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Venetian Community Development District

Board of Supervisors' Meeting

May 8, 2023

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VENETIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

Venetian River Club, 502 Veneto Boulevard, North Venice, Florida 34275

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Board of Supervisors	Rich Bracco Ernest Booker Ken Smaha Jill Pozarek Cheryl Harmon Terrana	Chairman Vice Chairman Assistant Secretary Assistant Secretary Assistant Secretary
District Manager	Belinda Blandon	Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
District Counsel	Andy Cohen	Persson, Cohen, Mooney, Fernandez & Jackson, P.A.
District Engineer	Rick Schappacher	Schappacher Engineering

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May 2, 2023

Board of Supervisors
**Venetian Community
Development District**

REVISED AGENDA

Dear Board Members:

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Venetian Community Development District will be held on **Monday, May 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.** at the Venetian River Club located at 502 Veneto Boulevard, North Venice, Florida 34275. The following is the agenda for this meeting:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. STAFF REPORTS**
 - A. District Engineer
 - B. District Counsel
 1. Consideration of CPI Attorney Fees Increase..... Tab 1
 - C. River Club
 - 1. Presentation by Northstar Club Management Systems**
 - D. Field Manager
 - E. District Manager
 1. Presentation of Registered Voter Count Tab 2
- 5. BUSINESS ITEMS**
 - A. Discussion Regarding Survey Results
 - B. Consideration of Traffic Logix Radar Sign Proposal..... Tab 3
- 6. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**
 - A. Consideration of the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on April 10, 2023..... Tab 4
- 7. CONSENT ITEMS**
 - A. Racquet Sports Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2022, December 13, 2022, January 9, 2023, February 13, 2023, and March 13, 2023 Tab 5**
- 8. SUPERVISOR REQUESTS AND COMMENTS**
- 9. BUDGET WORKSHOP (Under Separate Cover)**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (239) 936-0913.

Very truly yours,
Belinda Blandon
Belinda Blandon
District Manager

cc: Andrew Cohen: Persson, Cohen, Mooney, Fernandez & Jackson, P.A.

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PERSSON, COHEN, MOONEY, FERNANDEZ & JACKSON, P.A.
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW

David P. Persson**
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Reply to: Venice

April 18, 2023

Belinda Blandon, District Manager
Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
3434 Colwell Avenue, Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33614

RE: CPI Attorney Fees -Venetian Community Development District

Dear Belinda:

Pursuant to our fee agreement with the Venetian Community Development District, our hourly rate is adjusted annually on October 1 by the Consumer Price Index ("CPI") established for the preceding year in February. As in past years, we are providing a reminder early in order that the District may have ample time to consider what, if any, effect the CPI has upon the District's next year's budget. While the applicable CPI for this year's adjustment is 6%, as I did last year, I have elected to reduce the CPI increase to 5%. We have all been affected by rapidly rising costs for goods and services, but I appreciate and recognize our long-standing relationship with the District and believe this reduced CPI increase is fair to both parties. The adjusted hourly rate we are requesting is as follows: \$294.00 per hour.

Lakewood Ranch
6853 Energy Court
Lakewood Ranch, Florida 34240

Venice
236 Pedro Street
Venice, Florida 34285

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As always, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew H. Cohen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and "C".

Andrew H. Cohen

Signed electronically

AHC:mk

cc: Richard Bracco, Chairman

Tab 2



Ron Turner
Supervisor of Elections
Sarasota County: *Our County. Our Vote.*

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BY:

April 21, 2023

Belinda Blandon
District Manager
Venetian Community Development District
3434 Colwell Ave, Suite 200
Tampa FL 33614

Subject: Qualified Registered Electors for Venetian CDD

Dear Belinda:

Listed below is the total number of qualified registered electors for the Venetian Community Development District as of April 15, 2023.

Precinct: 435.1 Voters: 1,977

Sincerely,

Ron Turner
Supervisor of Elections
Sarasota County, Florida

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Tab 3



Traffic Logix Corporation
 3 Harriett Lane
 Spring Valley, NY 10977 USA
Tel: (866) 915-6449
Fax: (844) 405-6449
www.trafficlogix.com

Quote Number QUO-29545-Q9V0S7
 Created Date 4/25/2023
 Expiration Date 5/25/2023
 Prepared by Sean Coupland

QUOTATION

Contact: Belinda Blandon
 Phone: (941) 251-7613
 Email: bblandon@rizzetta.com

Venetian CDD
 3434 Colwell Ave Ste 200
 Tampa, Florida 33614
 USA

Shipping Address:

502 Veneto Blvd
 Nokomis, Florida 34275
 United States

Standard Features (Included) – Evolution Signs

- The Evolution radar feedback signs come with 1 year of unlimited SafePace Cloud access. SafePace Cloud is renewable annually with bundling and multi-year term discounts available.
- Sign powers down when no traffic present
- Programmable Speed Violator Flashing Strobe Light
- Ambient Light Sensor and Automatic Brightness adjustment
- Banding Mount Bracket
- Safe Pace Management Software
- Bluetooth

Special Notes

EV12SD (2) Solar. Yellow face plates. Data included for 12 months, \$500 per year per unit after. Multi-year packages also available at a discounted rate. Bluetooth also available at no cost for life of signs.

Quote Line Items – All Prices shown are in \$ US Dollar

Product	Product Code	Quantity	Sales Price	Total Price
Evolution 15 Solar (SLOW DOWN) - Fixed Message RED LED - Multilingual - Includes UMB	EV15SDEYL-SOLLA	2.0000 0	\$2,949.00	\$5,898.00
Cloud Access-Radar Signs-LVL1-1Y	CLOUDLVL1-RS-1Y	2.0000 0	\$500.00	\$0.00



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Quote Number QUO-29545-Q9V057
 Created Date 4/25/2023
 Expiration Date 5/25/2023
 Prepared by Sean Coupland

Totals

Subtotal:	\$5,898.00
Freight:	\$475.00
Grand Total:	\$6,373.00

Terms: 1% - 10 days – Net 30

Payment: MC, VISA, AMEX. Credit card payments over \$10K will include an additional 2% fee.

Tax: IF TAX EXEMPT, Please Provide Tax Exempt Certificate with Order.

Freight: Freight quotation is valid for a period of 21 days after it is issued. Beyond that, freight quotations will require confirmation or adjustment.

Changes/Returns: 30% for standard orders and 50% on custom orders.

