MINUTES OF MEETING

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting is advised that the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Venetian Community Development District was held on Monday, January 09, 2017 at 9:31 a.m. at the Venetian River Club, 502 Pesaro Drive, North Venice, Florida 34275.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Jerry Jasper  
Board Supervisor, Chairman

Harry Orenstein  
Board Supervisor, Vice Chair

David Lusty  
Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary

Richard Bracco  
Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary

Susie Lentile  
Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Belinda Blandon  
District Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc.

Andy Cohen  
District Counsel, Persson & Cohen, P.A.

Rick Schappacher  
District Engineer, Schappacher Engineering

Kareen Richard  
Field Manager, VCDD

Scott Kissell  
General Manager, River Club

Audience

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS  
Call to Order

Ms. Blandon called the meeting to order and conducted the roll call. Ms. Blandon advised that prior to opening for public comment; the Chairman has recommended conducting public comment at each agenda item. The public comment section at the start of the meeting would be for non agenda items. She asked if the Board was in agreement. The Board confirmed.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS  
Public Comment

Ms. Blandon opened the floor for public comment on matters that are not on the agenda. Questions and comments from the audience on non agenda items were received.

Mr. Jasper advised that with the Board’s consensus he would like to move Business Item F before the District Engineer Report due to having City representatives at the meeting. The intent is to hear from the City as to where they stand regarding how they might provide traffic enforcement, should the Board decide to move that direction. He advised of the January 24th workshop to discuss items brought up at the last workshop. There was a consensus of the Board to move the item up.
THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS  

Update on Traffic Enforcement Workshop

Mr. Jasper introduced Rich Cautero, City Councilman, Ed Lavallee, City Manager, and Chief Mattmuller, City of Venice Police Chief.

Mr. Cautero addressed the audience advising he would like to provide preliminary background before turning the floor over to Mr. Lavallee, City Manager, and Mr. Mattmuller, City of Venice Police Chief. He advised another community contacted him regarding traffic enforcement provided by the City, and then realized Venetian also was looking for traffic enforcement provided by the City; so he requested for it to be on the City Council agenda for consideration. Mr. Cautero advised traffic enforcement provided by the City is permissible under State Statute, but the decision to participate is solely up to the community through a specific agreement with a specific law enforcement agency.

Mr. Lavallee, Venice City Manager, introduced himself as well as Chief Mattmuller. He advised he has been working with Mr. Mattmuller and Mr. Cautero on other communities within the City as well regarding providing patrols. Mr. Lavallee advised the City of Venice Police Department is willing and able to provide the requested services. He advised that if the District wants the service, the City of Venice Police Department can and will provide the service. Mr. Lavelle advised the Board would have to determine that the District wants the service, the Venice City Council by resolution or ordinance would enact a provision for the services; then a contract would be executed by Venice Police Department (managed by the Fraternal Order of Police) and VCDD which identifies the specific services such as dates, times, costs, conditions as well as services to be provided and the obligations of both parties. The contract would be reviewed by the City Attorney and the District Counsel.

Mr. Mattmuller introduced himself and advised before entering into an agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police he would like to ensure there is a good understanding of the agreement and time for everyone to comply before citations have to be written. He would also like to provide the opportunity for everyone to bring their golf carts into compliance. Mr. Mattmuller advised children must be at least 14 years old to operate a golf cart. He advised he would like to ensure that everyone is clear that when an officer is placed in the community citations will be written.

Questions and comments from the public were received and answered. Mr. Jasper thanked the City representatives for being present and for answering questions.

FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS  

District Engineer Staff Report

Mr. Schappacher advised the work on the handicap ramp at Veneto and Padova is to be done on Wednesday.

Mr. Schappacher distributed Radar Reports to everyone and provided an overview on the summary and the average speed. Mr. Orenstein asked if reports were lower than previous months. Mr. Schappacher advised it was about the same.

Mr. Schappacher advised pavers and some curbing at the crosswalk at the exit gate will need to be repaired and he is awaiting an estimate.
Mr. Schappacher advised he has been working with District Counsel regarding the irrigation agreements with WCI for the reclaimed water.

Mr. Orenstein inquired regarding the tennis shed. Mr. Schappacher advised he has received one bid and has requested additional bids. Mr. Orenstein asked that this item be a priority.

