



Venice Civic Association Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024 at 7:00 PM

<p>Meeting called by Cody Taliaferro President</p> <p>Type of meeting In Person and Google Meet Meeting</p> <p>Note taker Linda Wiedenhoeft</p>	<p>Attendees: Cody Taliaferro, John Clark, Bunnie Clark, Linda Wiedenhoeft, Jana Naylor, CJ Hiltner, Melanie Taliaferro, Raeha Richman</p>
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Call to Order and Acceptance of Agenda

- President called meeting to order at 7:05. 8 members in attendance, 1 member via Zoom

Roll Call of Officers and Board Members

- Officers
 - Cody Taliaferro, John Clark, Bunnie Clark
- Board Members
 - Linda Wiedenhoeft, Jana Naylor, CJ Hiltner, Melanie Taliaferro, Raeha Richman

June Minutes

- Minutes Motion presented by John Clark and seconded by Linda Wiedenhoeft to suspend the reading of the minutes due to absence of Secretary. Motion passed.

Reports from Committees:

- Executive Committee
 - combined Exec Comm. and Board Dev. Comm into one category of Executive Committee and moved Treasurer's Report into Finance Committee category to make meetings simpler
- Finance Committee
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Treasurer's report reviewed by all in attendance, Bunny Clark reminded the group that taxes and insurance are upcoming. John Clark made a motion to accept, seconded by Linda Wiedenhoeft and motion passed.
 - Bunny Clark stated that it is a new fiscal year, and an audit for the county is needed, 3 people must be on the committee, and she has some members already in mind.
- Community Services
 - John Clark suggested a separate person to manage community services.
- Community Hall/Fun Committee
 - Bingo
 - Next Bingo is Thursday July 11 th at 7pm in the hall. Future dates

are set for August 8 th , September 12 th (second Thursday of the month).

- Labor Day cookout
 - Sunday August 31 st , 5pm, at the beach, grill needed, community will provide hamburgers/hot dogs/rolls/condiments/paper goods (John Clark), canopies (Linda), bring something to share (side dish, snack, dessert), bring your own drinks
- Contacting Lisa Szybist for updates on hall rentals, want to ease up on rentals to allow for the community to use the hall for events on Sundays
- **Old Business:**
 - Newsletter discussed getting it going again, Melanie Taliaferro presented a template and volunteered to handle the newsletter, delivery via emails and potentially copies to be put in mailboxes.
 - Website (veniceonthebay.org) Cody Taliaferro stated basic website is up and running, still working on the details, possible commerce available on website in the future. Facebook page is attached to the website.
 - Sponsors? Discussed asking neighborhood businesses.
 - By-laws/constitution
 - Firepit Discussion about purchasing something to designate specific place for fires on the beach, seems people are making pits in several different places which can be dangerous, leaving large areas dug out.
 - Galvanized fire rings \$60-\$90
 - Hampton Bay Lattice Fire ring \$70
 - Steel firepit rings in or above ground use up to \$190
 - Pavers \$2.37 each /4ft round firepit about 13 per level and 3 level
 - \$2.37 x 39 pavers (3 levels of 13 pavers each) = \$92 + tax
 - **MEMBER Consensus** - after discussing benefits and downfalls of the above fire pit rings, Jana Naylor made a motion to budget \$200.00 to build a fire pit at the beach using pavers. John Clark seconded—MOTION PASSED
 - Yard Sale Saturday, September 28 th , rain date Sunday 29 th , 7-10 homes interested in participating, hoping to get more neighbors involved, advertise on Facebook, website, newsletter, signage on street corners
 - Playground (contacting Lisa Szybist for updates) Some discussion about moving/removing the old equipment, backup plan to possibly put the new playground at the old site if permits are refused, would need landscaping done, Jana Naylor will follow up.
 - Hall Maintenance
 - Cody to follow up with Lisa Szybist about maintenance items (gutters, gravel) Suggestions presented by the members include replacing the electrical box, patch and paint the accent wall, replacing kitchen sink, purchasing rolling chair stacking cart, Jana and Linda will clean out the kitchen cabinets and straighten up
- **New Business:**
 - Indoor Movie nights at the hall (July 25 th , 6:30 or 7pm)
 - Cody presented and we discussed having movie nights in the hall once a month beginning this month, provide popcorn (John will look into getting popcorn from Horizon) and water (Linda will donate small bottles). It was suggested that we collect school

- supplies to donate locally.
- More Social events
 - Cody presented the idea of having a cookout at his house to meet more neighbors, future event TBD
 - Ice cream/ Snowball social for neighbors to meet board members
 - Cookouts on beach (Labor Day)
- Expanding house decoration competition to Halloween as well as Christmas Gift card amounts for prizes to be determined later
 - Linda made a motion to have a Halloween house/yard decorating contest, seconded, and passed
- Jana suggested a clothing/coat drive in the Fall (possible charities Arundel House of Hope, On the Go Outreach, Locust Lodge)
- November 8, Rotary and VOB Food Drive (pickup Sunday) bags will be dropped off on Thursday and picked up on Sunday
- School Supplies drive with August Movie night
- Raeha Rayman asked about the property next to the playground, someone owns it, and it goes up for sale occasionally, but nothing can be built on it. Some more discussion of other empty properties in the community.
- John Clark made a motion to adjourn, seconded, and passed, meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.