Delivery Requirements

Please Indicate the availability of the following as this determines the freight costs:

1. Do You have a Loading Dock? - Yes/No
2. Do you have a Forklift and Pallet Jack to unload? - Yes/No
3. Can access be gained by a 53-foot truck for delivery? - Yes/No
4. Is the delivery address a Construction site? - Yes/No
5. Is the delivery address a Military site? - Yes/No
6. If shipping to Military site, is a U.S. Driver required? - Yes/No

Quote Acceptance Information

Signature _____
 Name _____
 Title _____
 Date _____

Thank you for choosing Traffic Logix. Please sign and return to:

scoupland@trafficlogix.com
 Sean Coupland
 Senior Manager Sales

Please complete to set up new account: <https://trafficlogix.com/business-application-form/>

Tab 4

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, April 10, 2023 at 9:32 a.m.** held at the Venetian River Club, 502 Veneto Boulevard, North Venice, Florida 34275.

Present and constituting a quorum were:

Richard Bracco	Board Supervisor, Chairman
Ernest Booker	Board Supervisor, Vice Chairman
Ken Smaha	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
Jill Pozarek	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary
Cheryl Harmon Terrana	Board Supervisor, Assistant Secretary

Also present were:

Belinda Blandon	District Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
Andy Cohen	District Counsel – Persson, Cohen, Mooney, Fernandez & Jackson, P.A.
Rick Schappacher	District Engineer, Schappacher Engineering
Keith Livermore	Field Manager, Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
John Toborg	Landscape Inspection Services, Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
John Fowler	Landscape Inspection Services, Rizzetta & Company, Inc.
Jeffrey Thomas	General Manager, River Club
Heather Alexander	Vesta Property Services
Dave Freiman	Tennis Pro, Tennis Connections
Representatives	LMP
Representatives	Russell Landscape
Audience	

FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Ms. Blandon called the meeting to order and conducted the roll call.

SECOND ORDER OF BUSINESS

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Bracco led the Board and audience in reciting the pledge of allegiance.

THIRD ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Comment

Prior to Public Comments, Mr. Cohen explained the process related to the tennis rules public hearing, he further reviewed the changes to the resolution related to fitness classes.

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51 Ms. Blandon opened the floor to comments from the public.
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53 Mr. Carr read a statement, attached to the minutes, related to maintenance of the
54 buffer behind his home and along Bolanza Court.
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56 Mr. Thackray addressed the Board regarding his opposition to the tennis rule change
57 as well as Tennis being more of a club than an amenity.
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59 Ms. Appolonia addressed the Board regarding use of the facilities, she further
60 complimented LMP for their work in the community and recommended renewing their
61 contract.
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63 Ms. Schimberg complimented Sunday's brunch and she further advised that she
64 strongly supports LMP.
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66 Mr. Schuster thanked the Board for their work, he further addressed the Board
67 regarding the roadway rejuvenation project.
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69 Mr. Troy addressed the Board regarding the roadway rejuvenation project as well as
70 riding bicycles on the sidewalks.
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72 **FOURTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Staff Reports**

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74 A. District Engineer
75 Mr. Schappacher spoke regarding the roadway rejuvenation project and
76 advised that he has reached out to the vendor regarding the resident concerns
77 and the vendor has advised he will come back to treat areas of concern. He
78 advised that Padova was not part of the contract, but the vendor did apply the
79 rejuvenation to Padova but will not be charging the District for that work. Mr.
80 Schappacher advised the sidewalk repairs are scheduled for mid-week next
81 week. He advised that bids for the pickleball courts are due Friday, and he is
82 working with the city to obtain any necessary permits. Mr. Schappacher
83 responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Booker recommended holding
84 back a reserve amount designated for clean up. Discussion ensued. Mr.
85 Schappacher recommended sending an eblast to the community in order to
86 determine which residents have markings in their garage that need to be
87 addressed.
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89 Ms. Pozarek inquired as to the specifications contained within the pickleball
90 bid form. Mr. Schappacher advised that he will send the bid form to the Board.
91 He responded to questions from the Board.
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93 B. District Counsel
94 Mr. Cohen advised that he did not have a report but would be happy to answer
95 any questions.
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97 Ms. Pozarek inquired as to penalties for violation of rules and policies. Mr.
98 Cohen advised that the penalties would be contained within the River Club

99 declarations.

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101 C. River Club

102 Mr. Thomas provided an overview of his Executive Summary; he advised that
103 the survey results were sent to the Board. Mr. Thomas reviewed the River
104 Club financials and advised that he will have his summary, detail, and
105 recommendation related to outside events for the next meeting. He reviewed
106 the Sunday brunch as well as upcoming events. Mr. Thomas advised that the
107 onboarding of an Assistant Food & Beverage Manager is almost complete.

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109 E. Field Manager

110 Mr. Livermore advised that he has reached out to the City related to the fence
111 issue; he advised that a Council member has taken on the fencing issue and
112 will be assisting in the process. Mr. Livermore advised of trees leaning over
113 the first pond on the right as you enter the community; he advised that he has
114 had two companies review the trees and they are not interested in removing
115 the trees. He advised that this will turn into a project.

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117 Mr. Booker inquired about the area behind the homes on Bolanza. Ms.
118 Blandon advised that she received a proposal from LMP for \$5,000.00 for
119 stump removals although it does not address the appearance of the wetland;
120 she advised that when trees within a wetland die, they remain in place. Ms.
121 Blandon recommended having Mr. Schappacher review the boundary of the
122 conservation tract. Mr. Toborg provided input related to the conservation area
123 concerns.
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On a Motion by Mr. Bracco, seconded by Mr. Booker, with all in favor, the Board Approved the LMP Proposal for Stump Removal, in the Amount of \$5,050.00, Authorizing the District Engineer to Identify the Wetland Boundary, and Engaging Vendors to Determine Allowable Work, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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126 Ms. Terrana thanked Mr. Briggs for the landscaping work he is conducting.

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128 Mr. Bracco inquired as to the status of the River Club door. Mr. Livermore
129 advised that it is an ongoing process to get the vendor back out.

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131 D. District Manager

132 Ms. Blandon advised that she will provide her report during the O&M
133 discussion.

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135 The Board took a brief recess at 10:24 a.m. and was back on the record at 10:37 a.m.

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137 **FIFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Question and Answer Session with
Landscape Vendors**

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140 Mr. Toborg provided a recap of the points per team; LMP had 454.55 points and
141 Russell had 391.75 points. Mr. Bracco recommended starting with Russell.
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143 Mr. Toborg introduced John Weatherall and Will Dutton of Russell Landscape. Mr.
144 Weatherall provided a presentation of Russell Landscape. He and Mr. Dutton responded to
145 questions from the Board.

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147 Representatives from LMP, Chris Berry, Scott Carlson, and Bill Gipp, responded to
148 questions from the Board.

