

Venetia Community Association, Inc.

A Corporation Not-for-Profit
c/o Sunstate Management Group, Inc.
Phone—941-870-4920

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting February 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order—The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by President Dick Mole.

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 Dick Mole, Vice President Peter Easton, Secretary Al Faella, Treasurer Jennifer Smouse, Director Norman Lockhart, Director Michael Jalbert, and Director Alex Sarelas. Also present in person was Brian Rivenbark and (via zoom) Lindsey Olson from Sunstate Management Group.

MOTION made by Jennifer Smouse and seconded by Michael Jalbert to accept the resignation of Dick Mole as President. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Norm Lockhart to accept the resignation of Peter Easton as Vice President. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION made by Dick Mole and seconded by Alex Sarelas to appoint Norm Lockhart as President. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION made by Norm Lockhart and seconded by Michael Jalbert to appoint Dick Mole as Vice President. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes—**MOTION** made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Michael Jalbert to approve the minutes of the December 2023 meeting as presented, and the January 22, 2024 meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Presidents Report: Norm Lockhart introduced himself.

Vice Presidents Report: Dick Mole reported.

Treasurers Report—As attached to these corporate records, Jennifer Smouse gave the report from the January 2024 financials. **MOTION** made by Dick Mole and seconded by Michael Jalbert to assess the special assessment in the amount of \$221 per home. **MOTION carries, with six directors voting in favor, and Michael Jalbert abstaining.**

Committee Reports—

- **Communications Committee** – Joe Holler reported. He needs a list of the VCA meetings for the year, and all committee lists.
- **Finance Committee** – Jennifer Smouse reported in Roger DeNiscia's absence.
- **Infrastructure Committee** – George Sperry reported. **MOTION** made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Jennifer Smouse to approve \$850 for the battery backup system. **MOTION passed unanimously.**
- **Welcome Committee** – Cindy Beckley read Margaret Eskey's report in her absence. Margaret Eskey is resigning as chair and would Cindy Beckley has been appointed as chair. **MOTION** made by Norm Lockhart and seconded by Alex Sarelas to appoint Cindy Beckley as chair of the welcome committee. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Amenities** – Mary Eve read the report from Donna DeLuca in her absence. **MOTION** made by to ratify the motion for the repair of the Clubhouse roof \$1753.62 for Mighty Dog roofing. **Motion carries, with six directors voting in favor, and Jennifer Smouse abstaining.**
- **Sarasota County Liaison Committee** – Jo Price reported.
- **Environmental Committee** – Dave Bakula reported.
- **Landscape Committee** – Dave Lanni reported. **MOTION** made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Norman Lockhart to accept the proposal from South County Repair in the amount of \$1000. **Motion carries with six directors voting in favor, and Peter Easton abstaining.** **MOTION** made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Dick Mole to approve the proposal from South County Repair in the amount of \$1165 for irrigation repair along the berm. **Motion passed unanimously.** **MOTION** made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Dick Mole to approve the proposal in the amount of \$4,601.25 from Twin Palms for berm plantings. **MOTION massed unanimously.** **MOTION** made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Dick Mole to approve the proposal in the amount of \$400 from Twin Palm for cut back overgrowth on Sintina Ct. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Wildlife Committee** – Norm Hotz reported.
- **Preserve Committee** – Jan Weis reported. **MOTION** made by Dick Mole and seconded by Alex Sarelas to appoint Cindy Beckley to the Preserve Committee. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Tree and Gutter Report** – George Sperry reported. **MOTION** made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Dick Mole to accept the proposal from Tip Top Tree Trimmers in the amount of \$38,500 for tree trimming on the berm. **Motion passed unanimously.** **MOTION** made by Jennifer Smouse and seconded by Norm Lockhart to approve the proposal from Artistree for stump grinding. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- **Security Patrol:** Norm Hotz reported. The committee is searching for more volunteers. **MOTION** made by Norm Lockhart and seconded by Alex Sarelas to bring out the speed gun to clock speeders on the Association roads.
- **Social Committee:** Nancy Gianino reported. **MOTION** made by Alex Sarelas and seconded by Al Faella to add Linda Fair to the committee. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MOTION made by Dick Mole and seconded by Norman Lockhart to accept all committee reports as presented. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Sub-Association Reports

- **VNA1** – No report.
- **Villa Paradiso** – No report.
- **Villa Vivaci** – No report.
- **CDA** – Roof cleaning is happening now.

