

**MINUTES FOR THE 16th ANNUAL MEETING of the**

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

**April 15, 2024**

**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 (105 signed proxies were received and 38 members were 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 are posted on the Association's website.

**2. Election of Directors:** There were 4 board positions up for election to 2 year terms, and the Nominating Committee presented a slate of 4 nominees for the open board of director positions to the association membership. The 4 nominees were elected by acclamation, and they are:

Steve Hefler  
John Manoush  
Roger Effron  
Taras Kowalczyn

**3. Officers and Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer:** Chip Melvin, treasurer, reported that we had a 2023 year-end cash balance of \$98,172 compared to \$118,722 the prior year. Revenue was \$23,658 in 2023 vs \$22,651 in 2022. Expenses in 2023 were \$42,518 vs \$26,926 in 2022. The traffic study, increased insurance costs, and event expenses in 2023 were the main reasons for the change.

**Membership:** Sharon George, chair, reported that our membership is now at 64% of the community, and the number of people moving in and out is largely driving this decline. She asked those attending to promote membership whenever they can.

**External Affairs committee:** Tom Jones, chair, reviewed development in NE Venice as was reported at the recent Town Hall meeting. The number of occupied, under construction, and projected homes this year totals 12,500, compare to about 8,900 a year ago. A 124 room 4 story hotel has been proposed along Laurel Road in front of the Treviso Grand apartments.

**President:** Roger Effron reviewed the strong points of the CA: the all-volunteer board, 16 well-attended seminars and events this season, an improved and often-visited website, and *Parcels* newsletter with an 86% open rate. He said the proposed shopping center across from our entrance has caused a lot of anger and division within the community. He wished for more collaboration among the boards and groups in VGRC to work on our issues. He discussed the Ajax agreement history and the CA's boards efforts to use the remaining surplus funds for landscape buffering. He said he'll be leaving the leadership role in the CA but plans to stay active with a position on the board.

**4. Questions from the floor on the reports:** Questions included a question about *Parcels*, if any current CA board members also serve on the POA or CDD boards, what insurance does the CA have and what is it for, what function does the CA serve when we have both a POA and CDD, and compliments to the CA board for continuing to serve the community.

**5. Old business:** none

**6. New Business:** none

**7. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm on April 15, 2024.

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

This meeting was called to order at 5:55pm. 9 board members were present (Roger Efron was absent)

The following officers were elected for the next 12 months:

Co-Presidents – Mark Faford and Tom Jones

Treasurer – Chip Melvin

Secretary – John Manoush

Membership chair – Sharon George

Additional board members: Taras Kowalczyn, Joe Browne, Steve Hefler, Terry Leary, Roger Efron

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm on April 15, 2024

*Respectfully submitted by Tom Jones, Secretary*