

Venetia Community Association, Inc.

A Corporation Not-for-Profit
c/o Sunstate Management Group, Inc.
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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting May 24, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order - The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Ann Viel.

Proof of Notice - The meeting was posted in accordance with the By-laws of the Association and Florida statute 720.

Determination of a quorum – A quorum was established with the following Directors present: President; Ann Viel, Vice President; Mary Jane Apicello, Treasurer; Mary Eve, Secretary; Cindy Beckley, Director; Art Apicello, and Director Roger DeNescia Jr. Also present was Brian Rivenbark and Lynn Priest from Sunstate Management Group.

Minutes – MOTION made by Mary Jane Apicello and seconded by Cindy Beckley to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 meeting as amended. **Motion passed unanimously.** Correction to previous minutes Michael Jalbert and Harry Vogel. Infrastructure Committee report was omitted from previous months agenda and Motion to remove sign was rejected by board was not shown on minutes.. Motion made by Cindy Beckley and seconded by Mary Jane. **Motion Passed unanimously.**

Presidents Report – Ann Viel gave her report. Mary Eve explained that Michael Jalbert Has volunteered to be on the VCA Board of Directors

Michael's background and qualification were discussed. **MOTION** made by Mary Eve and seconded by MaryJane Apicello to appoint Michael Jalbert to the board of Directors. **Motion passed unanimously.** Letter of resignation received by George Hirsoulis for sidewalk and Insurance committees. Sunstate will be the contact for this committee since there are no volunteers. **MOTION** made by Cindy Beckley and seconded by MaryJane Apicello to accept the resignation from George Hirsoulis. **Motion passed unanimously.** Discussion was held about sidewalk and insurance committee responsibilities being held by the Sunstate Management and that all of the sidewalk committee members have turned in their letters of resignation. **MOTION** made by Cindy Beckley and seconded by Art Apicello to accept resignation of all sidewalk and insurance committee members. **Motion passed unanimously.** Roger DeNescia Jr. submitted his resignation on the Tree & Gutter and Infrastructure committee. **MOTION** to accept Roger Denescia Jr's resignation from the Tree & Gutter and Infrastructure committee by Cindy Beckley and seconded by Mary Eve. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Brian Rivenbark addressed issue with hogs on the premises. Brian spoke with Steve Meredith who is a bow hunter and will trap and hunt the hogs. Plantation has used Steve for several years to help with their hog problem. Discussion was had about cost, procedures. Ann Veil stressed the importance of NOT attempting to get rid of the hogs on your own.

Kevin Hanley commented that his opinion is a bow hunter is a waste of money. He feels larger traps are the answer in order to catch 25+ hogs at a time. Norman Hotz stressed that care be taken when walking through the area. The hogs are active all hours of the day.

Ann will be off property for 10 days starting Saturday May 29 through June 8th.

Treasurers Report – As attached to these corporate records, Mary Eve gave the report from the April

2021 financials. **MOTION** to accept the Treasurers report by MaryJane Apicello and seconded by Art. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports –

- **Communications** – Joe Holler gave the report. **MOTION** made by Mary Eve, seconded by Cindy Beckley to allow Communication committee to monitor a Facebook page for the community. **Motion passed unanimously.** **MOTION** to approve introduction of quarterly newsletter made by Cindy Beckley, seconded by Mary Eve. The delivery was suggested to be via email for all residents on the email list and hardcopies of newsletter via USPS for those residents who do not provide VCA with an email address.. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Finance Committee** – NO report submitted as there was no meeting in May.
- **Planning Committee** – Jennifer Smouse reported. Discussion took place regarding upcoming road improvements.
- **ADHOC Road Committee** – Mary Eve reported. Committee is being restructured at this time. Volunteers for consideration are Mary Audlin, Tanya Henze and Jan Weis. **MOTION** to approve new committee members Mary Audlin, Tanya Henze and Jan Weis made by MaryJane Apicello seconded by Cindy Beckley. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Infrastructure Committee** – Bill Crocker reported. **MOTION** made to approve expense of motor replacement by Water Equip Technologies for \$5100 by Art Apicello, seconded by Cindy Beckley. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Insurance** – No report
- **Welcome** – Mary Hrisoulis gave report. One closing this month, 6 in April , 1 in May so far.
- **Landscaping** – Kevin Hanley gave the report. Mary Audlin has resigned from the committee. Unanimous vote to accept resignation.
- **Amenities** – Donna DeLuca gave the report. **MOTION** made by MaryJane Apicello seconded by Mary Eve to reopen club house with no restrictions. **Motion carried** with MaryJane Apicello, Mary Eve, Art Apicello, Roger Disniscia Jr. voting in favor and Cindy Beckley opposed. Meeting will be held in the clubhouse and zoom will be available for those who cannot or choose not to attend in person.
- **Environmental** – Mary Lou Holler and George Sperry gave the report. Discussion took place regarding cleaning sumps and costs associated with getting rid of the debris. **MOTION** made by Art Apicello and seconded by Mary Eve to ask George Sperry and volunteers to remove debris around sumps. **Motion carries** with Mary Eve, Art Apicello, Roger Disniscia Jr. voting in favor and Cindy Beckley and Maryjane Apicello opposed. **MOTION** made by Mary Eve and seconded by Cindy Beckley that the work approved by previous motion will not take place unless vendor has been identified to remove the debris on Friday 5/28/21. **Motion passed unanimously.** Funds for debris removal off property will be earmarked from tree, landscaping or environmental committee budget.
- **Tree and Gutter Report** – As attached to these corporate documents George Sperry gave the report.
- **Sidewalk Committee** – As attached to these corporate documents George Hrisoulis gave the report.
- **Citizens Patrol** – Norman Hotz gave the report.

