on the Rookery in south Venice.

**5. Old business:** none

**6. New Business:** none

**7. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm on April 10, 2023

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**Board meeting to elect officers following the annual meeting:**

This meeting was called to order at 5:51pm. All 10 board members were present.

The following officers were elected for the next 12 months:

President – Roger Effron

Executive VP – Fred Baughman

Treasurer – Fred Baughman

Secretary – Tom Jones

VP – Mark Faford

VP – Steve Hefler

Membership chair – Sharon George

Additional board members: Michelle Trent, John Manoush, Taras Kowalczyn, Joe Browne

Committee chairs: Tom Jones will continue to serve as External Affairs chair  
Sharon George will continue to serve as Membership chair

There was a brief discussion on succession of officers, as it was felt the board should prepare for changes to next year’s board.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm on April 10, 2023

*Respectfully submitted by Tom Jones, Secretary*