Mr. Lusty asked if there is a schedule for repainting the crosswalks and street markings. Mr. Schappacher advised there is no schedule but he reviews them annually in January or February. Mr. Lusty also inquired regarding the permits for the door panels at the lift stations. Mr. Schappacher advised that Ms. Richard is leading that project.

Mr. Kissell inquired regarding painting of the sidewalks and entryways, specifically out front where the sidewalk dips for wheelchair access; the curb is painted, but the dip is not. He inquired regarding the dip being painted as well. Mr. Schappacher advised there is no regulation and he gave instances where painting has taken place.

Mr. Jasper requested to move the discussion regarding fitness fees to be held prior to the Sunshine Law update. There was a consensus of the Board to move this item.

**FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Discussion Regarding Fitness Fees**

Ms. Blandon advised that Ms. Lentile asked that this item be placed on the agenda again. Ms. Lentile read a prepared statement. She stated the Board should listen to community input and expressed a survey should be sent to the residents and if the majority of the residents agree with charging a fee, they should be charged. Ms. Lentile asked the Board to consider providing two classes per week at no cost and those who miss the class be charged a no-show fee. She advised she is not asking for a vote just a reflection.

Mr. Jasper suggested the Board discussion take place first and then receive public comment. There was a Board consensus to discuss the item prior to receiving public comment.

Mr. Bracco stated this issue has caused a divide amongst the community. He recommends a middle ground. He stated it should not be dividing the community. Mr. Lusty stated everyone in the community should be heard.

Mr. Orenstein advised he believes that the issue is divisive and a conclusion should be reached. He advised a middle ground should be reached and he thinks there should be more information provided. Mr. Orenstein advised he would like information regarding class usage to make an informed decision.

Mr. Lusty advised he is in favor of a compromise and he would prefer to make a decision sooner rather than later.

Mr. Jasper advised the last Board made a decision on this, and at that time he voted for the implementation of fees and he has not changed his mind. He advised the Board cannot keep dragging this out.

Ms. Lentile advised she is looking for a compromise.
Mr. Lusty stated his understanding is that in order to reach a middle ground, the first step would be to schedule a public hearing.

Mr. Cohen advised if the proposal is to get rid of all fees, no public hearing is required. If the proposal is to change the fees, then a public hearing is required. He provided an overview of the process and advertising deadlines.

Mr. Lusty made a motion to direct Staff to proceed with the Rule Making Process and Set a Public Hearing building in legal requirements.

Mr. Orenstein asked for clarification regarding a public hearing being required for a reduction in fees. Mr. Cohen confirmed a public hearing is required.

Mr. Bracco inquired regarding the requirement for a public hearing if the fees are staying the same with providing one free class. Mr. Cohen advised the better course of action is to hold the public hearing. Mr. Orenstein inquired regarding the required course of action versus the better course of action. Mr. Cohen advised he believes that a public hearing would be required.

Ms. Lentile inquired as to whether or not a public hearing was held prior to the implementation of the fitness class fees. Mr. Cohen confirmed.

Mr. Orenstein asked for clarification of what is being proposed. He asked if Mr. Lusty is proposing a public hearing without any sort of proposal. Mr. Lusty confirmed. Mr. Cohen clarified the Board needs to have some sort of information to be given to the public in advance of the hearing. He advised the proposal of the Board needs to be available to the residents, the Board does not have to adopt the proposal but a proposal needs to be available.

Mr. Lusty clarified his motion to provide for two classes per week at no charge and then $4.00 per class thereafter, and anyone who signs up for but does not show up for a class in the “no charge category” would be charged $4.00. Ms. Lentile seconded the motion.

Ms. Lentile clarified that she does not want anyone to pay additional fees. She advised the CDD fees have not increased, and she would like to see equitable sharing and for the Board to find the money in the budget for the classes. Ms. Lentile advised the money for the CDD goes directly to the River Club and she inquired as to finding wiggle room for the fitness class fees. She advised that if the majority of the people in the community want to pay the fees, they have spoken. If not, then some room should be found in the budget for the classes.

Mr. Orenstein spoke regarding a rush to a determination in 30 days. He advised other options need to be looked at, he advised there are a number of alternatives available that may not have been explored. Mr. Orenstein advised 30 days may not be enough time to review the options. Mr. Orenstein asked that the Board consider 60 days prior to the public hearing.

Mr. Cohen advised 30 days is the minimum.