MOTION made by MaryJane Apicello and seconded by Mary Eve to accept all committee reports. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Sub-Association Reports

- **VNA One** – Norm Hotz reported. 2 more homes sold. Lighthouse Management company was sold.
- **Villa Paradiso** – Jan Weis reported. The Association is busy with landscaping projects.
- **Villa Vivaci** – Harry Vogel reported. Community had a lightning strike.

- **Casa di Amici** – Russ Henze reported. An additional day was added to their watering schedule. Porches, steps, landings and garages power washed. Board changes are anticipated. Meeting will continue in September.
- **Management Report** – Brian Rivenbark reported. Asphalt areas in butterfly park are being power washed. This will continue as soon as repairs are made to equipment that failed and they will also address the sidewalks at Jacaranda entrance. Building contractor or handyman is being considered through Reliance Building and Maintenance to help with additional projects. Replacement of electrical panels was discussed. Proposals will be forth coming.

New Business

- Email will be sent to George Sperry regarding whether or not the debris removal will take place this week. It was noted by the Board that the cleaning of the sump areas should be done after the Memorial Day weekend.

Unfinished Business

- None.

Owner Comments

- None.

Next Meeting – June 28 , 2021 at 9 am.

MOTION made by Cindy Beckley and seconded by MaryJane Apicello to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Priest-Administrator, for
Brian Rivenbark/LCAM, for
The Venetia Community Association Board of Directors

Amenities Report for May 24th VCA Board of Directors Meeting

1. Use of Amenities, pool, bocce courts, tennis and pickleball has reduced as great percentage of seasonal residents have returned north. Volunteers power washed the courts in April. Courts Sub-Committee requested our signage and website information get changed to a summer schedule. All will be posted within a week.
2. Pool Filtering remains an ongoing issue and we are reviewing this with Symbiont and Grande Choice. Extra cleaning service was done thurs/fri 5/13 and 5/14. Meeting scheduled for thurs 5/20 with all vendors.
3. Fitness Room use is consistent – many of same individuals are on a regular schedule. All machines are accessible now to all Fitness Room users.
4. The sprinkler system and water feeds around the courts is still an issue. A representative from the well equipment company was on site 5/18 and has checked the tank pump and switches and feels all is in order. We will ask Infrastructure to check the feed going to the switches to ensure power feeds are all ok. Once this is resolved, we will need to ask Landscaping to take consider at adding sod just before our rainy season.
5. The landscaping area around the pool needs attention. Trees are overgrown, shrubs are thin and leggy. Westcoast was on site Friday 5/14 and thinned out the planter on the pool deck. We would like to work with Landscaping to discuss the pool planter area. We would rather keep it simple and NOT add plants to replace those overgrown or dead.
6. Mary Eve provided a report on YTD expenses and reserves for the Recreational Facilities so all members are aware of budget and expenses on an ongoing basis.
7. The Clubhouse was re-opened to residents on April 4th. Most activities for card and game groups have been placed back on the calendar. Seating has been re-arranged and seems to be working to all satisfaction. We have removed the mask required signage at the front door.
8. The Amenities Committee discussed re-opening the clubhouse for monthly Friday Mix and Mingle, Reservations, committee meetings, Yoga etc. It is the recommendation of the committee to open the Clubhouse to all activities as we had pre-pandemic. Reservations, scheduling. Committee meetings, board meetings and events will be coordinated by Edie Reiter as she has done in the past. An e-blast will be sent off to all residents.
9. **Co-Chairs:** Donna DeLuca/Jim Irr
Members: Elaine Timmes, Joe Bouchard, Eric Barth, Gene Yuskavage, Sharon Boyton/'Mark Link, Mike Melchiondo, Edie Reiter, MariLou Sperry, Tom Gamble, Mary Eve, Mary Hrsoulis, Barbara King

Venetia Communication Committee Report

May 24, 2011

Thanks to the efforts of Cindy Beckley, most of the printed directories have been distributed to Venetia residents.

