MEETING MINUTES
VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Pool and Fitness Committee Meeting
May 19, 2014 at 2:00 PM

In Attendance:
Lew Perry (Chair)
Jim Summers (Secretary)
Annette Dwyer (Committee Member)
Mary Piaseczynski (Committee Member)
Joanna Williamson (Committee Member)
Barry Snyder (VCDD Board Rep)
Charlie Sandomenico (River Club Director of Fitness and Tennis)

A. Call To Order
B. Establish Quorum

The call to order was made at 2:00 PM. As 5 members of the Committee were in attendance, a quorum was established.

C. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2014 Pool and Fitness Committee Meeting

Joanna made a motion to accept the minutes without change and it was seconded by Annette. The minutes were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman.

D. Additions or Deletions to Agenda

1. It was recommended that blocks of time for locker usage be set aside for resident use only.
2. The current apparatus for holding the exercise balls in the classroom is not working. It was recommended that another set of PVC brackets be created for the larger balls.
3. It was mentioned that the current racks for holding the weights in the classroom are cumbersome; perhaps some sort of boxes could be created to store the weights.

Charlie agreed to look into turning the weight racks to make access easier. He will also look into options to help with item #2.

4. Joanna presented an email and petition from 10 residents requesting that the Yoga class at 11:30 a.m. on Thursdays be continued for the summer (class was removed from the summer schedule). There was a general discussion as to why this class may or may not be reinstated. Charlie said that it came down to a budgeting issue, although the Committee members had difficulty in understanding why this one class could significantly impact the budget. Since there was no satisfactory resolution to this issue at the meeting, Barry finally offered to discuss adding this class back with Josh when he returned from vacation.
E. **Resident Input (5 minute limit per topic)**

There were no additions to the agenda offered by residents

F. **Management Update**

1. Staff is looking into the best time to have the reupholstering done for the fitness equipment. A question was raised as to why the work could not be done quicker and the answer was because a single person is hired who can only do the work one at a time.
2. Charlie gave an update on the paid classes. The Booty class has had 5-6 people attending. The Intro to Yoga class has not been very popular so far.
3. Charlie said that a letter with information regarding fitness classes would be going out.

G. **CDD Board Update**

1. Barry stated that the geothermal drilling would be done in the next week.
2. Barry outlined the CDD budget process. The Board initially does a “Trim Budget” which lists all potential work that could be done. The Board then works down to the actual budget of required items. The Board will look at balancing the potential use of surpluses this year versus extra costs next year. There could be a carry forward of funds.

   At the time of this meeting the “Trim Budget” included a no fee increase for the River Club. WCI also has a commitment to pay up to $100K per year toward deficit funding during the transition period.

3. A study has been undertaken looking at replacing all mailbox lights with LED bulbs. The reduction in electric costs would be at least $20K per year. Lerida Court will be used as a test site for the new lights.

H. **Old Business**

Discussion of old business was deferred so that the committee could focus on the primary items for this month’s meeting - recommendations for the new CDD budget and future class recommendations.

I. **New Business**

1. **Budget item recommendations for the new budget**

   It was recommended by the Committee that funds be allotted for more classes in the coming year as more homes are added in the community.

   The question was raised whether expense items already brought up by the Committee would still be done this year or would be moved to the next budget. The feeling of the Committee was that items agreed upon, and in some cases delayed for up to a year already, should be completed by funds in this calendar year. Those items include such things as the additional bike racks, fixing the upholstery in the fitness room, the pool water fountain, the pool shower
heater, an emergency response plan, and equipment repairs/replacement. It was mentioned that the River Club may have additional revenues to cover some of the items listed above.

2. **Class Recommendations for next “in season”**

A list of class related issues discussed over the last several months was used a basis for determining Committee class recommendations for the following season. The Committee decided the recommendations would be emailed separately to Josh for his review, since he was not able to attend the meeting. After a lengthy discussion the Committee recommendations are as follows:

a. The time length of classes should be left at 1 hour; instructors should plan for actual class time to be 50 minutes to allow for prep time between classes and cleanup.

b. Considering the rapidly growing number of homes in the community, residents should be able to sign up online for a maximum of 4 classes per week.

c. The online signup period should be reduced from 3 weeks to 2 weeks to allow for easier management and control of the signup. It also appears that by the third week of the signup there are more no shows and cancellations.

d. Residents should not be allowed to sign up for “back to back” classes.

e. The maximum class size should be firmly set at 15 with no “extras” as currently allowed by instructors.

f. There should be more policing of late arrivals, including “outside of door” enforcement.

g. The online signup time should be moved from 4 p.m. on Sundays to 8 p.m. to be more convenient for all residents.

J. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by the Mary, seconded by the remainder of the committee. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:44 PM.

The next meeting will be held on June 16th at 2:00 PM in the River Club.