Mr. Bracco advised he would like sufficient time to gather information, make an informed decision, and move forward.
Mr. Jasper asked that the motion be amended to include the following options: (1) One tennis clinic per week be provided free of charge and (2) a determination of how the free fitness classes and tennis clinics would be paid for as the costs for these items were not budgeted. Mr. Jasper further stated that while he was proposing that one tennis clinic also be provided free of charge, he was not in favor of any classes being provided free of charge, be it tennis clinics or fitness classes. Mr. Lusty stated motion amended, to February 20th, or 45 days, and have included one free tennis clinic per week, and two free exercises classes included per week. Ms. Lentile seconded.

Mr. Cohen clarified the motion: to direct staff to proceed with the requisite steps for the rule making process for a public hearing by February 20th, and the proposal is that there will be 2 included fitness classes per week, then $4.00 per class thereafter, and a $4.00 charge for a no show, one tennis clinic per week included, as well as a review of how this can be paid through the current fiscal year budget. Mr. Lusty confirmed the motion, Ms. Lentile confirmed her second of the motion.

The Board opened the floor to public comment. Comments from the public were received.

Mr. Orenstein advised that the date of February 20 interferes with a community wide event and requested that the public hearing be moved to March 6, 2017. Mr. Lusty agreed.

Ms. Blandon re-read the motion for the Board: the motion is to direct staff to begin the rule making process including allowing for the legal notice requirements, with a Public Hearing date of March 6, 2017, to provide two free fitness classes per week, with a $4.00 no show charge, and one tennis clinic per week at no charge, and the Board would review the budget to determine how to pay for the clinics.

Mr. Bracco asked if there would be community wide feedback or email prior to the public hearing. Mr. Kissell advised an amenities survey for the River Club would go out in February. Mr. Bracco asked if Mr. Kissell would add this to the survey. Mr. Kissell confirmed. Mr. Bracco advised he would like to have community feedback on the issue. Mr. Orenstein stated his concerns regarding survey and independent administration by the Board. Mr. Jasper advised he believes including the fees question in the River Club survey is a great vehicle for the survey.

Ms. Lentile asked for clarification on the Survey. Mr. Cohen advised that each Board member should do their own due diligence in making an informed decision.

Mr. Jasper asked for clarification that 80% of the survey is done and this one question can be added, and have the survey out by February 15th and have the responses by February 28th to have it for the March 6th meeting. Mr. Kissell confirmed.

On a Motion by Mr. Lusty, seconded by Ms. Lentile, with all in favor, the Board directed staff to proceed with the rule making process building in the legal requirements for a public hearing, the Public Hearing will be held on March 6, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., with a proposal of two fitness classes per week at no additional charge, a $4.00 charge for a no show, one tennis clinic per week at no additional charge, and a discussion is held regarding a review of the budget with how this may be paid for, for the Venetian Community Development District.
Mr. Kissell inquired as to who will be providing him with the wording of the question to be included on the survey. Mr. Bracco advised he would like to have Mr. Lusty draft the question for review by the Board. Mr. Jasper suggested Staff draft the question for review by the Board. Mr. Kissell advised he will draft the question for Board review and comment at the January 23, 2017 meeting.

The Board took a recess at 11:46 am; the meeting was back on the record at 11:57 am.

SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

District Counsel – CDD 101 Workshop
(Sunshine Law Update)

Mr. Cohen provided an update on Sunshine records law. He advised the Committees are subject to the same Sunshine and Public Records requirements as the Board. He discussed three basic requirements: 1) meetings of the Board must be open to the public, 2) reasonable notice of the meetings, and 3) minutes must be taken.

Ms. Lentile inquired regarding exchange between Board Supervisors. Mr. Cohen advised the best course of action is not to do it. Ms. Lentile asked how the Board can exchange ideas and how she can answer questions if she is asked questions and cannot talk to the Supervisors. Mr. Cohen advised she cannot speak with Supervisors outside of a noticed public meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding correspondence with Committees. Mr. Cohen advised that the Liaison to the Committee can communicate with the Committee members though Committee members are held to the same Sunshine standard as the Board. Mr. Cohen advised he can do a Sunshine Law review with the Committee members. He advised the Supervisors and Committee members cannot use another individual as a conduit to communicate information. He advised the CDD and Committee e-mails should be used for all correspondence related to CDD or Committee issues.