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150 **SIXTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Discussion and Consideration of**
151 **Proposals Received in Response to the**
152 **RFP for Landscape and Irrigation**
153 **Maintenance Including Award of Bid**
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155 Mr. Bracco spoke regarding the questions and answers as well as the original bid
156 ranking; he recommended moving forward with LMP. Board discussion ensued.
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On a Motion by Mr. Bracco, seconded by Mr. Booker, with all in favor, the Board Awarded the Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance Bid to Landscape Maintenance Professionals, Inc., Subject to Preparation of a Contract by District Counsel, and Further Authorized the Chairman to Execute the Contact, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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159 Mr. Cohen thanked the vendors for their time and diligence in preparation of the
160 proposals, thanked the two vendors who attended today to respond to questions, and he
161 formally announced that the Board has passed a motion to award the bid to LMP subject
162 to preparation of an agreement by his office.

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164 The Board took a recess at 11:54 a.m. and was back on the record at 12:04 p.m.

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166 **SEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Public Hearing to Adopt a New Fee and**
167 **Amendments to the Rules for Usage of**
168 **the Tennis Facilities**
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170 Mr. Cohen reviewed the background to the public hearing and provided an overview
171 of the process.
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On a Motion by Mr. Bracco, seconded by Mr. Booker, with all in favor, the Board Opened the Public Hearing to Adopt a New Fee and Amendments to the Rules for Usage of the Tennis Facilities, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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174 Ms. Bandon reminded the public of the three-minute time limit for comments and
175 opened the floor to public comment.

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177 Comments from the public were entertained.

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179 Mr. Dave Freiman spoke regarding court reservations and use as well as the creation
180 of teams. He responded to questions from the Board.
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On a Motion by Mr. Booker, seconded by Mr. Bracco, with all in favor, the Board Closed the Public Hearing to Adopt a New Fee and Amendments to the Rules for Usage of the Tennis Facilities, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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EIGHTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Resolution 2023-05,
Amending the District's Rules for Use
of Its River Club Tennis Facilities**

Mr. Booker asked Ms. Pat Hinsch to speak on behalf of the Racquet Sports Advisory Committee. Ms. Hinsch provided input related to the recommended revised tennis rule 18 and responded to questions from the Board. Mr. Freiman responded to questions as well. Ms. Pozarek inquired as to setting a sunset timeline. Mr. Cohen advised that should the Board adopt the proposed change; it may revoke the change without a public hearing. Further discussion ensued. Mr. Bracco made a motion to approve resolution 2023-05, the motion was seconded by Mr. Booker. Mr. Bracco withdrew his motion. Board discussion ensued regarding the proposed change.

On a Motion by Mr. Booker, seconded by Ms. Pozarek, with four in favor and one opposed, the Adopted Resolution 2023-05, Amending the District's Rules for Use of Its River Club Tennis Facilities, Subject to the Inclusion of Rules to Only Allow 4.0 Players, On a Six Month Trial Basis, to be Revisited on or before December 1st, with Practices in Non-Prime Time, Allowing Only Four Non Venetian Residents, with the Fee for Each Individual Team League Season Not to Exceed 18 Weeks, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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Ms. Terrana left the meeting in progress.

NINTH ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Consideration of Resolution 2023-06,
Amending the District's Rules
Regarding Fitness Class Usage at its
River Club Facilities**

Mr. Cohen reviewed the resolution, including the changes made since distribution of the agenda: apply to indoor classes, regards to registering per week as opposed to attendance per week, and defining week as Monday through Sunday. Mr. Booker made a motion to adopt resolution 2023-06 as presented, the motion was seconded by Mr. Bracco. Board discussion ensued. Mr. Smaha advised that he would like to amend the fourth whereas clause to allow the change from three to five May through October because in season it should remain three. Mr. Booker advised that making a change to the resolution is not in line with the recommendation of the Committee. Mr. Bracco asked if there would be an increase to the number of classes. Ms. Spokowski advised that there would be no increase. Ms. Spokowski advised that the budget related to fitness class instruction is not accurate. Mr. Smaha advised that he would like the first paragraph amended to reflect the change in the fourth whereas clause related to off season. Board discussion ensued. Mr. Booker recommended tabling this item to allow opportunity for the Pool and Fitness Advisory Committee to review and discuss Mr. Smaha's recommendation; he withdrew his motion.

220 **TENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Discussion Regarding O&M**
221 **Expenditures and Approval of Prior**
222 **Months**
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224 Ms. Blandon advised that FEMA has advised that the cost of the replacement trees
225 cannot be added to the damage inventory. She reviewed the status of the FEMA process.
226 Ms. Blandon reviewed the status of the closure of the Bank of Tampa accounts and transfer
227 to Dana Investments.
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229 Ms. Blandon reviewed the operations and maintenance expenditures for the months
230 of August 2022 through February 2023. She reviewed the options of continuing with the
231 complete operations and maintenance packages or using the Intacct system to review
232 invoices. Ms. Blandon responded to questions from the Board.
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On a Motion by Mr. Bracco, seconded by Mr. Smaha, with all in favor, the Board Approved the Operations and Maintenance Expenditures for August 2022 through February 2023, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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235 Ms. Blandon discussed the budget process and asked that that Board select a date
236 for a workshop. The Board asked to have the workshop on May 8th at the conclusion of the
237 Board of Supervisors meeting. Ms. Blandon reminded the Board that the Committees should
238 have any recommendations or project information to the liaisons prior to May 8th so that
239 those can be discussed at the May 8th workshop.
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241 **ELEVENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Consideration of the Minutes of the**
242 **Audit Committee Meeting held on**
243 **March 13, 2023**
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245 Ms. Blandon presented the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on March
246 13, 2023 and asked if there were any questions. There were none.
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On a Motion by Mr. Bracco, seconded by Ms. Pozarek, with all in favor, the Board Accepted the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on March 13, 2023, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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249 **TWELFTH ORDER OF BUSINESS** **Consideration of the Minutes of the**
250 **Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on**
251 **March 13, 2023**
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253 Ms. Blandon presented the minutes of the Board of Supervisors' meeting held on
254 March 13, 2023 and asked if there were any questions, comments, or changes to the
255 minutes as presented. There were none.
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On a Motion by Mr. Booker, seconded by Mr. Bracco, with all in favor, the Board Approved the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors' Meeting held on March 13, 2023, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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THIRTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Consent Items**

Ms. Blandon advised that the consent items consist of the Reserve Advisory Committee meeting minutes of February 20, 2023. She asked if there were any questions. There were none.

On a Motion by Mr. Bracco, seconded by Mr. Booker, with all in favor, the Board Accepted the Consent Items, for the Venetian Community Development District.

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FOURTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Supervisor Requests and Comments**

Ms. Blandon opened the floor to Supervisor requests and comments.