Management Report – Brian Rivenbark reported.

New Business – **MOTION** made by Jennifer Smouse and seconded by Norm Lockhart to have the tree committee research the cost of replacing damaged trees. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Owners Comments – None.

Next meeting – March

MOTION made by Michael Jalbert and seconded by Norm Lockhart to adjourn the meeting. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Lindsey Olson/LCAM for
Brian Rivenbark /LCAM,
for The Venetia Community Association Board of Directors

Here is my VCA Treasurer's report for the Feb 26 2024 Board meeting:

Actual revenues for month of January 2024 were \$159,571 which is \$10,776 higher than budget. Gate sticker revenue collected in the amount of \$10,638 was responsible for most of this revenue budget variance.

Administrative expense for month of January 2024 was \$12,332 which is \$1,052 higher than budget. Postage and printing costs of the VCA Annual meeting notices accounted for \$2,656 of unfavorable budget variance. Insurance expense had a favorable budget variance of \$878, and audit and legal fees had favorable budget variance for \$683.

Grounds expense for month of January 2024 was \$18,063 which is \$24,029 lower than budget.

Maintenance expense for month of January 2024 was \$1,158 which is \$4,546 lower than budget. Sidewalk repairs accounted for \$2,917 of this favorable maintenance budget variance. This is just a temporary timing variance as sidewalk repairs are currently in process within community.

Other expense for month of January 2024 was \$42,444 which is \$14,458 higher than budget. The purchase of gate stickers for \$14,606 was charged to the contingency fund which caused this unfavorable other expense budget variance.

Pool and Recreation expense for month of January 2024 was \$3,743 which is \$157 lower than budget.

Utilities expense for month of January 2024 was \$58,209 which is \$377 higher than budget.

Total actual expense for the month of January 2024 was \$135,949 which is \$12,845 less than budget.

Total net income for month of January 2024 was \$23,622.

Total Assets as of 1/31/2024 were \$1,243,582.

Total Operating Cash at 1/31/2024 was \$759,998 and total Reserve Cash and CDs was \$451,891.

Total Accounts Receivable at 1/31/2024 were \$19,383. As of February 23, 2024 there are 25 owners that had not paid either their January 2024 quarterly assessment or previous billed assessments plus late fees with interest. One past due account is currently with our attorney for collection. There are 4 owners that have not yet paid the Special Assessment that was billed back in April 2023. \$30 Late fee plus monthly interest charges continue to be added to delinquent owner accounts until payment is received in full.

Other Assets as of 1/31/2024 were \$12,310. The largest Other Asset account is Prepaid Insurance for \$9,941.

Total Liabilities as of 1/31/2024 were \$1,054,784. Current Liabilities as of 1/31/2024 were \$602,893 of which Deferred Cable Revenue was \$271,088 and this account now includes the Hot Wire door fee check received in January 2024 for \$256,800. Long Term Liabilities as of 1/31/2024 were \$451,891 which consist of the various Reserve accounts.

Total Equity as of 1/31/2024 was \$188,799 and based on 643 owners in VCA, this equates to \$294 per owner.

The 2023 draft Audit Report for VCA was received from external auditor this past week and I expect the Final Audit Report to be received before end of this month. There were no significant adjustments made by auditor and a clean opinion is being issued.

The Notice of Special Assessment Proposal for Hurricane Ian Repair and Cleanup dated February 9, 2024 was mailed out to all Venetia owners. I am now submitting this Proposal to the VCA Board of Directors for their ratification and approval today. After the Board approves, Special Assessment invoices in the amount of \$221 will be mailed out to all Venetia owners. The due date for this Special Assessment is April 15, 2024.