Mr. Cohen advised against text messaging and use of social media for any District business. Mr. Lusty asked for clarification regarding deleting emails. Mr. Cohen advised not to delete any e-mails. Mr. Lusty inquired regarding an “out of office” reply. Mr. Cohen advised not to delete those e-mails.

Ms. Blandon asked Mr. Cohen to speak regarding Next Door, a social media exchange for communities. Mr. Cohen advised he does not recommend social media or texting for dealing with CDD business. Mr. Jasper inquired regarding the newsletter; currently they use the community newsletter for advising of meetings or public hearings. Mr. Cohen advised he believes that is fine.

An audience member inquired regarding a spouses use of social media related to CDD business. Mr. Cohen advised that is allowed provided a spouse is not a Board member.

Mr. Orenstein asked regarding private discussion of the performance of a vendor or employee. Mr. Cohen advised that is not allowed. He advised the two exemptions are pending litigation and collective bargaining, which for all practical matters does not come up in CDD’s. Mr. Lusty inquired regarding an executive session regarding personnel matters. Mr. Cohen advised it is not allowed although, the Board can delegate authority to one Board member to make the decisions.

Mr. Cohen advised the public needs to have a reasonable opportunity to participate in the meeting. He advised Statute did change recently, and when matters come up that are not on the
agenda, the Board must pause and allow for public comment on the matter.

Mr. Cohen advised reasonable notice of a meeting is seven days. He further advised of a 2016 change to the statutory law which requires that agendas be posted to the website seven days in advance of the meeting; because the Venetian CDD is on a two meeting a month schedule, that doesn’t always happen. He advised either the District needs to make sure it happens or add a “Supplementals” section to the Agenda. Discussion ensued regarding distribution of the Agenda package.

Ms. Blandon advised the tentative agenda will go out 10 days prior to the meeting, providing for two days for the Board to review the tentative agenda and provide feedback, and the final agenda will go out 7 days prior to the meeting.

Mr. Cohen advised the operating rules are outdated with regard to the new dates.

Mr. Cohen advised there are no draft documents regarding public records.

Mr. Cohen advised there are civil consequences and there are criminal consequences. He advised Board members can be removed but this can only be done by the Governor. Mr. Cohen advised some attorneys have been suing public Board members for Sunshine Law or Public Records violations. The award of attorney’s fees is a “shall” not a “may”. There is some legislation being put forth to give the court some discretion regarding the award of attorney’s fees. Mr. Orenstein inquired as to whether that is covered by insurance. Mr. Cohen advised yes and no; likely yes if you are operating in the confines of your duties.

Mr. Cohen provided an overview of voting considerations, and abstaining from votes. He advised a Board member cannot abstain from voting unless the Board member declares voting conflict, a personal financial gain, in which case the Board member must file a form 8B.

Regarding public records law; Mr. Cohen advised anything related to CDD business that is utilized to perpetuate knowledge is public record, regardless of medium; it is the content that matters.

Mr. Cohen advised budget and financial records are public records; personnel records are public record with limited exceptions.

Mr. Cohen advised with the right to inspect and copy; a person does have the right to inspect and copy public records. The District cannot require the request be in writing, cannot require a form to be completed, and the requestor cannot be forced to identify themselves. The District can charge for copies as well as extensive use of information technology. He further advised the District does not need to create documents. Mr. Cohen advised of language required to be in contracts with vendors regarding public records. He provided an overview of consequences for violations of public records requirements.

Mr. Cohen advised of the Ethics Code. He advised the Board cannot take bribes. He cautioned against receiving gifts. Mr. Cohen provided an overview of penalties for Ethics violations.

Mr. Bracco inquired regarding socializing with Board members. Mr. Cohen advised to keep in mind that appearances matter.
The Board opened the floor to public comments. Comments from the public were received.

SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS  Discussion Regarding Efficient Use of Meeting Time

Mr. Bracco advised he believes the meeting held in December lost all sense of purpose at four and a half hours. He advised the Supervisors need to be efficient in how business is dealt with and not belabor an issue, not to rehash something and say it repeatedly. He advised that if meetings last four and a half hours; only three residents will be left in the room, and if minutes are thirteen pages long, nobody is going to read them. He advised this is a disservice rather than a service. Mr. Bracco advised he would like to see a consensus to stick to two to two and a half hours; beyond that efficiency is lost.

Mr. Cohen advised he has a Board that has written into its operating rules that the meeting will only last two hours, and if the meeting is going longer than two hours, it can only continue by a motion of the Board.