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Mr. Bracco asked that the next meeting agenda have an item related to police patrols within the community. He advised that the Fidelity accounts have been liquidated and sent to the Truist account which was then forwarded to Schwab. Mr. Bracco inquired as to the reimbursement from Vesta. Ms. Blandon advised she has not seen anything. Mr. Bracco asked that Ms. Alexander look into the reimbursement. Mr. Bracco inquired as to the reimbursement from the POA. Ms. Blandon advised that she will inquire and report back.

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Mr. Booker asked that POS software alternatives be on the next agenda.

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Ms. Pozarek inquired as to the reserves process as to large River Club projects. She further advised that she would like to see O&M from the River Club.

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FIFTEENTH ORDER OF BUSINESS **Adjournment**

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Ms. Blandon advised there is no further business to be conducted and asked for a motion to adjourn.

On a Motion by Ms. Pozarek, seconded by Mr. Booker, with all in favor, the Board adjourned the meeting at 1:58 p.m., for the Venetian Community Development District.

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Secretary / Assistant Secretary

Chairman / Vice Chairman

TIMOTHY W. CARR
110 Bolanza Court
North Venice, Florida 34275
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April 09, 2023

Board of Supervisors
% Chairman Richard Bracco
The Venetian Golf & River Club
Community Development District (CDD)

Mr. Chairman & Board Members:

I write this correspondence on behalf of those certain members (the “Members”) of the Venetian Golf & River Club (the “Venetian”) that reside on Bolanza Court and Treviso Court in connection with issues pertaining to the Ornamental Grasses located behind the Members’ homes (the “Unmaintained Area”) located within an easement.

Since November of 2022, the Members have tried unsuccessfully to have the Ornamental Grasses trimmed, weeded, and otherwise cleaned (the “Landscaping”) in order to conform to the aesthetic standards of the Venetian. Since such time we have been engaged with Mr. Keith Livermore (Field Supervisor to the Venetian) to compel and supervise the Venetian’s landscape contractor, Landscape Maintenance Professionals Inc. (“LMP”) to perform the Landscaping as LMP is contractually obligated to perform the same pursuant to its agreement with the Venetian.

While Mr. Livermore and LMP have visited the area repeatedly and have only performed partial, incomplete, and substandard work. When I email Mr. Livermore, I copy the Members on all my emails, however, Mr. Livermore chooses to respond to only my email address and not the group. The last communication that I received on March 30, 2023, Mr. Livermore stated:

I had John Toborg come out to look at the issue behind your house, he stated that LMP has fulfilled their contractual responsibility in that area behind your house. If you believe that John is wrong on this issue please come to the next CDD Board Meeting on the 10th of April at 9:30am and bring it up to the board.

Simply stated, LMP has failed to fulfill its contractual obligations relating to the Ornamental Grasses. The Ornamental Grasses behind our homes, have been neglected for at least four years to date. The amount of weeds and growth is out of control and has been climbing and in some areas to almost reach the lanais.

The contract under which LMP is engaged, by and between the Venetian and LMP dated August 22, 2019 (the “Contract”), states the following, Page 1 Paragraph II Description of Work. Paragraph 1, refers to Exhibits A, B, and C with Exhibit C being the Landscape Maintenance Map. Exhibit C Venetian

Community Development District Maintenance Map. This map clearly identifies the rear properties along all of Bolanza Court on both sides as well as the cul-de-sac and all of Treviso Court on both sides except where it meets the golf course along hole #8, as ORNAMENTAL GRASSES.

Page 2 Paragraph 3 of the Contract states, “[Venetian] shall designate in writing one or more individuals to act as the [Venetian]’s representative(s) with respect to the contract work.” The Members are completely unaware as to who the Venetian has designated as its representative with respect to the [C]ontract work. To the extent it is Mr. Livermore, he has failed to enforce the Venetian’s rights under the Contract.

Exhibit A of the Contract, entitled Scope of Services Part 1, General landscape Maintenance 1) Mowing Paragraph 1A). reads as follows: “All ornamental grass beds on pond banks are the responsibility of the maintenance contractor. Such maintenance shall include, but not limited to, cutting to a low mound when applicable (early spring) and removing and disposing of clippings, eradicating all weed growth continuously and any required insect/disease control.”

With the above information it is opinion of the Members that multiple deficiencies took place.

- The District’s representative(s) failed to site visit and properly supervise the Landscape Maintenance Contractor.
- The District’s representative(s) failed to understand the contract and the scope of work that was required by the contract.
- The Landscape Maintenance Contractor failed to fulfill their contractual obligation per the documents provided to them.
- The Landscape Maintenance Contractor is unwilling to perform their task and a refund should be sought by the CDD Board to pay for the corrective actions that are still required.

The Members hope that after your review of the documents and the Landscape Maintenance Map that you find our request to have the designated areas behind our homes brought to the standards of the Venetian. There are weeds the size of trees. There are multiple tree stumps that reside in the easement area that are unsightly and should be removed. There are many invasive plants that should be removed and treated for removal. There are many downed plants and trees that pose a brush fire hazard that would impinge onto our properties. Four years of neglect is unacceptable. Moreover, if the Unmaintained Area was adjacent to a pond of the Venetian’s golf course, this would be absolutely addressed immediately. The fact that the Unmaintained Area happens to be adjacent to a preserve, should not be grounds for lower maintenance standards.

Sincerely,

Homeowners of:

102 Bolanza – P. Crocchiola	106 Bolanza – M. Carr	110 Bolanza T. Carr
114 Bolanza – D Herman	118 Bolanza – H Hornik	122 Bolanza – D. Wildonger
142 Treviso – T. Griffen	134 Treviso – R. Darbee	130 Treviso – P. Schworer
122 Treviso – H. Luscomb	118 Treviso – E. Burnett	

Tab 5

Venetian Community Development District
502 Veneto Boulevard
North Venice, FL 34275
Racquet Sports Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes Monday November 14, 2022

Attending Members: Pat Hinsch (PH), Mark Faford (MF), Brenda Mike (BM), Sandra Nick (SN), Pam Perry (PP)

VCDD Board Liaison: Ernest Booker (EB)

Dave Freiman (DF) – The Tennis Connection

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Establish a Quorum:** Jack Challener was absent, but a Quorum was established with five members present.
3. **Approval of October 24, 2022 Minutes -** A motion was made, seconded and the minutes were approved.
4. **Liaison Statement:** EB advised that in January there will be a hearing before the City Council regarding Pickleball. He stated that he received a resident's request to consider reduced rate non resident tennis memberships. There will be no movement on this as it's not in the community's best interest. Committee members MF, SN, and PP were asked to accept reappointment to the RSAC for another 2 year term. All agreed to stay on.
5. **Public Comments**
 - Jeri Quinn commented on start times for Ladies Tricities and Mens Suncoast League home matches.
 - Barb Jasper commented on limiting prime time play in season and the composition of the RSAC.
 - Renee Pearlman inquired about the number of people playing social tennis.
 - Pat Appolonia inquired if a digital bulletin board will be installed at the tennis courts.
 - Tim Carr commented on the project to replace the lights on courts 5 and 6, and disagreed with limiting in season prime time play. He further stated that he thinks non residents may be playing tennis in the evenings as unregistered guests. EB thanked Tim Carr for taking the lead on the light replacement project.