This completes my Treasurer's Report for the February 26, 2024 VCA Board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Smouse
VCA Board/ Treasurer

Vice Presidents Report

There are a few things I would like to address going into our new year with a new board. I just want you to think about this:

There are 14 committees, some have sub-groups. There are approximately 105 members making up our committees.

This thought was brought to my attention at the close of a committee meeting when I overheard a new member ask the chair, “now what do we do” Think about that!!

You discuss things pertaining to your meeting, then adjourn. Now what?? Why can't we that those 107 members and have projects done in the community? Save labor cost.

Also on that note, I have attended several different meetings and some are sparse, not at all like the numbers, Maybe the attendance should be enforced to stay on the committee.

Committee chairs, think about these simple facts that I have hit on, can they or other ideas save labor costs and make Venetia healthy.

The next item, I would like to have a couple of volunteers from amenities, infrastructure, and social committees. I would like this so called ad hoc committee to get together and discuss and come up with solutions of storage. We have an off site storage unit which we are paying for, one side Christmas and the other social, one storage room at the clubhouse and 2 areas in the showers which could be fixed for storage. We have table and chairs, tools and supplies for infrastructure, Christmas stuff and social items. With more and more activities, we need to make better use of our storage area. That's where this committee can get together and brainstorm to come up with a plan agreeable to all.

Dick Mole

Vice President Venetia Community Association

Communications Committee Report

February 2024

The communications committee has nothing to report this month.

Joe Holler

To: VCA Board of Directors

February Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee held their monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2024 at 10 AM in the clubhouse.

Present were voting members Patty Lombardo, Jim Chmielak, and Roger DeNiscia. Also in attendance were Jennifer Smouse, VCA Board Treasurer and VCA Board Member Peter Easton. Voting member Mary Eve was absent/excused.

The first order of business was to elect a new Chair due to the fact that former Chair, Jennifer Smouse was elected to the VCA Board on Feb. 1, 2024. On motion made by Jim Chmielak and seconded by Patty Lombardo the Committee elected Roger DeNiscia as Chair for the year 2024.

The second order of business was to review the revised Hurricane Expenses Report that is an update to that which the Committee reviewed at the January meeting. At that time the Committee agreed to recommend that the VCA Board proceed with sending out a 2024 Special Assessment Notice in the amount of \$221.00 per owner. Based upon the updated Hurricane Expenses Report the Committee affirmed its January recommendation that the VCA Board proceed with the 2024 Special Assessment Notice in the amount of \$221.00 per owner.

The Committee agreed to continue to hold Finance Committee meetings on the second Thursday of the month.

Respectfully submitted,

Roger DeNiscia
Chair, Finance Committee

Infrastructure Report for the period of 1/17/24 through 2/19/24

1/17 Mounted sign at clubhouse.
1/17 Replaced two light bulbs in clubhouse.
1/23 Replaced worn out belt in right outbound Jacaranda gate arm controller.
1/23 Tightened clamp on Jacaranda left outbound gate arm.
1/30 Re installed Woodmere inbound gate arm.
1/30 Replaced outlet cover at the bocce ball court.
1/30 Replaced photo cell in street light at 4382 Natale.
1/30 Researched power outage at Villa Vivaci pool parking lot.
2/2 Replace two light bulbs in clubhouse ladies restroom.
2/5 Raised inspection plate and relocated photo cell on street light at 4282 Del Villetti
2/6 Checked Street light on Cernala Court that was reported as out. It was working.
2/7 Re installed Woodmere inbound gate arm.
2/9 Re installed Jacaranda inbound gate arm.
2/13 Replaced closer in north pool gate.
2/13 Replaced battery in Woodmere gate system.
2/13 Replaced worn out pump in one of the Woodmere Island Fountains and cleaned all three of them.
2/13 Realigned Jacaranda Visitor Gate that had been hit by a truck.
2/13 Patched hole in the pavement in clubhouse parking lot.
2/13 Straightened Street light pole and replaced the bulb in the street light in Cernala Court.

The Infrastructure Committee worked a total of 32 hours during the period.