Mr. Bracco stated in his opinion four hours is unreasonable. He advised he would like to have meetings be only two hours and continued only by motion of the Board.

Ms. Lentile inquired as to whether the four hours is normal. Mr. Cohen advised four hours is not typical. Discussion ensued regarding public comment.

Mr. Bracco advised the Board needs to do the business of the community while in the meeting, avoid grandstanding, get the job done and move on.

Ms. Blandon advised that in order to assist in efficient use of meeting time, if a Board Supervisor has something they would like to have on the agenda for the following meeting they mention it under Supervisor Requests and Comments so that all Supervisors are prepared for the item.

Mr. Orenstein provided feedback regarding the make up of the Board, and it being new. He suggested letting the Board evolve as they move forward. Mr. Orenstein suggested being mindful of time, but not setting a two hour time frame.

Mr. Lusty advised he feels handcuffed with the Sunshine laws and not being able to discuss things with the Board. He suggested a time frame on the ability for Board discussion at meetings could be counterproductive.

Mr. Bracco suggested being mindful of the time and being productive.

Mr. Jasper suggested that an item not be placed on the agenda until all necessary information is available and has been provided to the Board in order to consider that particular agenda item.

EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS  Appointment of River Club Committee Members

Ms. Blandon distributed a list of proposed Committee members. Mr. Lusty inquired as to whether or not the person replacing the Chair of each Committee would be the new Chair of the
Committee. Ms. Blandon advised the Committee would select a new Chair.

Mr. Jasper inquired regarding the list of people who indicated they wanted to be considered. He advised his concern is that eight people applied to be on a committee and there are people who would like to stay, and they are staying when there are people who would like to serve. Mr. Jasper advised this was previously discussed, and it was determined that new members should be considered. Discussion ensued regarding term caps.

Mr. Orenstein discussed the rationale of those who would like to stay.

Mr. Lusty provided his opinion regarding the terms and advised he agrees with term limits. Further discussion ensued concerning term limits.

Mr. Lusty advised Mr. Foster is listed on two committees. Discussion ensued. Mr. Flood will remain on the Facilities Committee and Mr. Foster will serve on the Pool & Fitness Committee. Discussion ensued.

The Board opened the floor to audience comments.

On a Motion by Mr. Bracco, seconded by Ms. Lentile, with four in favor and Mr. Jasper opposed, the Board Approved the Nominations for Committee Members, for the Venetian Community Development District.

Mr. Jasper advised this was previously discussed and it was determined that new Members should be considered and therefore he opposes this motion.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Appointment of Audit Committee

Ms. Blandon provided an overview of Florida Statute 218.39 regarding the selection of an Auditor. Mr. Cohen provided further detail as to the make up of the Committee. Discussion ensued.

On a Motion by Mr. Lusty, seconded by Mr. Jasper, with all in favor, the Board Appointed itself as the Audit Committee and further set the First Meeting of the Audit Committee for January 23, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., to be held at the Venetian River Club, located at 502 Veneto Boulevard, North Venice, Florida 34275, for the Venetian Community Development District.

Discussion ensued concerning the formation of a Finances Committee.

TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Discussion and Consideration of Egis Insurance Proposal

Ms. Blandon provided an updated proposal to the Board as received from Egis. She advised Egis provided an estimate in order to increase the general liability limits and non hired auto to $5,000,000.00. The premium increase would be $2,500.00.

Mr. Cohen advised he spoke with Allan Bullock, City of Venice, Director of Administrative Services. Mr. Bullock advised the City has a $1,000,000.00 policy. Mr. Cohen advised he inquired with Mr. Bullock, who advised it is a default number in the insurance world, though there is some
rationale in Florida, Sovereign Immunity. The City’s Agent provides recommendations on an annual basis. The $1,000,000.00 limit has been consistently advised for years.

Mr. Jasper advised Mr. Bullock is the Risk Manager for the City of Venice.

Mr. Lusty inquired regarding the lack of animal coverage and the liability. Mr. Cohen advised there is potential liability. Mr. Cohen clarified it will always depend upon the factual scenario behind the attack. If there is an aggressive alligator that has been brought to the attention of the District, that for instance had previously attacked someone, and the District takes no proactive steps, then there could potentially be some liability. However, if it is simply an alligator existing in the wild and it suddenly attacks somebody, the District should not have liability based upon the case law. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Lusty inquired regarding vehicles owned by the District. Mr. Jasper advised the District has two golf carts. Mr. Lusty inquired regarding insurance coverage for the District owned Golf Carts. Ms. Blandon advised she does not have that answer and for questions such as this, she would recommend inviting the Insurance Agent to a meeting, or setting up a call with the Insurance Agent. Mr. Bracco advised he would like to confirm that a golf cart would fall in the definition and coverage of automobile insurance. Discussion ensued concerning coverage of the golf carts.

