

VENETIAN ISLES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2009

A. CALL TO ORDER

District Manager Neil Kalin called the September 22, 2009, Regular Board Meeting of the Venetian Isles Community Development District to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Venetian Isles Community Clubhouse located at 15355 Egret Lake Circle, Miami, Florida 33185.

B. PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Mr. Kalin presented proof of publication that notice of the Regular Board Meeting was published in the *Miami Daily Business Review* on September 9, 2009, as part of the District's Revised Fiscal Year 2008/2009 Regular Meeting Schedule, as legally required.

C. ESTABLISH QUORUM

Mr. Kalin determined that the attendance of Chairman Luis Baluja, Vice Chairman Andres Vazquez and Supervisors Abelardo Hernandez and Roger Perez constituted a quorum and it was in order to proceed with the meeting.

Staff in attendance were: District Manager Neil Kalin of Special District Services, Inc.; and District Counsel Vivian Fazio of Billing, Cochran, Lyles, Mauro & Ramsey, P.A.

Also in attendance were the following residents from the District: Juan Cespedes, José Miguel, Luis Capote, Eddie Alvarez and José Medina.

Supervisor Oscar Martinez arrived at approximately 7:06 p.m.

D. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

E. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the public for items not on the agenda.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. August 3, 2009, Special Board Meeting

Mr. Kalin asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of August 3, 2009, Special Board Meeting.

There being no changes, a **motion** was made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Baluja and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2009, Special Board Meeting, as presented.

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G. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion Regarding Modifications to Speed Humps and Associated Signage

Mr. Kalin provided the Board with two options regarding modifying the existing speed humps: Option "A" proposal was for grinding/lowering the existing speed humps to a height not to exceed 2 ¾ inches in height; and Option "B" proposed to change the depth of the existing speed humps to 6 feet in depth and a height not to exceed 2 ¾ inches.

Mr. Baluja opened up dialogue with residents of the community and stated that the matter would be voted on. However, prior to the vote, residents were provided an opportunity to speak about the severity of the speed humps and solutions to their abruptness. Mr. Alvarez, a resident of the District, had concerns that the speed humps had altered the intent of the design of the community roads and due to the inconveniences presented by the "hump" installation, residents of the District were forced to find alternate routes to their homes. He also opined that the speed humps should not be as abrupt and a solution would be to expand the depth of each hump and maintain a height of not to exceed 2 ¾ inches. Mr. Alvarez (HOA Board Member) offered, on behalf of the Venetian Isles Master Homeowners' Association, financial assistance to the District for the cost of modifying the existing speed humps.

Mr. Cespedes, a resident of the District, stated he had concerns that lowering of the "humps" might defeat their purpose; he opined that the humps were serving their purpose in slowing down traffic, as intended. Mr. Miguel, a resident of the District, informed the attendees that he spends a considerable amount of time walking throughout the District and he has observed a tremendous change/slow down in the speed of traffic on the entry roads where the "humps" have been placed. He felt that the "humps" should remain in their current condition and that no changes be made.

At this juncture of the meeting Mr. Baluja asked for a motion from the Board to move forward with modifying the existing speed humps. A discussion ensued after which,

A **motion** was made by Mr. Vasquez, seconded by Mr. Baluja to move forward and modify the existing seventeen (17) speed humps. The vote was called by Mr. Kalin and the **motion** passed to modify the existing speed humps by a vote of 4 to 1. (Mr. Martinez voted against modifying the speed humps).

Mr. Baluja asked the Board to consider either Option "A" or Option "B", as defined above. A discussion ensued after which,

A **motion** was made by Mr. Perez and seconded by Mr. Baluja to modify the existing seventeen (17) speed humps by using the Option "A" method (grinding of the exiting speed humps to a height not to exceed 2 ¾ inches) for a price of \$1,645; Proposal # 290820 Southern Asphalt Engineering Inc. The vote on the motion was called by Mr.

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Kalin and the **motion** passed by a vote of 4 to 1 to use Option “A” to modify the exiting speed humps. (Mr. Martinez voted against Option “A” and modifying the speed humps).

Mr. Kalin presented information and pricing from the company *SignsToGo* for new speed humps and speed limit signs. There are a total of 17 speed hump signs and 8 speed limit signs and with spares, the total count would be 28 signs at a price of \$43 each (size 16”x 16”). The color scheme of the signs would match current signage in the community, a combination of maroon and beige coloring. The pricing stated did not include removal of the existing signs or installation of the new signs. Mr. Baluja asked if the Master HOA handyman could be used for this type of work. Mr. Medina offered to provide Mr. Kalin with the name and contact information for this person.

A discussion ensued after which a **motion** was made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Perez and unanimously passed to authorize the District Manager to proceed with ordering new signs with spares, (from *SignsToGo*) and coordinating the installation of the new signage to replace the existing speed limit signs and speed hump signs for a price not to exceed \$1,750.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consider Resolution No. 2009-04 – Revised Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2008/2009

Mr. Kalin presented Resolution No. 2009-04, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE VENETIAN ISLES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ADOPTING A REVISED FISCAL YEAR 2008/2009 BUDGET; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A **motion** was made by Mr. Hernandez, seconded by Mr. Vazquez and unanimously passed to approve Resolution No. 2009-04, as presented.

2. Staff Report Regarding Storm Dain Structure Cleaning in District

Mr. Kalin informed the Board that he had visited the Community and met with Mr. Hugo Espinoza, the on site property manager, to review drainage concerns. Mr. Espinoza will work with Mr. Kalin on a list of potential street drains that need inspection. After the list is compiled, Mr. Kalin will obtain a quote for cleaning obstructed street drains. Mr. Kalin also informed the attendees that the broken street drain cover in the community of Verona will be replaced by the weekend.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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Mr. Medina pointed out that there was graffiti on one of the directional signs on the main entry road and he requested that the District take care of this matter. Mr. Kalin will look into and resolve this matter. A discussion took place regarding security in the community as there had been a recent car theft. At this time the security is a function of the Master HOA; however, the topic can be discussed further at a future District Board meeting.

Mr. Medina raised a concern regarding roadway maintenance and the cost to mill and resurface areas as needed. Mr. Kalin stated that there were funds budgeted on an annual basis for performing minor roadway repairs such as pot holes and sign replacement. Mr. Kalin stated that in the near future the Board will discuss a long term capital improvement funding program.

J. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no further comments from the Members of the Board.

K. ADJOURN

There being no further business for the Board to address, a **motion** was made by Mr. Baluja, seconded by Mr. Vazquez and unanimously passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Chairman/Vice Chairman