Changes have been made to the Venetia website for security reasons. Viewers will be unaware of this change except that anyone who has bookmarked the FrontPage of the website will need to remake that bookmark. As of June 1, the old bookmark will no longer work.

We are still waiting for Comcast to install the cable to the clubhouse which will allow us to establish a dedicated TV channel for Venetia. It should be installed sometime this summer.

Joe Holler

Environmental Report 5/24/2021

The board accepted the Solitude contract to restore the bank of pond 7. We do not have a date for the work to begin, but they are hoping to have it done by the end of June.

Lily pads were sprayed in sump 34 at the request of Villa Vivaci.

Ponds 1 and 2 at the Jacaranda Gate were sprayed for red algae, in addition to the usual maintenance.

Sumps 36, 41, 43, 40, 16, 4386 Via Del Villetti and 4418 Corso Venetia will be prioritized by George Sperry for cleaning. They will be done when weather and manpower permits. Some may have been done by the VCA meeting date.

A resident on Bella Terra was notified that the preserve behind their house needs to have cuttings removed. Follow up on this problem will be addressed.

We met with the landscaping committee to coordinate about brush pickups when the sumps are cleaned out. Possibly West Coast will do it, if not too expensive. Other sources will be also looked at.

Mary Lou Holler

Co-chair Environmental Committee

VCA Infrastructure Report – May

4/27/2021

Completed work on Clubhouse Parking Lot Lamppost that was leaning. Repaired streetlight & 2 landscape lights on island at Jacaranda and a few other small jobs.

5/4/2021

Did preventive maintenance on top of the south Waterfalls at Jacaranda.

5/11/2021

Repaired streetlight and installed new bulb.

5/14/2021

Had to reprime waterfall pumps after a long shutdown at the Woodmere Entrance due to a low water condition.

5/19/2021

Worked with the contractor that was replacing burned out motor on south Waterfalls at Jacaranda Entrance, pressure washing the calcium buildup from the components before reinstalling them.

The Committee worked a total of 61 1/2 hrs in the Month of May.

Venetia Community Association Insurance Committee Report for May 2021

Nothing to Report.

Please remove from this committee the following:

Jerry Klinginsmith

Respectfully submitted,

George Hrisoulis

Committee Chairperson

5/18/2021

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT – 5/19/21

The landscape committee discussed these topics.

Mary Audlin will be stepping down from the Landscape Committee.

Status of last report:

1. Canna Lily replaced with Ixora 'Nora Grant' - **COMPLETE**
2. Heliconia Trimming – This is a timing issue, Kevin is worried about trimming them with it being as dry as it has, the irrigation will keep them alive, but we need the rain to come to make them thrive. Spoke to him again today and he knows this is a **TOP PRIORITY**
3. Pig Damage (Common Areas) – A lot of cost in this one if they just replace sod, he recommended just using seed.
4. Budget Specific Palm Trimming – Expecting a quote next week from Westcoast.
5. Berm - We will be focusing on trimming the berm shrubs this Friday and continue to do so on future visits.
6. Ends of entrances and planting (Bullnose). – Will have a quote by board meeting.
7. Potential Clubhouse enhancement – Landscape Committee is reviewing some proposals sent this past Friday. However there has been an ongoing irrigation issue that is not if Westcoast full control. This need to be rectified before fulling moving forward with enhancements.
8. Quote for Jacaranda to 776. Trimming and restoration. – Quote Received, under review, specifics being discussed.

New:

1. **Oak and Shaddy Lady Trimming 12' height** – Westcoast, the tree trimming is ongoing during mowing visits.
2. **Garbage and debris pickup** – I reiterated the importance, and it has been communicated to me that this will be taken care of. I emphasized its importance.
3. **Weeding** – Similar to garbage and debris pickup. I very much emphasized the importance and expectations to Westcoast. "We will have greater focus on the weeding going forward."
4. **Weeping Bottle Brush relocation** – Confirmed with Westcoast it will be moved inline with the once on the other side furthest away from the courts.
5. **Sumps and Weir Debris Removal from volunteer work** – Discussions with Westcoast to cost effectively help in this regard.

NOTE: Landscape Committee ---- PLEASE CHIME IN IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE OR YOU SEE SOMETHING WRONG! THANK YOU!

Update from Kevin Greene Dated 5/6/21, Westcoast Project Manager Below:

Hello Kevin,

My GM needed to change the day our detail crew is coming to Venetia. We will be in Venetia next Friday to perform the detail portion of our work, the pruning and weeding.

We will have our mowing crew at Venetia on Monday, our regular scheduled day. I will have them address the pool area weeding on Monday and have the detail crew address the trimming there next Friday.

