

**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 August 14, 2023**

Board Members in attendance:

Roger Effron – President
Fred Baughman – VP & Treasurer
Tom Jones - Secretary
Mark Faford
Steve Hefler
Joe Browne
John Manoush (via Zoom)
Taras Kowalczyk (via Zoom)

Guests present: There were 3 Venetian residents attending in person and 2 joining *via* Zoom.

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

Secretary’s report: The minutes of the July 10 meeting were unanimously approved.

Public comment: There were two comments pertaining to River Club or CDD operations.

Treasurer’s Report: Fred Baughman reported that we currently have a cash balance of \$105,425. He said he is waiting for a reply from the POA with a copy of the traffic study or a request for payment of our share. To clarify a question, he said dues payments after Sept. 1 are credited to the next calendar year.

Seminars: Mark Faford circulated his finished schedule of the seminars and events for the upcoming season, a total of 17 plus the Town Hall meeting. Roger Effron passed out a flyer promoting the events.

HRT: Mary Rau Foster (HRT chair) and Fred Baughman reviewed the hurricane readiness team preparations which include a “Hurricane corner” on our website. Mary said there are 57 volunteers on the HRT and she has met with the POA property manager to review storm procedures.

Sub-committee reports:

+ Membership: Mark Faford said there have been no meetings yet due to Sharon George’s absence. There was a discussion on inserting a “voluntary contribution” on our membership form, or having a pledge drive. Also discussed was a change in the “dues” term to “supporter” or “contributor.”

+ External Affairs: Tom Jones reported that a workshop will be held by the developer of the GCCF PUD to increase the density from 4.1 units per acre to 5.0, which would increase the dwelling unit count from 1,324 to 1,615. There are some minor proposed changes to the Visterra development. He also reviewed the August *Parcels* article discussing what happens now with the appeal of the City Council approval. There was a discussion on a possible survey on support for a traffic light at our entrance. A consensus of the board wanted to do a survey, and a vote of 5-3 favored sending it to all VGRC residents.

+ Communications: John Manoush lead a discussion on how to be pro-active with our communications. Suggestions were condolence cards, QR codes, gathering emails of new residents for updated contacts, and a “welcome” breakfast.

+ Finance: Fred Baughman circulated a succession planning table and the need for each position to follow-up with the listed backups.

New business: Fred Baughman passed out a revised dues proposal for 2024, saying that with the significant increase in liability insurance costs, our current dues will not cover all our annual expenses. His proposal adds \$5 per year to all 3 brackets. The board consensus was to table this for now and reconsider it next year.

Board member comments:

- Roger Effron urged all board members to talk up the CA with friends and neighbors to increase membership and to also improve understanding of our mission.
- Taras Kowalczyn asked if any members of other surrounding communities have or will meet with Pat Neal, and there was no knowledge of any.
- Roger said *Parcels* will include biographical info on board members.
- Roger asked that Tom Jones speak with Steve Thomaston, POA president, to make him aware of the upcoming survey on the traffic light.
- Fred announced that he and his wife will be moving to New Hampshire early next year.

Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Monday, September 11 at 3:45pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Jones, Secretary