Mr. Lusty advised the general liability deductible is $0.00 and suggested increasing the deductible in order to decrease the premium. He further recommended the Board consider increasing the general liability to $5,000,000.00 with an additional cost of $2,500.00. Mr. Jasper advised he spoke with the Districts’ Risk Manager/Insurance Broker and inquired regarding the higher limits. She responded citing Sovereign Immunity and advised most CDD’s have the standard $1,000,000.00/$2,000,000.00 general liability including hired and non owned. She further advised that increased limits have been requested due to contract requirements, and most of those requirements are waived due to Sovereign Immunity. Mr. Jasper advised a Risk Manager for the City advised the City and it carries $1,000,000.00, and Egis has more Special District’s that also carry $1,000,000.00. He advised he puts his faith in them and does not see the need for an increase. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Lusty advised he would like to defer this discussion until the next meeting and he would like the Insurance Agent to attend the meeting to answer some questions.

The Board opened the floor to audience comments.

Discussion ensued regarding the River Club insurance.

**ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of Proposals for Replacement of River Club Kitchen A/C**

Mr. Kissell advised there was a problem with the kitchen air conditioning unit and he contacted Honest Air who identified the issue as a faulty air handler. He further advised the compressor has been replaced previously. Mr. Kissell advised he received three proposals, Honest Air provided the lowest proposal. He further advised the ceiling has to be removed and replaced in order to access the air handler. Discussion ensued. Mr. Orenstein requested verification that each company is proposing the same model number of air handler. Mr. Lusty asked for confirmation of purging and reinstallation of Freon as well as confirmation of the model number. Mr. Jasper requested an updated proposal from Honest Air. Mr. Kissell advised he will request an updated
proposal from Honest Air. Discussion ensued. This item was tabled until an updated proposal can be received from Honest Air. Ms. Blandon advised the Honest Air proposal states that taxes are included, the amount is not identified but it does state taxes are included; she advised Mr. Kissell that the taxes need to be removed.

**TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Ratification of Resort Pool Pump Replacement**

Mr. Lusty advised the pool pump was ordered, and there was a delay due to the holiday. He advised Mr. Jasper has authorized the replacement and it should be in and installed this week. Mr. Jasper advised the pool was out and he provided authority to Mr. Kissell to move forward with the replacement of the pool pump. Mr. Bracco inquired regarding the increased fee to the installation line item. Mr. Kissell advised that is due to the addition of the heater in the breaker box which prevents the breakers from tripping. Discussion ensued regarding cooling of the pool. Mr. Jasper advised the opportunity is available but the previous Board discussed not spending the money to do so. Mr. Kissell advised it is expensive to cool the pool.

On a Motion by Mr. Lusty, seconded by Mr. Bracco, with all in favor, the Board Ratified the Previously Approved Expense with Pool Corp totaling $5,795.93 as Previously Authorized by the Chairman outside of a Meeting, for the Venetian Community Development District.

**THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors’ Meeting held on December 12, 2016**

Ms. Blandon presented the minutes of the Board of Supervisors’ meeting held on December 12, 2016 and asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes. Ms. Blandon advised the minutes being presented have incorporated changes received from Mr. Schappacher. Mr. Cohen advised the minutes already incorporate his modifications as well as Mr. Jasper’s comments. Mr. Lusty and Mr. Orenstein provided their modifications to the minutes.

On a Motion by Mr. Orenstein, seconded by Mr. Jasper, with all in favor, the Board Approved the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors’ Meeting held on December 12, 2016, subject to the corrections noted on the record, for the Venetian Community Development District.

**FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Staff Reports**

A. District Counsel
   Mr. Cohen advised he had no report and is happy to answer any questions.

   Mr. Orenstein stated Mr. Cohen did a good job on his presentation.

