VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
VENETIAN RIVER CLUB
502 VENETO BOULEVARD
NORTH VENICE, FLORIDA 34275
FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FAC)
AUGUST 7, 2017
(REVISED)
Attending Members: Debbie Gericke, Steven Kleinglass, Phil Knight, Steve Wright, Boris Yoffe
Absent: Jerry Flood, David Lusty (VCDD Liaison)

Discussion Topics:

A. Call to Order: Chairman Kleinglass called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and declared that a quorum was present. The chairman recognized a guest at the meeting who introduced himself as Tom Jenuleson.

B. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: Mr. Yoffe suggested that equipment in the fitness room be briefly discussed.

C. Approval of the June 5, 2017 meeting minutes: Ms. Gericke moved the approval of the minutes as presented. Mr. Knight seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D. Old Business:

1. Interior Design updates- Mr. Kleinglass reviewed the items that previously had been brought forth regarding the refreshing of the Venetian River Club. These included noise attenuation in the dining room, painting, furniture, wall art, carpeting, draperies etc. Visits to other clubs was again reviewed. Mr. Kissell and Mr. Kleinglass had traveled to Jacaranda West and Pelican Point to observe the conditions at those venues. Ms. Gericke noted some newer clubs could be observed for possible better comparisons with the River Club. A preliminary meeting with an interior designer had also been held. Subsequently the firm presented concept ideas during a meeting of the VCDD supervisors. Mr. Kissell remarked that approval has been given to spend $15,000.00 to secure a design and concept plan from the interior design firm. Costs to accomplish a refurbishment are needed for the planning and budgetary processes. Ms. Gericke commented on amenities at The Renaissance West Villages and suggested that that more than one concept plan should have been sought prior to executing a concept contract. Mr. Kissell remarked that the project is to be a simple refurbishment not a major renovation. Discussion ensued regarding the use of “inside” resources versus “outside” experts for projects. In response from a question from Mr. Yoffe, Mr. Kissel noted that an amount of $150,000.00 has been initially discussed as the potential refurbishment expenditure. Mr. Wright inquired about
the reserve amount that was previously set aside for furniture. Mr. Kissell is to get that figure as he did not have the number.

2. Smoking Recommendation and Final details- Signs have been placed to indicate the “No smoking” areas and the designated smoking area at the south side of the VRC. Mr. Kissell stated that there have been no issues or complaints about the smoking policy changes.

E. Management Report: Mr. Kissell expressed sympathy at the very recent passing of Mr. Ron Sharpe, Maintenance at the VRC. Mr. Kissell noted a pressure washing project that was forthcoming; the work that is being conducted for the Tennis shed and nearby area and that the verbiage for signage nearby the pool entry was being reworked. He also commented on a compressor failure and that a replacement was ordered ($2,750.00).

F. VCDD Report: Mr. Kleinglass briefly commented on some of the content of the most recent VCDD meeting, as Mr. Lusty was not available to attend the FAC meeting.

G. New Business:

1. Discussion on replacement for resigned member of the committee- Mr. Becraft has resigned from the committee and a replacement was being sought. Committee members were asked for recommendations. Mr. Kleinglass sent Mr. Becraft a communication thanking him for his service to the committee.

2. Discussion on landscaping issue for resident adjacent to the River Club- Mr. Kissell remarked that the area in question had been refurbished with new landscaping materials. Previously, the area was overgrown. No action was proposed by the committee. Ms. Gericke noted observing cracks in various sidewalk areas and some roadway potholes.

Recognizing a previous oversight, it was announced that Ms. Gericke had been formally appointed to the FAC by the VCDD Board of Supervisors following Mr. Lusty’s recommendation for the appointment.

3. Cooling of the River Club pools- Mr. Kissell reported that the Fitness Advisory Committee had recommended that the pools be cooled during periods of extremely hot weather. He provided insights regarding the costs associated with cooling the pools. Based on available information, it appears that the monthly cost to cool the pools would be in the range of $1,000.00 and $1,500.00. It was Mr. Kissell’s opinion that such an expense is not an effective use of operating funds. No action taken.

H. Next meeting September 11, 2017 at 9:00 A.M. at the VRC.

- During discussion. Yoffe noted that the stair machine has not been in working order for many months. Mr Kissell remarked that in September 2017, the stair machine will
be replaced with a new elliptical machine and a new rowing machine will be added to the fitness center.

- The committee discussed the appearance of some of the doors at the VRC. Mr. Kissell is obtaining estimates for possible replacements, as needed.
- Miscellaneous items of discussion included the gate replacement due to lightning strike, landscaping issues near the monument in front of the VRC, some permissible items that can be brought in the pool area (No alcohol), ongoing rental issues in the Venetian and possible venting in food preparation areas of the club. Ms. Gericke remarked that a “Rental Committee” may be required to specifically deal with the noted rental problems within the community.

I. Following a motion and second, Mr. Kleingass adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Stephen R. Wright, Secretary