During the last hurricane the electricity was off for an extended period of time at the Woodmere Water Falls. This made the sump pumps inoperable causing the vault which houses the pumps to flood. This caused the pump motors to fail and resulted in an expenditure \$20,000 to replace them. Attached to this report is a proposal to purchase and install a battery back up system to avoid a reoccurrence of this problem. The cost to do this is approximately \$850.00 and the committee recommends that the Board approve it.

Report submitted by George Sperry

Venetia Community Association, Inc.
Welcome Committee Report for February 26, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting

First of all, I would like to report that I will be stepping down as chairwoman of this committee, and I am requesting that the VCA Board of Directors approve Cindy Beckley as the chairwoman of the Welcome Committee. I will remain on the committee, helping as I can.

There has been three property closings since the last Board of Directors meeting in January and all three families have received Welcome Bags from the committee

There are currently 18 properties for sale in Venetia, as of February 1st , that are listed on the Multiple Listings page provided on our website by Realtor Barbara King. Of those 18, five of those properties are villas, four are condos, and the remainder are single-family homes.

I would like to thank all of the Welcome Committee members for their help in welcoming our new neighbors.

Margaret Eskey
Chairwoman, VCA Welcome Committee

Amenities Committee Report for VCA Board of Directors Meeting
02/26/2024

Amenities met on Tuesday Feb 20th.

POOL/SPA

Spa: back up and running temporarily. Spa heater has a freon leak and Symbiont will schedule a service visit each week to keep it charged, as we wait for replacement unit.

CLUBHOUSE:

Hobby expo held Sunday Feb 4th/ Over 200 people attended, great turn out, very well received. Raffle Proceeds Split: \$296 to the winner and \$296 to Amenities Committee. Amenities proceeds covered printing expenses, signage and A frames and clubhouse supplies, dust busters.

Roof repair in area over kitchen was repaired week of 2/13. Approval completed verbally, Board to ratify at 2/26 BOD mtg.

Removal of area in question showed severe rotting issues with plywood. We will begin to gather estimates for a re-roof so we know what to budget for moving forward.

Clubhouse reservations: Soc Committee Sunday 3/10 ,music/pool side with Band.
Also Private reservations 2/23, 3/3,

Kitchen-storeroom- plantation shutters to be deep cleaned by volunteers - scheduled for Thurs 2/29

Committee has responded to numerous complaints of musty smell especially in the card room. We have brought in an air filter/purifier that now runs periodically in the clubhouse. We have had 3 inspectors visit over the last 2 weeks, testing air quality and visual inspections of air handlers in attic. We will report on results. An extensive report for action items in the clubhouse will be sent to the Board and recommended action items/timeline.

COURTS:

- Bocce court repair (approved in March) was completed 2nd week in Nov. We are still dealing with some repair work that needs to be completed. We have instructed accounting not to pay the invoice yet.
- Lawson in Bradenton finally sent quotes to resurface courts. Court sub committee to review. (Jim Irr, Eric Barth, and others)

Committee changes

Remove Joe Bouchard and Willie Viola from Amenities Committee Lists

Submitted Jan 20th-2024/Donna DeLuca

Sarasota County Liaison Committee Report to VCA Board of Directors Meeting

February 2024

The Sarasota County Liaison Committee (Liaison Committee) has established a monthly meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9AM in the Clubhouse. Venetia residents are encouraged to attend.

Limited updates since the last meeting.

1. Traffic Safety on Jacaranda Update

- **Apartment Complex Construction Timeline:**
 - Plans for the apartment complex have been delayed until **3rd/4thQ 2024**.
 - The left-hand turn into the southern entrance will be the first construction item completed.
- **Jacaranda Corridor (US 41 and Englewood Road) Traffic and Safety Updates:**
 - Traffic **Safety** Study funded by Sarasota County has been approved and contracted.
 - The scope of the study includes access points focusing on Walmart, Venetia, and the apartment complex entrances. and speed.
 - The results of the study will not be published for a year.
- **Inclusion of the Jacaranda Corridor in key County traffic reports**
 - Arterial Performance Report—Quarterly (County invested \$7K in monitoring equipment on Jacaranda)
 - Annual Crash Report

Next Steps:

- Presentation to the Venetia Community on the Liaison Committee's findings and efforts is scheduled for **March 21, 2024 at 5PM. E-blasts are planned for March 1st and 18th.**
- Continue to dialogue with Commissioner Cutsinger and CEM, as it relates to updates or other matters.
- Continue to develop a strong relationship with Sarasota County Traffic Division, as they have been the most responsive.