B. River Club
   Mr. Kissell advised the on the restaurant’s sales for December. He provided an update on revenues.

   Mr. Kissell advised the pool pump is scheduled to be installed Wednesday.
Mr. Kissell advised the liquor license is being renewed. New Board members will need to be fingerprinted to be added to the liquor license. Mr. Kissell advised the renewal is due in March. He further advised they are still looking into liquor service at the tennis courts and pool. Mr. Kissell advised he will provide an update regarding the fingerprinting at the next meeting. Discussion ensued. Mr. Lusty inquired regarding demand for food being served at the tennis courts. Mr. Kissell advised he has received a few orders; most of his orders are for the tiki bar. Mr. Lusty requested that Mr. Kissell mention food service at the tennis courts in the next newsletter so that residents are aware it is available. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Kissell advised the pool gate is fixed; it doesn’t close all the way due to it being held open to avoid being slammed, then the springs do not pull it closed. The pool gate has been further adjusted. Discussion ensued concerning the delay on the gate closing.

Mr. Kissell advised Honest Air provided an updated proposal, identifying the model number. The evaporator is considered a part of the A/C unit and is included, with a one-year warranty as the unit is commercial. Mr. Kissell advised the quote provided does include Freon.

On a Motion by Mr. Lusty, seconded by Mr. Bracco, with all in favor, the Board Accepted the Honest Air Proposal for Replacement of the River Club Kitchen Air Handler, Subject to Revision of the Proposal to identify the inclusion of Freon and removal of taxes, in an amount not to exceed $9,500.00, for the Venetian Community Development District.

Ms. Lentile inquired regarding the status of the tennis shed. Mr. Kissell advised a proposal has been received to extend the slab that the shed is on and then pour a sidewalk to the bleachers. He advised the original bid was approximately $32,000.00 which he thought was high, so he has solicited a bid for the concrete work, which does not require a permit. He advised the landscaping has been provided on a separate bid. A permit is required for the shed; the material is still to be determined. Mr. Jasper advised City input is still needed regarding the PUD requirements for architectural design. Discussion ensued. The Board asked that Mr. Schappacher inquire with the City regarding architectural design.

On a Motion by Mr. Lusty, seconded by Mr. Bracco, with all in favor, the Board Accepted the Honest Air Proposal for Replacement of the River Club Kitchen Air Handler, Subject to Revision of the Proposal to identify the inclusion of Freon and removal of taxes, in an amount not to exceed $9,500.00, for the Venetian Community Development District.

C. Field Manager
Ms. Richard advised regarding the doors for the lift stations; Florida Fence is working to pull the necessary permits to install the doors.

Ms. Richard advised the aerators at pond #23 are still on hold as she is obtaining proposals for the hard wired electrical. She further advised she needs to meet with the golf course as the controller may be placed on golf course property, so an easement may be necessary.

Ms. Richard advised the entry camera that captures the driver needs to be replaced and the back gate camera needs to be replaced. She provided two quotes for the entry gate; one that includes the audio at the entrance and one that excludes the audio at the entrance. The price difference is approximately $200.00. She advised
the vendor is not comfortable installing the audio recording. Mr. Cohen advised the District can record audio as there is no expectation of privacy out in the public, at the gate, though he does recommend posting signage advising of audio recording. Mr. Cohen advised the decision is up to the Board. Mr. Orenstein advised there can be instances where an audio recording can protect the District, and can also protect the residents. Discussion ensued. The Board directed Ms. Richard to go back to the vendor to discuss a waiver of liability. Ms. Richard advised a back up power supply and surge protector need to be added to the system which will be purchased separately.

Ms. Richard provided an overview of her reports regarding the pedestrian crossings. She further advised vegetation in the area of the golf cart crossing is not an issue. Ms. Richard advised vegetation was trimmed between holes 1 and 2.

Mr. Lusty spoke regarding the trimming of grasses that were done and are now growing back in the circle landscaped area. Ms. Richard advised she has requested a proposal for removal of the grasses. Mr. Jasper suggested removal of the landscaping in the island. Mr. Lusty suggested re-landscaping the island with ground cover in order to provide a clear line of sight. Ms. Richard advised she will review the plan provided by Mr. Schappacher with Sunrise Landscape to obtain a proposal for replacement of the landscaping within the circle.

Ms. Richard advised she was approached regarding a Rotary Club initiative to install American flags on patriotic holidays in the CDD right of way in front of each property who subscribes. Ms. Richard advised she does have concerns with power lines and irrigation lines within the right of way. She advised an 18” PVC pipe that is flush with the ground will be installed, with a cap, and that cap would be removed for placement of the flags. Mr. Orenstein suggested this item be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Lusty advised he has seen this done in a number of communities very successfully and people do really enjoy it. Discussion ensued regarding lighting of the flags at night.