We will be back to the preserve cutback this Monday to continue working on the left side of Natale Drive. We will be back again to complete the right side of Natale Drive either later in the week or the following Monday.

Kind Regards,
Kevin

Kevin Hanley
Venetia (VCA) Landscaping Chair
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**VCA PLANNING COMMITTEE
MAY 2021 REPORT**

A draft long range Capital Budget Report was distributed to all committee members and reviewed at the May 13, 2021 meeting. The report consists of projected expenditures for 2022 and for two future periods of 4 and 5 years so that the overall projections cover the next 10 years. For the 10 year period more than 100 individual projects are proposed with an estimated total value of \$ 4,534,000. However, for certain proposed expenditures additional supplementary information needs to be provided. For 2022 proposed expenditures total \$530,000. For 2021, \$467,000 was appropriated for the same categories of expenditure. An increase of 13.5% is proposed. However, two factors will impact the 2022 appropriation:

- a. There was a rollover surplus that effectively reduced the overall appropriation. The surplus will be substantially less for 2022.
- b. Fixed costs are expected to increase.

If the surplus is removed from the 2021 expenditures the actual appropriation is reduced to \$448,000. This means that the net increase from the 2021 to 2022 is, in reality, 18.3%. In dollars the difference is \$82,000. Therefore, to avoid increasing the total appropriation the proposed 2022 capital budget needs to be reduced to \$366,000. However, any increase in fixed costs will reduce this total even more. Without fixed cost increases the funding gap is \$164,000 (proposed 2022 expenditures of \$530,000 less \$366,000). Before finalizing the Capital Budget report this shortfall has to be addressed.

Before the June work session the required supplementary information will be provided and the Committee will begin focusing on the details of the 2022 budget items.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger DeNiscia

AD HOC ROAD COMMITTEE
APRIL 18, 2021

The committee did not meet since our last meeting on April 7, 2021 which was reported at the last Board Meeting.

At this time I would like to add three new names as members of the Ad Hoc Road Committee: Mary Audlin, Tanya Henze, and Jan Weis. I appreciate their stepping in to help with this important committee.

After Board approval of these new members, I will be setting up a meeting with all committee members to discuss our next steps moving forward including appointing a new chairperson.

Mary Eve

Venetia Community Association Sidewalk Committee Report for May 2021

Met with our contractor on 5/11/21, reviewed 95 areas designated for repairs. We are currently waiting for his work proposal estimate.

Please remove from this committee the following:

Jerry Klinginsmith

Patty Lothrop

Beverly Good

Mary Hrisoulis

Respectfully submitted,

George Hrisoulis

Committee Chairperson

5/18/2021

TREASURER REPORT
~~March 31~~ **APRIL** 2021

Total Liabilities & Equity:
\$1,516,638.07

Reserve Accounts:
\$1,002,403.78

Total Expenses:
\$178,369.19, over budget \$38,103.78
YTD over budget \$3,408.12

Tree Removal & Replacement Expense in the amount of \$51,563.60 occurred in April. This expense actually was under budget \$14,000 and will wash out by end of year.

Administration Expenses:
\$12,103.21 over budget \$3,594.87. The Audit of VCA in the amount of \$4,755.00 was completed in April. The budgeted amount for the audit was \$5000.00.
YTD under budget \$24.17.

Grounds Expenses:
\$66,393.43, over budget \$37,851.75. (See above for explanation).
YTD over budget \$11,317.26.

Maintenance Expenses:
\$3,468.04 under budget \$3,273.62.
YTD under budget \$5,357.09.

Pool & Recreation:
\$3,512.12 over budget \$128.78
YTD under budget \$2,398.70

Utilities:
\$50,009.48 under budget \$120.27
YTD over budget \$202.90.

Accounts Receivable: \$15,228.66. 20 homeowners have not paid 2nd quarter fees. Two of the homeowners have been forwarded to our Attorney since both are two quarters behind in fees. All others have been sent letters with late fees included in their unpaid balances. I expect to report next month that many of these delinquent accounts have been satisfied.

Submitted By;
Mary Eve, Treasurer

Tree and Gutter Committee Report 5/24/21

There has been very little activity within the Tree and Gutter committee during the past month. The committee members continue to water the new oak trees planted near Route 41.

The committee will put together a list of the needed gutter repairs during the next month. This assumes that we get some rain to help us identify the areas that need the repairs the most.

Roger DeNiscia has resigned from the committee.

Tree and Gutter Committee Chairman

George Sperry

Welcome Committee Report

VCA Board Meeting - May 24, 2021

We have had 6 closings for the month of April and 1 in May. Donna DeLuca contacts new residents to activate fobs. Residents are sent emails to notify us when they return from northern residences. For the year 2021 we have a total of 19 closings within our community. At this time, we are ahead of last years numbers by 3.

Submitted 5-18- 2021

By Mary Hrisoulis