6. New Business:

A. Tennis Director's Report

- The Hurricane Ian fundraiser is scheduled for 12/3/22 and the British Invasion is scheduled for 12/13/22. Details will be available in the December Newsletter and on the Tennis Connection website.
- Although court conditions are on an upward trend, courts will be closed from December 19-December 31 for laser grading and resurfacing. The necessity for scheduling this work during the December timeframe was explained (leagues, chance of dryer weather, safety of the courts, and availability of the vendor). Negotiations are underway with area clubs to provide opportunities for our residents to play while the courts are closed.
- There is a quote for replacing the lights on courts 1-4, which will be presented to the Board for approval.

-The staff is aware that residents and sometimes guests are playing evenings on the lighted courts without registering on the reservation page, and will take steps to try and correct this.

PH offered a clarification to Mens and Ladies League start times. At the March 2022 RSAC meeting, a compromise was reached between the Wednesday and Thursday Mens and Ladies Team Captains to alternate home matches with an 11:00 start time. On other days, Mens matches will start at 12:30. These actions result in 9:30 courts being available for social play each weekday, and the 11:00 courts being available for the full 1 1/2 hours.

B. Addendum to Rule 18

Rule 18 defines what constitutes a league at the VGRC.

An addendum to Rule 18 is being considered to allow upper level tennis players (4.0 and above, of which there are few at the VGRC) to supplement their team rosters with a limited number of non residents, rather than join other area tennis clubs in order to participate in team tennis.

The rationale for and potential language of this addendum was discussed, as well as fees and league requirements. It was agreed by all that every aspect of this addendum will be overseen by the Tennis Director.

Committee members will work on wording and fees that can be agreed on and will discuss further at the December meeting.

No new teams can be formed without the Tennis Directors approval. DF will send out communication to that affect.

C. December Tennis Court Resurfacing Project - This topic was covered in the Tennis Director's Report and no further discussion was necessary.

7. Old Business

A. Pickleball -SN informed that the Venice Police Department Noise Ordinance Officer conducted a sound test using a decibel meter at the future site of the Pickleball courts, and outside the Carriage Homes closest to the site. Players simulated tennis and Pickleball play. The Officer obtained decibel readings below what is required by City Ordinance to constitute a nuisance. As such, no report was supplied.

-A colleague of the resident appealing the decision of the Venice Planning Board behaved in a hostile manner toward one of the Pickleball players. He further stated that he invited the RSAC to attend a meeting, yet no such invitation was received.

-The same resident filed an appeal with the Southwest Florida Water Management District claiming drainage problems where the courts will be. At a deposition, the appellant, accompanied by an engineer was questioned and most responses led back to objections to noise.

- A hearing at the SWFWMD is scheduled January 6, 2023. Rich Bracco will attend with the new VCDD attorney. A hearing before the Venice City Council is scheduled for January 25, 2023 to hear the appeal to the Venice Planning Board's Approval of Pickleball at the Venetian.

Emails to the City Council in favor of Pickleball will be helpful, especially as Council Member Helen Moore had suggested mediation.

- EB stated that a new attorney has been hired to represent the VCDD more robustly, and that each appeal filed costs the entire community a lot of money to respond.
- MF stated that the Community Association has a meeting scheduled on December 1 with Council Member Mitzie Fiedler.

B. Club Essentials - MF provided the following updates:

- the Club Essentials software recognizes that we are in season.
- There is an exploitable loophole where the same person can register in prime time twice, once as a resident, then again as a guest. The staff will continue to monitor the reservation page closely. There are consequences to circumventing the system, and the first occurrence will result in a verbal warning.
- When a resident receives an unusual error message when booking a court (eg. "TBD" when a name has been input), providing a screenshot of the problem to MF helps with troubleshooting.
- There have been reports of residents bringing in unregistered guests. Consequences for circumventing the system will be applied if repeated.
- The Ball Machine May now be booked on line. Instructions are included on the tennis website.

C. Ball Machine Access - General Manager Jeff Thomas is obtaining quotes on creating a separate enclosure for the Ball Machine. This will enable resident access after the staff has gone home.

D. Tennis Guests - DF will have an email go out to remind residents that they must register guests on the court reservation page. PP will update the Guest Fee Report from 2021

E. Interclub - PP advised that the Ladies 3.0-3.5 Friday Interclub is cancelled for the 2022-2023 season.

8. Next Meeting Date - December 12, 2022

9. Adjournment - Meeting Adjourned at 3:35

Venetian Community Development District
502 Veneto Boulevard
North Venice, FL 34275
Racquet Sports Advisory Committee (RSAC)
Meeting Minutes - December 13, 2022

Attending Members: Pat Hinsch (PH), Jack Challener (JC), Mark Faford (MF), Brenda Mike (BM), Sandi Nick (SN), Pam Perry (PP)

VCDD Board Liaison: Ernest Booker

Tennis Director Dave Freiman (DF), The Tennis Connection

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson PH.
2. Establish Quorum: A quorum was established with PH, JC, BM, PP, SN present. MF joined the meeting shortly after it began.
3. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2022: SN requested that approval of November 14 minutes be tabled until the January 9, 2023 meeting so that she may take the time review her statements regarding Pickleball. There were no objections.
4. Liaison Statement: EB expressed appreciation to JC and PP for their service on the RSAC, as their terms are expiring. He announced two new appointments which were approved at the CDD meeting that morning. Paul Ryan, who was present at the meeting and Karen Wilson who was not able to attend will each serve a two year term on the RSAC. EB stated that he has received numerous requests for appointment to the Committee. EB is holding one committee appointment open contingent upon the outcome of the Pickleball Appeal. EB advised that he will continue to serve as RSAC liaison. The Committee congratulated EB on his appointment to Vice Chair of the VCDD Board.

5. Public Comment

PH read comments submitted by Cheryl Silverblatt stating that she supports allowing some non residents to be rostered on a Venetian team if there are not enough residents qualified for that level team.

Jeri Quinn commented on Men's teams match start times.