- Develop relationships with other communities to join in efforts to manage development.
- Continue our pursuit of a county evacuation contact since Jacaranda is a chokepoint regardless of the changes made to our entrance.
- Develop a **Communications Plan** to promote resident engagement over concerns and dismay of the increased property development without the proper infrastructure in place (roads, green space, traffic) to public officials. This Communications Plan would include Venetia as well as other communities and include:
 - developing form letters for distribution to elected officials—**under development.**
 - advanced notifications of meetings and liaisons with other developments such as Sarasota National, etc.
 - Communications vehicles include internal Venetia Facebook sites, Next Door, and Venetia website.

2. Research County Mosquito Policy, Resources, and Services

- Referred to the Preserve and Environmental Committee-action closed.

Respectively Submitted by the Liaison Committee,

Jo Price, Co-Chair

Donna DeLuca, Co-Chair

Sherry Blakely, Member

Aleta Fazzone, Member

Southwest Florida Water Management District permits for Venetia's water drainage system were renewed last spring. These inspections are required every three years. Kinney Engineering is the vendor of record. (171142-1 2 4 5) The environmental committee would like to meet with the VCA board to discuss criteria for homeowners citing erosion concerns on stormwater retention ponds. Water runoff from roofs and property line distances from the water are issues that need to be evaluated.

for the committee Dave Bakula

Landscape Committee Report

Submitted to VCA Board of Directors

Monday, February 26, 2024

The Landscape Committee met on Tuesday, February 13. Some of the issues discussed and decided are listed below:

New Proposals

- South County Submitted a proposal, as attached, for the replacement of an expansion tank behind 4122 Bella Pasque. The tank was serviced approximately six months ago, noting that it was on borrowed time, and has since rotted through. It is part of the irrigation system that takes care of the north side of Jacaranda gate and berm which is currently shut down. The cost of replacement is \$1000.
- South County has submitted a proposal for rehab of the irrigation system between Jacaranda/776 and Bella Terra/Via Del Villetti. This is the first part of our '24 irrigation initiative to bring the entire development back to full functionality. Cost of proposal: \$1165
- Twin Palms has submitted proposal 1564, as attached, for the installation of new plantings for the entire berm to repair blank spots all along this section either caused by neglect, lack of irrigation and/or storm damage. The work will commence after irrigation and tree trimming is completed by the tree committee. Project will be coordinated with irrigation repairs. This is part of the '24 planting initiative. Cost of the proposal is \$4601.25.
- Proposal 1754 from Twin Palms to trim VCA property behind the South side of Santana Court. This section has been ignored over the years and has overgrown onto homeowners' property. Brian Rivenbark has been requested to email abutters affected for a March 6 cut. This was a request from the Board last year. Cost of Proposal \$400.

Proposals Completed Year End 2023

- Annuals were planted at both entrances along with clubhouse entrance, irrigation was repaired.
- All phase two sod replacement from storm damage to sidewalk areas was completed on schedule by Twin Palms.
- Twin Palms proposal 1665 for 4575 Canello Grande side yard and 4114 Bella Pasque rear yard was completed.
- Proposal 1628 for Twin Palms to add planting and sod at Villa Paradiso pedestrian gate and main gate at Woodmere entrance completed.

