MEETING MINUTES
VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
Recreational Advisory Committee Meeting
February 4, 2019
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Members:
Joy Wolf, Chair
Pam Perry, Co-chair
Dick Foster, Secretary
Mary Abbruzzese, Member
Pat Appolonia, Member
Susan Rector, Member
Bettye Smith, Member

Management:
Susie Lentile, VCDD Board
Charlie Sandomenico, Director of Tennis and Fitness
Denise Payton, River Club Manager

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establish Quorum
   a. Meeting was called to order February 4, 2019 at 2:05 pm.
   b. Quorum was established; all 7 committee members were present.

2. Additions and Adjustments to Agenda
   a. Meeting agenda reviewed, and additions made.

3. Next VCDD Board Meeting Representation
   a. Joy Wolf will represent the Recreational Committee at the February 25, 2019 CDD Board meeting.

4. Resident Input
   a. Lilian Carter voiced concern about the requirement that limits fitness class online registration to 3 classes per week. Committee explained that this is required during “season” because of limited class size. However, residents can “drop-in” the day of any class that is not full for an unlimited number of classes. There are signup sheets outside the fitness studio at 7:30am each morning. Residents can check the online fitness class registration page to see if a specific class is full before going to the River Club.
   b. Marcia Bending asked why employee(s) park in “prime” parking spaces near the tennis courts. One employee does arrive before sunrise so parks near the building. Action item: Mr. Sandomenico will discuss with employees about parking in prime spaces. Ms. Bending also is concerned about the tennis maintenance cart is often parked on sidewalk next to tennis courts. Action item: Mr. Sandomenico to follow-up.

5. VCDD Board Update / Susie Lentile
   a. Florida Sunshine Law presentation by VCDD attorney
      • On February 25, 2019 at 8:30am in the River Club, the CDD attorney, Andy Cohen, will lead a discussion about the Florida Sunshine Law and how it effects the CDD advisory committees. All committee members who have not attended a previous Sunshine Law presentation need to attend this meeting. Other committee members who would like a refresher are welcomed to attend.
      • Committee members must use CDD-provided email to discuss all committee business. Do NOT use personal email. If you receive an email from someone about committee business and wish to respond, you must forward the email to your CDD-provided email and respond from the CDD-provided email account.
      • The Property Owners Association (POA) has received the “Traffic Hawk” unit that will monitor speeding in the community. POA staff and members are currently receiving training. Residents will be notified about the exact procedures prior to implementation.
b. Recreational Committee Report to CDD / Dick Foster
   - Dick Foster represented the Recreational Committee at the January 28, 2019 CDD Board meeting.
   - Committee officers were provided to the Board.
   - Two-page summary of the October 2018 Pool and Fitness Survey results were distributed to the Board members.
   - Discussed committee’s recommendation to have staggered terms for committee members. The CDD Board suggested/recommended that the four committee members who had served on the previous Tennis Committee and Pool and Fitness Committee serve a one-year term on this new Recreational Committee. The remaining three committee members would serve a two-year term.
   - Following discussion, the committee agreed with the recommendation of the Board. Therefore, the following members will serve a one-year term: Mary Abbruzzese, Dick Foster, Pam Perry, and Joy Wolf. Serving two-year terms will be Pat Appolonia, Susan Rector, and Bettye Smith.

6. Management Update
   a. Fitness Update / Charlie Sandomenico
      - Tennis Tuesday and Fitness Friday weekly emails – good open rate of the emails. **Action item:** Provide ideas for special content to Mr. Sandomenico.
      - New video ideas – **Action item:** Mr. Sandomenico to consider Golf Fitness class, highlight of new fitness classes, highlight classes with low registrations (such as Zumba) to promote the class.
      - Reviewed and discussed fitness class and tennis participation data.
      - Fitness class unique users: 174 in January 2019; 162 in January 2018. This is good that participation continues to increase.
      - Mr. Sandomenico participated in meeting with other fitness directors in the area. The Oaks has just implemented an $8 fee for fitness classes.
      - Two new fitness classes have been added. A second Golf Fitness class on Monday; a new Yoga class on Sunday.
      - Discussion about when to remove a fitness class with low participation from the schedule. Factors that impact class participation include time of day, day of the week, and instructors. Zumba class participation rate is low. **Action item:** Discuss Zumba class participation trend at the next committee meeting to recommend future of the class.
      - Bone Builder fitness class demonstration is scheduled.
      - In the aerobics fitness room, the window shades were removed during remodeling and not yet replaced. Window covering options are being considered.
      - All 911 phones and defibrillators throughout the River Club and tennis courts are now operational. **Action item:** Ms. Payton plans to publicize this in an upcoming River Club newsletter.
      - Discussion about adding signage on boxes with 911 phones. **Action item:** Ms. Payton to follow-up on 911 phone signage.
   