Roger Quinn commented in support of singles play having the same court availability as doubles play.

6. New Business

A. Introduction of and Welcome to new RSAC members:

On behalf of the RSAC, PH welcomed new members Paul Ryan and Karen Wilson. PH thanked Jack Challener and Pam Perry for serving on the RSAC.

B. Tennis Directors Report

DF advised that the Hurricane Ian Fundraiser was a success, with full draws on both mens and ladies side. Residents and vendors were very generous. Final numbers will soon be settled by the non profit organization involved in the event.

A new court maintenance person has been hired. Carlos will also work in the tennis office. DF hopes to reset office hours now that the office renovation is complete and things have settled down in the adjacent POA offices.

The British Invasion, a master clinic conducted by visiting British coaches is scheduled for December 13, with a smaller group of residents participating than expected. The event will run from 9:00-12:30, followed by a meet and greet and tennis demonstration open to all residents.

The courts will be closed from December 17-December 31 for laser grading and resurfacing. The project will add 11 tons of hartru to each court, new lines and nets. Meanwhile, courts and lines are worked on each day. Windscreens will also be addressed.

DF has arranged reciprocal play for residents while the courts are closed at Plantation, Courtside and Englewood.

Going into the New Year there will be a comprehensive program of clinics and classes available. When the teaching court is not in use, DF frees it up for residents to play.

In response to a question, DF agreed to follow up with the resident who brought unregistered guests on the weekend and collect guest fees.

C. Singles Play in Prime Time - discussion ensued as to whether limiting singles play to the 8:00 and 11:00 sessions in season would create opportunities for more players to get on the courts in prime time. MF compiled a comprehensive report of prime time open courts from January - April 2022. The data showed a small percentage of prime time courts were open, except for on certain weekends. It doesn't appear that limiting singles to specific time slots will open up more courts for social play, therefore no action was taken by the RSAC.

8. Old Business

A. Pickleball - SN reported the following updates:

-City of Venice is holding a hearing on January 6, 2023 looking to increase violation levels for noise, reflecting the growth of Pickleball in Sarasota County.

-The new park on Laurel Road has increased Pickleball courts from 9 to 12, enabling the City of Venice to host more tournaments. This does not override the need for building Pickleball courts at VGRC as thousands of area residents will be vying for use of these courts.

- There is an administrative hearing scheduled with the SWFWMD re: the drainage appeal. Rich Bracco and Rick Schappacher will attend.
- The City Council will hear the appeal opposing Pickleball courts at the Venetian on January 25, 2023.
- JC pointed out that the VGRC doesn't decide which amenities we should have based on petitions. The petition is not a legal document. EB stated that the idea that the petition opposing building Pickleball courts needs to be rebutted. The Venetian is. Resort Lifestyle Community, which is enhanced by adding Pickleball.
- Attendance at the January 25 meeting and emails to the City Council Members will be helpful.

B. Club Essentials - MF advised that overall, the Club Essentials system is reflecting the correct players names on the reservations.

- They are currently troubleshooting random "TBD" error messages received by system users.
- MF's IT contact has been promoted and the replacement hasn't yet provided the same level of service. MF is collecting information on potential replacement court booking systems.

C. Addendum to Rule 18 - in continuation of the discussion from the November 14, 2022 meeting, language to this addendum was discussed.

- this applies to situations where there are not enough resident or non resident members to complete a league team roster based on rating/gender. This will not take playing opportunities away from residents.
- Residents with 4.0 and above NTRP ratings have had to join other clubs to play league tennis.
- If approved, the Tennis Director will oversee all aspects, including collection of fees.
- BM suggested limiting by number vs. percentage in order to meet USTA requirements. Recommended number is 4.
- An upfront fee of \$100 per league team was discussed.
- DF advised that this occurs often at other clubs.
- Any rostered non member would be required to sign a waiver for assumption of risk.

A motion was made and unanimously approved to recommend the Addendum to Rule 18 to read as follows:

Composition of VGRC League Teams

Team Captains should strive to form teams consisting of VGRC residents and non resident members. If there are not enough resident or non resident members of a particular level of play or gender, non member team participation, if permitted by the league, may be allowed with the following stipulations:

- The team captain must demonstrate to the Tennis Director that there are no VGRC resident or non resident members that fit the criteria to participate on the team. (example: rating and/or gender).
- All proposed non resident players must be individually approved by the Tennis Director.
- The maximum number of non resident team members allowed to join a VGRC team must be no more than four members of the team roster.

-The non resident team member must pay a fee of \$100.00 for each league team joined and may only use VGRC tennis facilities for league matches and designated team practices, when approved by the Tennis Director. Execution of appropriate waivers and releases are required for participation. They will not have access to any other VGRC amenity and will not have access to the tennis courts for general play.

-Protocol is that the RSAC must approve the minutes of this meeting before this is presented to the Board.

D. Rule 7 - after discussion, it was agreed to leave rule 7 as suspended. Residents have been notified that they may book the ball machine on line.

E. Tennis Guests - PP didn't have an opportunity to update the local guest fee report, so it was decided it would be addressed at the January 9, 2023 meeting.

F. December Tennis Court Resurfacing Project - It was agreed that DF covered the Resurfacing Project in detail in the Tennis Directors Report.

- DF advised that he's received quotes for light replacement on courts 1-4, and for replacement of the light pole damaged in the hurricane.
- The existing light poles will be used and they will be checked for stability.
- GM Jeff Thomas is obtaining quotes for creating a ball machine enclosure inside the shed side door. It's projected for after all courts are fully lit.

8. Next Meeting Date - January 9, 2023

9. Meeting was adjourned.

Venetian Community Development District
502 Veneto Boulevard
North Venice, FL 34275
Racquet Sports Advisory Committee (RSAC)
Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2023

Attending Members: Pat Hinsch (PH), Mark Faford (MF), Sandy Nick (SN), Brenda Mike (BM), Paul Ryan (PR), and Karen Wilson (KW)

VCDD Board Liaison: Ernest Booker (EB)

Staff: Dave Freiman (DF), The Tennis Connection

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson PH, at 1:52 pm.
2. Establish Quorum: A quorum was established with all six members present.
3. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2022, and December 13, 2022: With no stated corrections to the minutes, a motion was made by PH and seconded by MF to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Liaison Statement: EB indicated that the CDD approved new lights on the remaining four courts to be replaced, and to install a new pole. Estimated costs - \$27,000. EB commented he wants the Venetian to have the best tennis program in the county, and it has started with DF of Tennis Connection coming onboard. Also, EB recognized Karen Wilson (KW) for joining in her first committee meeting. Pickleball is still on the agenda, and optimistic that negotiations may be underway. EB will know more by the next meeting.
5. Public Comment: PH asked for comments to be limited to 2-3 minutes:

Renee Pearlman wanted to know when a new wind flag will be installed. The water/mat box by the River Club when entering the middle of the building stays muddy and can track inside. But she did point out the water box is not as bad near the shed. Also, Renee wanted to know why there is a clock between courts three and four. And she informed the committee when dialing 486-0947, it still has Paul Varner's voicemail message. DF said a resident asked for a clock to be placed closer to the courts but should be out of view when playing. PH and DF will check into the voicemail issue.