Other Business

- Budget 2024 – AS stated above we are now formulating and submitting proposals linked to 2014 Landscape Plan submitted last year.
- 4414 Santina Court – Home under construction – Preserve Vertical cut behind this residence under construction left homeowner dissatisfied with the condition of abutting VCA property after the cut. The area is defoliated and needs rehabilitation of some sort. Owner requests at least a cleanup of the area with plantings of some sort being installed sometime in the future. Scope of project and responsibility of costs are to be determined.
- The Landscape Committee has assigned responsibility for the various projects for the 2024 calendar year by subcommittee.

Irrigation Subcommittee: Alex Sarelis, Dave Lanni, Jack Majerus, Jim Irr

Plantings Subcommittee: Eric Barth, Mario Gianino, Dave Lanni, Jim Irr, Dick Mole

- Jim Irr, current Landscape Committee member has accepted the role as vice chair of the committee in Dave Lanni's absence.
- Volunteer Day – Second volunteer day as organized by Dick Mole was on Thursday February 22. Areas of Clubhouse and berm were cleared of dead or dying plantings in preparation of 2024 planned plantings.
- NEW ITEM, not discussed. Homeowner request for action on area at the end of the Berm off of Via Del Villetti. Met with homeowner to discuss security issues, debris and gaps at berm bordering development to the rear.

We had not addressed this in the berm landscape proposal since it is far to the end of the berm near the marsh area away from the homes. The committee will develop a proposal within the scope of our responsibility.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Lanni

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Estimate



ADDRESS

Venitia Community Association
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SHIP TO

Venitia Community Association
 Berm plant replacements

ESTIMATE

1564

DATE

07/19/2023

DATE		DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	7gsilverthorne	7 Gal Silverthorne Bush Installed	11	78.75	866.25
	3gstarjasmine	3 Gal Star Jasmine Bush Installed	9	20.00	180.00
		Above is behind 5035 Bella Terra Dr on the berm			0.00
	7gpitchapple	7 Gal Pitch Apple installed	7	65.00	455.00
		Above is behind 5029 Bella Terra Dr on the berm			0.00
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	1	65.00	65.00
		Above is for 5025 Bella Terra Dr			0.00
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	1	65.00	65.00
		Above is behind 5023 Bella Terra Dr on the berm			0.00
	7gsilverthorne	7 Gal Silverthorne Bush Installed	8	78.75	630.00
		Above is behind 5019 Bella Terra Dr on the berm			0.00
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	1	65.00	65.00
		Above is at 5009 Bella Terra Dr			0.00
		* Please Flush Cut 2" small oak tree that just sprouted			0.00

DATE		DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
		on its own from the hedge at 5009 Bella Terra Dr			
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	7	65.00	455.00
		Above is behind 5007 Bella Terra Dr on the berm			0.00
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	4	65.00	260.00
		Above is for behind 4258 Via Del Villetti			0.00
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	12	65.00	780.00
		Above is behind 5003 Bella Terra Dr on the berm by pond			0.00
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	3	65.00	195.00
		Above is behind 4306 Via Del Villetti Dr on the berm			0.00
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	1	65.00	65.00
		Above is behind 4314 Via Del Villetti Dr on the berm			0.00
	7gViburnumO	7 Gal Viburnum O Installed	8	65.00	520.00
		Above is behind 4362 Via Del Villetti Dr on the berm			0.00

TOTAL

\$4,601.25

Accepted By

Accepted Date

PRESERVE COMMITTEE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2024

The committee has completed three days of community walks with Solitude and Sarasota County. We have viewed Preserve violations that were previously recorded and Solitude has noted the needed actions to resolve these violations.

There are two areas, both VCA common property, where large dying pepper trees were removed. We are working with the County, Twin Palm, Solitude (to chemically treat the tree stumps to ensure no new growth returns) and VCA Landscaping to develop the rehab of these areas.

As well, there were a small number of tree issues (trimming, removal, etc.) that were identified. That list is being sent to both Sarasota County and Solitude; they will coordinate with an arborist to assess and decide on next steps and a contractor will be selected to handle any work in these areas.

Once we have all of the above details, we'll compile the full report and prepare the recommended plan moving forward. This project is predicted to be ongoing through 2024 and most likely 2025 or longer.

