Year in Review

2017 was a year of progress for the Venetian Community Development District. A few of the changes this year included:

1. The initiation and publication of this bi-monthly newsletter.
2. The construction of a new tennis storage building and paved gathering area.
3. The resurfacing of the tennis courts.
4. The purchase and installation of new exercise equipment in the fitness center.
5. The purchase and installation of additional bike racks in front of the River Club.
6. The conversion of the River Club to a non-smoking facility, with a dedicated outdoor smoking area in the rear of the club.
7. The reduction of fitness fees from $4 to $2 per standard fitness class.
8. The installation of new stop signs on Veneto Boulevard, Pesaro Drive and Padova Way as recommended by the Traffic Enforcement Advisory Committee.
9. A revamped investment process for CDD and River Club reserve funds resulting in a significant increase in investment returns.
10. An increase of 21.02% in River Club food and beverage sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 reflecting the outstanding food and beverage service and value provided by Chef James Music and the entire River Club staff.
11. Withstanding the onslaught of hurricane Irma.

Looking forward to the upcoming year:

1. It is anticipated the build out of the community by Lennar will be complete early in 2018 and all roads and infrastructure will be turned over to the CDD for upkeep, repairs and maintenance.
2. A new landscaping contract will be awarded effective February 1, 2018 for the maintenance of all CDD owned common areas in The Venetian.
Lennar Sale of the Welcome Center

Lennar has informed the VCDD Board they have obtained a commercial fair market value estimate of $1.5 million for the sale of the Welcome Center, which the VCDD Board has rejected.

As noted in our last newsletter both the VCDD and the POA have offices in the Welcome Center that Lennar has provided rent-free up to this point in time. Should the Welcome Center be sold it is anticipated the new owner will likely charge rent for these offices or even terminate the use of this space by the VCDD and POA.

Venetian residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the possible purchase of the welcome center with the VCDD Board.

Should the community decide it has an interest in purchasing the Welcome Center the first question to be answered is to what use would the community put the facility. Then the cost of acquisition, remodeling and ongoing operational costs would need to be estimated. Once these costs are determined the community will need to determine if it is worth the cost to move forward with the purchase.

At this point we are still in the information gathering stage and no decisions have or will be made without substantial community input. Like the process used for acquiring The River Club several years ago this would involve multiple public meetings to disseminate information and gather community feedback.

The Board will keep the community fully advised and informed as we receive more information.

Meeting Dates

VCDD Board of Supervisors has regular meetings the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month. Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Venetian River Club, 502 Veneto Blvd., North Venice, FL 34275, at 9:30 am. The following fiscal year 2017-2018 meeting dates have been established.

January 5, 2018
January 22, 2018
February 12, 2018
February 26, 2018
March 12, 2018
March 26, 2018
April 9, 2018
April 23, 2018
May 14, 2018
June 11, 2018
June 25, 2018
July 9, 2018
July 23, 2018
August 13, 2018
August 27, 2018
September 10, 2018
Meeting Dates continued

Facilities Advisory Committee, at 9:00 a.m. at The River Club:

January 8, 2018  
February 5, 2018  
March 5, 2018  
April 2, 2018  
May 7, 2018  
June 4, 2018  
July 2, 2018  
August 6, 2018  
September 10, 2018

Tennis Advisory Committee, at 4:00 p.m. at The River Club:

January 8, 2018  
February 5, 2018  
March 5, 2018  
April 2, 2018  
May 7, 2018

Pool and Fitness Advisory Committee, at 2:00 p.m. at The River Club:

December 18, 2017  
January 15, 2018  
February 19, 2018  
March 19, 2018  
April 16, 2018  
May 21, 2018  
June 18, 2018  
July 16, 2018  
August 20, 2018  
September 17, 2018

Social and Dining Advisory Committee, at 10:00 a.m. at The River Club:

December 13, 2017  
January 10, 2018  
February 14, 2018  
March 14, 2018  
April 11, 2018  
May 9, 2018  
June 13, 2018  
July 11, 2018  
August 8, 2018  
September 12, 2018

River Club Renovation Advisory Committee, at 1:30 p.m. at The River Club:

December 14, 2017  
December 28, 2017

For complete information visit the VCDD web site at:  
www.venetiancdd.org
River Club Renovation Update

At the November 13, 2017 meeting of the VCDD Board of Supervisors the following Venetian residents were appointed to the River Club Renovation Advisory Committee. Their committee email addresses are listed beside their names.

Steve Kleinglass - renovationcommittee1@vcdd.org
Al Churilla - renovationcommittee2@vcdd.org
Israel Gopstein - renovationcommittee3@vcdd.org
Rebecca O'Donnell - renovationcommittee4@vcdd.org
Annette Dwyer - renovationcommittee5@vcdd.org

At the initial advisory committee meeting on November 4, 2017 the committee selected Steve Kleinglass as its Chairman and Rebecca O'Donnell as its Secretary.

The committee unanimously felt it appropriate to have more than one design firm providing designs and bids on the proposed River Club renovation project.

At the December 5, 2017 committee meeting the committee met with a second design firm, Builders Design of Sarasota. The committee unanimously recommended the Board of Supervisors contract with Builders Design to provide a second preliminary design for the renovation of The River Club in addition to the one currently contracted for by Noller Design Group. Photos of the renovation projects of Builders Design may be found at their web site at: http://www.buildersdesign.com.

At the December 11, 2017 meeting of the Board of Supervisors the Board approved of a second design contract with Builders Design. It is anticipated both preliminary designs will be presented at a public meeting for community review and input in January or February of 2018.

Should the Board approve moving forward with a specific design the River Club Renovation Advisory Committee will meet on an ongoing basis with the selected design firm and the River Club staff to assist in creating a preliminary renovation plan to present to the community at large for input and comment before a renovation contract is presented to the VCDD Board for approval.

Role of Privacy Officers at Entrance Gate

Residents are reminded the guard gate staff are “Privacy Officers,” and as such they do not have policing power or authority. They check and record the identity of visitors to the Venetian as well as patrolling our streets. However they are not a security service. Residents should call 911 to report trespassers, suspicious activity, or for any emergency which would require the assistance of the Venice Police Department or the Venice Fire Department.

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Office Hours
The VCDD and POA office hours are:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 am – 1 pm
Thursdays from 1 pm – 4:30 pm

If these times do not work for you, please call or email Kareen Richard to schedule an appointment. This way she can set aside time specifically for you.

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