Tyler Cassel indicated he is representing 15 residents with the concerns that pickleball is loud, affects their daily life, and value of their homes. He shared updates from the City that the sound cannot exceed 65 decibels (measured at any point). If exceeded, it would be a violation/fine. Tyler reaffirmed that the Club's prior sound testing was unofficial. At the meeting, it was shared by a council member that the City would like to negotiate for an additional 4.9 acres to add on to the new Park that comes to a total of 9.9 acres.

If approved, there would be three more pickleball courts added bringing it to a total of 12. Having the additional pickleball courts is another good reason to not build them within the Venetian.

Regarding concerns from residents about the noise from pickleball, EB noted it is considered a pre-existing attractive nuisance. PH thanked Renee and Tyler for their comments. With no other guest speakers, PH closed out Public Comment.

6. New Business:

A. Tennis Director's Report: DF stated the following:

- i. He recently had minor eye surgery and may be out for another week.
- ii. Excited about the approval of new lights on the other four courts.
- iii. The resurfacing of all six courts has been completed and safer for play. They are watching daily to ensure the proper amount of clay added, maintain right watering on courts (timer), looking at the pipes, and clearing up grass around the fence areas. Bottom line, they are fixing areas they see lacking, and those areas that are brought to his attention.
- iv. Good feedback from the charity event held in November. Over \$3,700 was raised with about 75% of funds going Venetian employees that suffered damage from Hurricane Ian, and 25% of the funds going to the nonprofit organization that processed the money. Those funds were distributed within our area.
- v. Carlos shows good initiative. He is being trained on clay and is active in the pro shop. In time, DF will be teaching Carlos on stringing racquets.
- vi. Events – working with Elie and will soon have information for a Super Bowl and St Patty Day program. DF's goal is to have weekly events, lessons for new players, and combined with the dining area serving food.
- vii. Upkeeping and reviewing the guest log to ensure all registered and charged a fee.
- viii. PH recommended that DF check with Elie to make sure the approved tennis minutes are added to the website, and to update list of players needing a partner.

B. Organizational Review and Committee Assignments – PH vacated chair, but was nominated and reappointed as Chairperson and MF was nominated as Vice Chair. Both nominations received unanimous approval. With several appointment changes on the committee, PH will be putting together a schedule to rotate a member being Secretary to take the Minutes. Also, it was established that each committee member will provide updates in the meetings on the following: MF – Club Essentials, SN – Pickleball, BM – Team leagues, KW – Social Tennis and Pickleball, and PR – Facilities.

C. Tennis Lights – PH wanted to know when funds will be disbursed. And she suggested that PR coordinate with DF for the possible impact on practice or league matches because of installations during the day. PH said the new lights should allow more usage of the tennis courts in the evenings, and it could help to free up courts to allow more instructions in the mornings.

7. Old Business:

- A. Addendum to Rule 18 – KW expressed concerns of having this addendum as several residents pays for a non-resident membership of over \$3,000 yearly. PH explained the differences and referenced line-item C. on the Minutes for December detailing the Addendum. KW was not at this meeting. After more discussion from others, it was agreed to modify the Rule to include charging a non-resident member fee of \$150 for leagues over 10 weeks in one season. All is subject to CDD approval.

- B. Club Essentials (CE) – MF continues to help residents with issues making court reservations. He followed up on the TBD error and provided a screenshot to his contact at CE. Unfortunately, they cannot troubleshoot as the error doesn't duplicate. MF said the exclusive rights of 10 minutes to make a reservation does not guarantee a reservation. Moreso, it has to do with the number of other residents clicking on that court number at the same time. With staff promotions within CE, Mark noted others not as knowledgeable (right now). Regarding concerns of names on reservations not matching actual on-court players, MF recommends that DF have someone in the tennis office walk through the courts every 90 minutes or so to monitor the actual players and update the tennis reservation system accordingly.

- C. Pickleball – EB referenced that Rich Bracco is working with the concerned resident and seems more receptive to a meeting. SN confirmed that the hearing is on with the City on Jan. 24th at 9:00 am. She encouraged committee members and residents to email council members in favor of pickleball closer to the hearing date. SN will work on a sample email for residents.

- D. Tennis Guests – DF is in favor of residents informing him or Carlos if someone happens to notice an unregistered guest on the court, or someone different than who is listed on the reservation. DF said this would be very helpful on the weekends due to limited staff. They are collecting guest fees and will contact the resident having a guest to ensure the fee is paid. Prior to her term ending, Pam Perry was unable to update the committee with a local guest fee report.

8. Next Meeting Date – February 13, 2023

9. With no other business, a motion was made by PH and seconded by MF to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40pm.

Venetian Community Development District
502 Veneto Boulevard
North Venice, FL 34275
Racquet Sports Advisory Committee (“RSAC”)
Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2023

Attending Members: Pat Hinsch (PH), Mark Faford (MF), Sandy Nick (SN), Brenda Mike (BM) and Karen Wilson (KW). Board members approved fellow Board member, Paul Ryan (PR), to participate via phone.

VCDD Board Liaison: Ernest Booker (EB)

Staff: Dave Freiman (DF), The Tennis Connection

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by Chairperson, PH, at 2:03pm.
2. **Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established with 5 members present.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by PH and seconded by MF to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 RSAC meeting. Motion passed 6 to 0.
4. **Liaison Statements:**
 - A. EB stated that the City of Venice Planning Commission’s scheduled hearing date for the Venetian’s pickleball is March 14, 2023. This meeting will have CDD representation. EB encouraged RSAC board members and residents to attend and support pickleball.
 - B. Tennis operations on weekends will be discussed shortly by DF in his Tennis Director’s Report.
 - C. CDD will appeal a negative pickleball decision by the Venice City Council, if needed.
 - D. EB stated that the CDD board will enforce penalties to residents violating the fitness class rules/class limitations per week.
5. **Public Comments:**
 - A. Barb Jasper asked EB if tennis rules violations will also be enforced; such as limitations of play time during prime time. EB responded that there is no tennis rule limiting play time during prime time. Barb also requested and received an open discussion of limiting prime time play per week. Barb recommended freeing up court 5 if no lessons or clinics are scheduled.
 - B. Jeri Quinn also recommended limiting weekly playing time during prime time (perhaps 4 times including team play).
6. **New Business:**
 - A. **Tennis Director’s Report:** DF stated the following:
 - i. Super Bowl event went very well despite the strong winds; participants were matched by their level of play.