Meanwhile yet this year, Twin Palm will proceed to begin the vertical cut for the remainder of VCA common property prior to July and hurricane season.

Committee:

Our committee still has no representation from Villa Vivaci since Cheryl Bobby resigned.

Cindy Beckley, Villa Paradiso, has volunteered to be on our committee as a member and we are asking the Board for approval of this addition.

Linda Braun – Villa Paradiso

Bill Lewis – VNA1

Jimmy Spizzirri – Casa De Amici

Jan Weis, Villa Paradiso/Chair

Tree and Gutter Committee Report 2/26/24

The tree removal and replacement project began on 13 February. There are 40 trees to be removed and that phase of the project is expected to be finished by 23 February. The Tree Committee Members have been busy directing traffic during this part of the project.

The committee members also removed almost all of the tree straps and stakes that were installed on the surviving Shady Lady Trees following the hurricane. The trees were expanding in size and the straps were choking them.

Stump grinding began on 19 February and that part of the project will continue for the next couple of weeks. Tree planting will begin on 26 February.

We split the Berm Trimming request for quotation trimming into two parts. Tree trimming being one part and stump grinding and removal as the second part.

Attached to this report is a quotation for berm trimming from Tip Top Tree Trimmers in the amount of \$38,500. **We recommend that the Board approve this quotation as we want to get this part done in March or early April while we have committee members available to supervise the work. The contractor is also available to do the work at that time.**

Also attached to this report is a quotation from Tip Top Tree Trimmers in the amount of \$5,500 for grinding and removal of 9 tree stumps that are located on the berm that were blown down during the hurricane. This is for information purposes at this time as we are seeking other quotations.

There is \$40,000 in the budget for berm trimming. It is expected that the stump grinding and removal cost added to the trimming cost will exceed the budget. We ask for Board guidance as we seek a way to fund the completion of this project.

It is expected that there will be only \$4,000 left in the tree trimming budget following the current expenditures. This full amount will probably be needed to do the trimming of the oaks in the neighborhood in the fall.

Tree and Gutter Committee Chairman

George Sperry

Social Committee Report for 2/26/24

The Committee is pleased to report that we purchased a 10ft Balsam Hill Christmas Tree for our Clubhouse to be used in 2024. We were also able to purchase 100 black folding chairs and 12 - 60" tables to use at our events. The storage unit was organized and we were able to find the available space needed in our storage for the tables, chairs and tents previously purchased.

These purchases for our community were from funds from our events. We hope that we will be able to do door prizes or raffles at our future events. All money goes back into the community. When budgets are due, we will need funding that has not previously been needed, except for Christmas lights!

The Christmas tree and decorations use approximately half of the storage unit. Jim Irr and Dick Mole will be organizing the Christmas decorations, except for inside the clubhouse. The lights in storage are all LED and more will be needed before decorating for the holidays in November.

Ladies Out To Lunch on Feb. 21 was at Cafe Venice with 35 ladies attending the luncheon.

Jammin' January on 1/27 was a very successful event with 204 in attendance around the pool and inside the Clubhouse. \$15 was paid by each resident to cover the band Classix, decorations and dessert. Thank you to Donna Lanni for organizing this event.

On February 9th, Mary Lou Holler and Karen Boyd organized Coffee House that was held inside the clubhouse with 57 residents attending. Each paid \$5 to cover \$150 for a guitar player and snacks on the table. It received rave reviews and we plan to do more of this type of event.

Paisley Craze played at the pool for the Peace & Love event. Wendy Pelletier organized this, with 162 attending. \$15 was charged to cover the band, decorations and dessert.

Upcoming Events include 2XL by the pool on March 10th and on March 13th Maine Line Food Truck will be at Venetia from 3:30 to 6:30.

Please remove Deb Viola from the committee members.

Our next committee meeting is on March 12th at 2pm.

VNA ONE report

The neighborhood is still in recovery mode. A number of owners painting their homes to go with new roof colors, others just redoing the same, up dating landscaping all beautifying the neighborhood.

Sadly there are still a number of owners awaiting settlements on roof replacements.