   b. Tennis Update / Charlie Sandomenico
      - Mr. Sandomenico reported there were 7 paid outside guests in January. Family guests do not pay a fee.
      - Reviewed report of number of open courts during prime-time, which is from 8:00am to 9:30am and 9:30am and 11:00am. Only 4 days during January had no open courts during the prime-time session. All other days had one or more open court. This is typical for “in season” months.
      - Mixed Doubles Tournament went well. $5 per person fee for tennis balls, water, food.
• Lessons for Life event benefiting the Make-a-Wish Foundation raised $35,500 (goal was $24,000), which was enough to fund four wishes.
• Reviewed schedule of Tennis Events running through May 11.

c. Pool Update / Denise Payton
• Discussed successful repair of three leaks in the lap pool. Water usage has been reduced significantly.
• Discussed repair of a major leak in the resort pool.
• Curbing around the pool landscape areas looks nice and is keeping the lava rock in place.
• Pavers in the circle near the pool gates next to the tennis courts are sinking. Ms. Payton plans to place a large flower pot on those pavers so people don’t trip.
• Facilities Committee is planning to propose remodeling of the tiki bar and expand seating area around the tiki bar.
• Residents have complained about parents with young children (some in diapers) playing at the steps area in the lap pool. Following discussion, the committee recommended that children not be allowed in the lap pool. **Action item:** Ms. Payton will remind residents in an upcoming River Club newsletter and have the pool attendant monitor the situation.

d. Comments in the “comment box” / Charlie Sandomenico
• Need to clean gym machines. Mr. Sandomenico reported that a new cleaning company has been hired and, so far, they are doing a better job of cleaning.
• Line Dancing class suggested. Mr. Sandomenico reported that a “Dance and Dine” event is in planning stage. Offer Line Dancing class in the dining room followed by dinner for a single price in February or March.

7. Business Administration
   a. Consideration of minutes from prior Committee meeting
      • Following review and corrections, Susan Rector moved, and Mary Abbruzzese seconded, to approve the January 7, 2019 committee meeting minutes. Motion passed.

8. New Business Requests and Comments
   a. Results of Pool & Fitness Survey; action plan/new classes
      • All committee members have received the complete survey via email.
      • Some new classes are already planned based on the survey feedback.
      • Survey feedback also shows that residents are satisfied with most pool and fitness classes/activities.
      • Discussion about requests for stretching and balance classes. Instead of separate classes, discussed integration of these exercises into existing classes. **Action item:** In upcoming Friday Fitness email, Mr. Sandomenico will discuss the survey feedback of the desire for stretching and balance classes and identify which existing classes incorporate stretching and balance exercises.
      • Talking during pool fitness class continues to be an issue.
      • Survey feedback, especially comments, may be useful guidance moving forward.
      • Discussion about potential community-wide Tennis Survey. No decision made.
   b. Plans for Demo Days
      • Bone Builder demo is currently scheduled. Others in planning.
   c. Flooring options for Fitness Center
• Discussion about removing the gym carpeting, which is 14+ years old. What material – carpeting, wood, rubber. **Action item:** Mr. Sandomenico to get cost estimate for gym flooring material options.

d. Ideas for Wellness Fair or other community wide project
   • **Action item:** Discussion deferred until next committee meeting.

e. Proposals for new / replacement equipment in Fitness Center
   • Committee plans to prioritize fitness/gym equipment needs. **Action item:** Mr. Sandomenico will have updated equipment pricing for the March 4 committee meeting.

f. Tennis lessons
   • Discussion about guideline for when clinics and private tennis lessons can be scheduled. Mr. Sandomenico reported that this has been discussed in previous years resulting in the following guidelines. Courts for private lessons can be reserved by residents at any time, include during prime-time hours (8:00am – 11:00am). Courts for tennis clinics are reserved by the staff and cannot be reserved during prime-time morning hours.
   • Concern expressed that private lessons during prime-time, when courts are busy, are distracting to other players.

g. Tennis reservation system
   • Discussion about people booking two people on a court and then four people show up. This allows them to reserve a court for doubles without knowing all four names. Concern expressed because some people wait until they get all four names before booking a court as required when reserving doubles. Lengthy discussion ensued. Discussed removing the online option to reserve a singles court and call the Tennis Shop to reserve a singles court. **Action item:** Motion made and passed to table the discussion and discus further at March 4 committee meeting.
   • Concern that staff sometimes over rides the reservation system by booking a court with only one name plus TBD. **Action item:** Mr. Sandomenico to discuss with staff to stop this practice.

h. Trash containers at tennis courts
   • A trash can near the bulletin board at the tennis courts has been removed because people deposit their home trash. There are 7 other trash cans at the tennis courts.
   • Request to provide recycle bins at the tennis courts. Mr. Sandomenico reported that staff pick through the trash cans daily to remove (and reuse) good tennis balls and separate recycle materials.

i. Benches at tennis courts
   • Request to provide towels in the morning to wipe off dew from the benches at the tennis courts. **Action item:** Mr. Sandomenico to follow-up.

9. Adjournment
   • Motion made and passed to adjourn at 4:35 pm.

Next meeting: March 4, 2019
Submitted by: Dick Foster, secretary