MEETING MINUTES
VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Pool and Fitness Committee Meeting January 16, 2017

In Attendance:
Joy Wolf, Chair
Lisa Plotkin, Vice Chair
Scott Kissell, River Club Manager
Charlie Sandomenico, Dir. of Tennis and Fitness
Harry Orenstein, VCDD Board Representative

Absent: Peggy Palmer, Member (absent)
Gwen Mengel, new Member (absent)
One Seat Vacant

A. Call to Order
Joy made a call to order at 2:05.

B. Quorum:
Four members were present.

C. Approval of Minutes of December 19, 2016
Joy made a motion to approve the minutes. Lisa seconded. Motion passed.

D. Additions to Agenda:
Joy made a motion to add to New Business: Lisa will be assisting Charlie with the new equipment in the Fitness Center. Joy asked that we begin meeting with the introduction to our new member, Dick Foster, and nominating new officers. Joy accepted the role of the new Chair, Lisa accepted to be the new Vice Chair. Harriet nominated Gwen Mengel to be the new Secretary which would need to be accepted and confirmed at February’s meeting. Harriet agreed to be the ‘acting secretary’ at current meeting. Lisa asked if there could be meeting reminders sent directly to our personal emails. Joy agreed it would be helpful but our responses to attend meetings would need to be sent directly to Scott.

E. Resident Input:
Joy opened the discussion asking residents to stick to 5 minutes each.

A question was asked, how and why this whole ‘fees for fitness’ issue got started?
Harry once again briefed everyone on the overall history of facility amenities vs. services. He acknowledged the fact that the timing of this decision by the CDD board in the summer was not the best timing, but later in November, a yes/no vote was taken by the board and the board majority voted against changing the decision on fees for services. He also stated that if any changes were to be made, there would need to be a public hearing which is being scheduled for March 6, 2017 at 9:30am. Harry explained that a ‘compromise’ at the board meeting was suggested that residents get two free instructor-led fitness classes per week and then charge $4.00 for any more fitness classes plus one free tennis clinic per week. Several residents asked to describe, “instructor-led classes” and heard that Pool Classes are being considered to include a fee to participate. More discussion ensued against charging for pool exercise classes. It was stated that there is no current determination of charging for Pool Classes.
Scott discussed putting out a survey mid-February with results by end of February to include input about fitness classes. A resident suggested that it state clearly on the survey that “there was no budgetary shortfall as to the reason for ‘fees for fitness’”. Joy read two letters from residents that were absent.

F. Management Updates:
Scott continued with more information on the Survey and that the survey feedback may not be complete by next Fitness Meeting on February 20th. A motion was made by Joy to move next meeting to February 27th. Harriet second it. The survey results would need to be presented to the CDD for a formal recommendation.

Charlie gave stats on participants which showed a decrease on unique users. Then Charlie gave a FOD (Fitness-on-Demand) update. Suggestions were made for improved management of all fitness classes, including FOD, to look at times, group size, popularity and input from the fitness experts, like asking for Lauren’s safety review and input on FOD Yoga. It was strongly recommended that we utilize our trained fitness class experts to weigh in on these FOD classes. Other suggestions mentioned were, mixing things up on the schedule to change contents every 2 weeks since now should be a time of experimentation along with the FOD.

Fitness Committee expressed wanting to provide input on survey and Scott said that committee members could submit 5 questions before survey goes out. Survey company is Vision and survey results are collated by Survey Monkey. Joy suggested incentives to survey participants, like a River Club Gift Card.

If we decide to charge for pool classes, Scott is concerned about issues with collecting payment. Another concern is if there are two free classes per week and the rest are fee classes, how will it be monitored, which could become an administrative challenge.

G. CDD Board Updates:
Harry suggested that the Fitness Committee Chair consider communicational input directly to the CDD Board in conjunction with the CDD Fitness Representative. This could further define the purpose of the Fitness ‘Advisory’ Committee that offers recommendations and updates directly. Joy accepted this opportunity for direct interactions and was supported by the committee members. A brief discussion followed on our new committee members and Scott agreed to follow up with the new members who were absent.

H. Old Business:
1. Bench in women’s shower room: Peggy and Charlie met and agreed that there will be no bench in the women’s shower room. Other options will be explored.
2. Fitness/pool fees: At next Fitness Committee meeting in February, the committee members will come up with some recommendations to the CDD concerning the topic of fees for fitness.

I. New Business:
1. Life Fitness Equipment: Lisa has agreed to work with Charlie on new Fitness Center equipment.
2. Meeting reminders sent directly to member’s personal emails (not approved).
3. Defining the Role of the Pool and Fitness ‘Advisory’ Committee – discussion deferred.
4. Feasibility of Summer Meetings – discussion deferred.
5. Mission Statement: VCDD Pool and Fitness ‘Advisory’ Committee. Joy distributed a draft mission statement for review. We will discuss at the next meeting.
6. Posting Agendas/Minutes: Joy and Harriet asked Scott about posting agendas and minutes procedures before and after it has been approved. Further written clarification on Agendas/Minutes procedures are needed. Harry said that the VCDD Board of Supervisors must approve the Pool and Fitness Committee minutes before they can be posted on the VCDD website.
7. Next Meeting: changed Date- February 27, 2017

J. Adjournment

Joy motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:30pm. Harriet second the motion. Motion passed.