

# Venetia Community Association, Inc.

*A Corporation Not-for-Profit*  
c/o Sunstate Management Group, Inc.  
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## **Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting October 11, 2022 at 9:00a.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; Dick Mole Treasurer; Tanya Henze, Secretary Cindy Beckley, Member at Large Mary Jane Apicello. Absent was Member at Large Michael Jalbert. Also present in person was Brian Rivenbark from Sunstate Management Group. Many residents were also present via Zoom.

**Presidents Report** – Ann Viel stated that the purpose of this special meeting was called after destruction in our community from Hurricane Ian to ratify expenditures already approved electronically by the Board and to inform residents of ongoing cleanup procedures. She explained that the agenda for this meeting is only for the hurricane damage and reiterated that the regularly scheduled monthly Board of Directors meeting will be held on Monday, October 31, 2022 to approve the 2023 Budget, which will be mailed to all residents 14 days in advance of that meeting. Ann also wanted to stress that our association is in very good financial health and that there will be no special assessments to pay for the clean-up from the hurricane. Ann mentioned that some of the damage will be covered by insurance. There is money designated in the reserve balances for certain repairs, and because the road paving project came in under budget, we have that money to put toward these expenses. There is also money in the operating accounts that can be used. She went on to explain the agenda for this meeting is only for the impact of the hurricane, and that the first order of business will be the board approval of five proposals. Then she will ask for committee reports from those volunteer committees who have worked to restore amenities to Venetia. Then each Director will be given time to speak, and finally, comments and questions will be taken from the residents. Ann also reported that insurance claims will be submitted by Brian Rivenbark for any covered damage.

A representative from our landscape vendor, West Coast, spoke to the group and explained that they have been on property every day since right after the hurricane, some crews even working on Saturday and Sunday. Tim explained that the cleanup is occurring in phases:

- Phase 1 is to cut trees on streets and homes and stack the logs, and remove any debris impeding two-way traffic on our streets.
- Phase 2 is to cut trees on the berm between Venetia and the Hour Glass community, and also along Route 776 and Jacaranda Boulevard.
- Phase 3 will be to try to recover and save as many of the new replacement Shady Lady and Black Olive trees planted in the last four years.
- Phase 4 will be handled by Sarasota County to remove the vegetation debris and C&D (construction and demolition) waste from our streets. Sub-contractors may be hired by the

county for this clean-up. There is an online map available on the county website with information about when that clean-up may occur in our community, but as of now we are listed at TBD (to be determined). According to the county, our destruction is minimal.

The five proposals that were ratified are:

- Proposal # 1 – An invoice from West Coast in the amount of \$75,000 that included Phases 1 and 2 tree and limb removal which was broken down to \$5,000 per crew per day. **MOTION** made by Dick Mole and seconded by Mary Jane Appicello. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Proposal # 2 – A proposal from West Coast to pay \$3,000 per crew per day for removing debris from streets causing traffic hazards. **MOTION** made by Art Apicello and seconded by Dick Mole. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Proposal # 3 – An invoice from WET (Water Equipment Technologies) in the amount of **\$3,044.20** for waterfall repair. **MOTION** made by Art Apicello and seconded by Tanya Henze. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Proposal # 4 – Repair of gate arm electronics in the amount of \$1,160 to . **MOTION** made by Tanya Henze and seconded by Dick Mole. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Proposal # 5 – Repair of decorative swing gates, and the security gate between the Shell Gas Station on Route 41 and the condos, in the amount of \$11,065 to \$11,290 **MOTION** made by Cindy Beckley and seconded by Art Apicello. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Committee Reports–**

- **Infrastructure Committee** – Bill Crocker reported. His committee will handle as much repair as they are capable of to save the community money. He presented a list to the Board of all repairs needed, including damage to the entrance waterfalls at both gates, broken stop and other street signs, light poles, flag poles, etc.
- **Amenities** – Donna DeLuca reported. The clubhouse and pool is now open. Committee members helped to store the pool furniture in the clubhouse and then return it to the pool deck afterward. Also they secured the courts and awnings. There is a small amount of damage to one of the bocce courts.
- **Environmental** – Mary Lou Holler reported. Solitude checked the weirs before the storm to make sure that there would not be a drainage problem into the preserves.
- **Landscaping** – Jackie Cleary gave the report.
- **Trees Committee** – George Sperry reported. There are over 40 trees that have blown over and caused damage to sidewalks and mailboxes. The list of trees that was approved to be taken down in 2023 by the Board of Directors at the September 19, 2022 meeting will now be replaced by these trees damaged by the hurricane. He also presented to the Board a list of the new replacement trees planted within the last four years that were damaged or uprooted. Those that can be saved number about 65 and those that will need to be replace are about 32 in number. West Coast’s arborist believes that there could be about a 50 percent chance of these saved trees surviving.
- **Preserve Committee** –Jan Weis reported. There will need to be an assessment by the committee of all preserves but residents were reminded that the county must approve any vegetation to be removed from personal property and boundaries must be observed.

- **Roads Committee** – George Sperry reported. No damage to our newly paved streets

**MOTION** made by Tanya Henze and seconded by Cindy Beckley to accept all committee reports. **Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Sub-Association Reports**

- **VNA1** – Jim Irr reported. These single-family homes are responsible for replacing their mailboxes by the one approved vendor, Nostalgia. It was suggested that those residents who have damage from VCA trees between the streets and sidewalks file their claims with their individual homeowner policies
- **Villa Paradiso** – Jan Weis reported. Minimal damage to those 42 units.
- **CDA** – Russ Henze reported. Many trees downed. They will be inspecting all roofs for tile damage. The pool shared by CDA and Villa Paradiso was reopened today.
- **Villa Vivaci** – Jim Chmielak reported. He spoke with a FEMA representative who was in the community assessing the storm damage.

**Management Report** – Brian Rivenbark reported. If any resident has questions they should call or email him.

#### **Owner Comments**

**Next Meeting** – October 31, 2022

**MOTION** made by Mary Jane Apicello and seconded by Tanya Henze to adjourn the meeting.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Cindy Beckley, Secretary, Venetia Community Association  
for  
Brian Rivenbark /LCAM,  
for The Venetia Community Association Board of Directors