Mr. Lusty advised that in a previous meeting, the Board approved altering Ms. Richard’s office hours to Tuesday & Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. He inquired as to if this had been implemented. Ms. Richard stated it has not yet been implemented. Mr. Lusty requested that Ms. Richard send out notification of the change in hours prior to implementing.

Mr. Lusty inquired regarding the leaning Palm at Veneto. Ms. Richard advised the trunk is straight, but the palm is not. The Board asked that Ms. Richard obtain proposals for removal of the palm.

Mr. Lusty advised he would like to implement a policy that the security guards advise visitors of the 25 mph speed limit. Ms. Richard advised she will prepare updated Standard Operating Procedures, with assistance from Mr. Orenstein. Ms. Richard advised she will have the Post Orders updated as well. Discussion ensued. The Board asked that Mr. Schappacher provide a chart based on the Radar reports to be presented at the Traffic Control workshop. Discussion ensued concerning speed control.
D. District Manager

Ms. Blandon advised the next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2017 at 9:30 am. She also announced the Audit Committee meeting will be held prior to the onset of the regular meeting.

Ms. Blandon advised she would like a motion by the Board to approve the Tentative Agenda review being reduced to two days, and the final agenda will be sent seven days prior to the meeting. She further advised the agenda will be e-mailed to the residents via a link to the District’s website.

On a Motion by Mr. Jasper, seconded by Mr. Bracco, with all in favor, the Board Approved a Ten Day Tentative Agenda, with two days for review, and the Seven Day Final Agenda, for the Venetian Community Development District.

**FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS Supervisors Requests and Comments**

Mr. Lusty requested that Investments be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. He advised that he requested information from the Management Company that he did not receive complete responses to until Friday. He advised he forwarded the e-mail chain to the Board. Mr. Lusty advised that he did verify that $1,500,000.00 is in a non-insured government money market open ended mutual fund for the trust accounts. He further advised it does not sit well with him as the interest rate is 0.01%, or $150.00, the District is paying US Bank Trustee fees of $5,750.00 per year, there is an internal expense ratio on the fund as high as .49%, or 49 basis points, last year the District was charged 36 basis points. On top of the $5,750.00, US Bank made another $5,400.00 of management fees and paid the District $150.00. The District paid $11,150.00 in fees last year and made $150.00. He advised he believes this is self dealing and the investment returns are unacceptable. He believes the District should invest in US Treasury bills, six month T-bills, Friday they were paying .62%, the District would have made $9,900.00. Mr. Lusty advised the investments must be within the trust indentures and he has copies of the trust indentures to review. He advised the District has the ability to change trustees, and he will review options and come back to the Board with proposals. Regarding the savings accounts, Mr. Lusty advised the District can invest in any FDIC insured bank; he provided a list of qualified depositories. He advised he will review some of the depositories as currently the District is using Bank of Tampa and is earning .2%. Mr. Lusty advised that the money can be put in to three or six month treasuries and make .6%, which could make up the $40,000.00 to pay for the exercise fees. He advised Florida Statute is very broad; funds do not have to be insured and in fact are not. He advised he would not recommend utilizing anything that is not insured. He advised the two options are FDIC or federal treasuries or agency bonds. Mr. Cohen advised there is most likely a provision in the indenture that outlines the investment obligations. Mr. Jasper inquired regarding the trustee’s bond payment obligations and can the District direct the trustee as to where to deposit the funds. Mr. Lusty advised the District can do so if negotiating with a new trustee. Mr. Lusty advised he inquired as to options for US Bank trust funds and Mr. Brizendine didn’t know but advised that he would get a list of options. Mr. Lusty advised he will provide a full report at the next meeting. Ms. Blandon advised that Mr. Brizendine will also attend the next meeting to be available for questions. Discussion ensued regarding investing in treasury bills.

Hearing no further Supervisor requests or comments, Ms. Blandon asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.
SIXTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

Adjournment

On a Motion by Mr. Orenstein, seconded by Ms. Lentile, with all in favor, the Board adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m., for the Venetian Community Development District.

[Signatures]
Secretary / Assistant Secretary

[Signature]
Chairman / Vice Chairman