- ii. A Saint Patrick's Round Robin event will take place in the late afternoon. Details to follow.
- iii. New tennis classes have been started: Beginner and Advanced Beginners, Triples, Men's Double Strategy, Stroke of the Week.
- iv. Staffing: DF and residents are very pleased with Carlos. Carlos' primary responsibility is tennis area and court maintenance. He also strings racquets. Carlos works Monday-Thursday and has recently been approved by the Venetian's General Manager to work Sundays from opening until noon. Tyler of Tennis Connection works on Fridays and Saturdays.
- v. DF stated residents are permitted to use the ball machine on Sundays until 5:00pm.
- vi. Wind screens/sun shades have been ordered for courts 2 & 3 to mitigate the sun reflecting off automobiles in the parking lot.
- vii. DF to check with Ellie to confirm all invoices from Synergy Lighting for court 5 & 6 electrical work have been paid.

B. Discussion of Tennis Clinic Schedule:

- i. DF confirmed that all tennis clinics scheduled for Wednesdays and Thursdays going forward will start at 9:30am rather than 9:00am to free up court 5 for earlier play and not disrupt court 6 players.

C. Weekend Tennis Staffing:

- i. Topic covered in Tennis Director's report above (see item 6A iv).

D. Discussion of Leagues and Interclubs 2023-2024 Season, and Summer 2023:

- i. A new USTA team, captained by Craig Tirgrath, started on Sundays (Jan 29-March 26) with court time beginning at 12:30pm. Guest fees are to be charged for non resident rostered player.
- ii. PH suggested as a means to free up more prime time courts to possibly move the Ladies Social Interclub League currently played on Mondays at 11:00am until 12:30pm on Mondays. This may free up 3 courts since this Interclub league has 3 courts reserved for league play and normally books 3 additional courts for social play at the same time. The Men's 70-2 teams, captained by Alan Lands and Bert Liberi, could move up their play time of 3 courts from 12:30pm on Mondays until 11:00am on Mondays, possibly freeing up 3 courts at 11:00am.
- iii. Discussion ensued about the number of Men's teams and possibly consolidating several teams e.g. Men's 60-3 league has 2 teams and Men's 75 league has 2 teams at the Venetian. PR volunteered to compile spreadsheet of the men's rosters on all Suncoast and JEPVCO Leagues to identify how many players play on multiple teams.
- iv. Summer leagues: BM to contact 2022 summer team captains (Gary Alexander, Harry Orenstein, Craig Tirgrath) to identify their plans for league play for the 2023 summer season and suggested start times.

7. Old Business:

A. Addendum to Rule 18-review final version for submission to the Board

- I. Board discussed approving the following addendum to Tennis Rule 18:
 - a. Composition of VGRC League Teams Team Captains should strive to form teams consisting of VGRC residents and non-resident members. If there are not enough resident or non-resident members of a particular level of play or gender, non-member team participation, if permitted by the league, may be allowed with the following stipulations:
 - The team captain must demonstrate to the Tennis Director that there are no VGRC resident or non-resident members that fit the criteria to participate on the team. (example: rating and/or gender).
 - All proposed non-resident players must be individually approved by the Tennis Director.
 - The maximum number of non-resident team members allowed to join a VGRC team must be no more than four members of the team roster.
 - The non-resident team member must pay a fee of \$150.00 for each league team joined and may only use VGRC tennis facilities for league matches and designated team practices, when approved by the Tennis Director. Execution of appropriate waivers and releases are required for participation. They will not have access to any other VGRC amenity and will not have access to the tennis courts for general play.
- II. On a motion made by PH to approve the above Addendum to Rule 18 and seconded by MF, the Board approved the Addendum as presented on a vote of 6 to 0.
- III. EB to send drafted Waiver for non-residents to sign, as required for participation, to CDD attorney for review and approval.

B. Club Essentials:

- I. MF reported that Club Essentials recently released an update that should alleviate any issues with multiple members being told they have the exclusive hold for the same court.
 - a. While pleased that Club Essentials is finally working on the “Exclusive Rights” feature, it does not seem to be working consistently.
 - b. Residents encountering problems with the exclusive rights feature should notify MF of date and time of the problem and, if possible, take a screen shot which helps Club Essentials trouble shoot the problem.
- II. Ball Machine: Club Essentials admitted to a system problem on January 30, 2023 that did not allow residents to reserve the ball machine online. This problem has been corrected by Club Essentials.
- III. MF encouraged residents that have used and recommend other tennis reservation systems to notify MF and he will pursue an alternative tennis reservation system.

C. **Pickleball:** in addition to Liaison comments in 4A above:

- I. SN distributed a comprehensive handout which summarized the history of pickleball activities at the Venetian as well as addressing misinformation about the proposed courts.
- II. SN provided this handout as a suggestion to residents who plan to speak at upcoming Venice government hearings or send an email to Venice City Council members in support of pickleball at The Venetian.

D. **Tennis Guests:**

- I. Tennis staff and some residents are monitoring the use of Venetian tennis courts by guests.
- II. The existing tennis rules for guests are as follows:
 - a. Guests (excluding houseguests and family members) are limited to 2 visits per month during Season (October 1- April 30), and 4 visits per month during Summer (May 1- September 30).
 - b. There is a \$10 guest fee per visit. Please advise the Tennis Staff when guests will be using the courts.

8. **Next Meeting Date** – March 13, 2023

9. **Adjournment:** A motion was made by PH and seconded by MF to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:58pm.

Minutes submitted by Mark Faford

Venetian Community Development
502 Veneto Boulevard
North Venice, FL 34275
Racquet Sports Advisory Committee (RSAC)
Meeting Minutes - March 13, 2023

Attending Members: Pat Hinsch (PH), Mark Faford (MF), Sandy Nick (SN), Brenda Mike (BM), Paul Ryan (PR), and Karen Wilson (KW)

VCDD: Board Liaison: Ernest Booker (EB)

Staff: Dave Freiman (DF), The Tennis Connection

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Chairperson PH, at 2:00.
2. Establish Quorum: A quorum was established with all six members present.
3. Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2023: With no stated correction to the minutes, a motion was made by PH and seconded by BM to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed 6-0.
4. Liaison Statement: EB and CDD president, Rich Bracco, their lawyer and the engineer, Rick Schappacher will do presentations at the Pickleball hearing at City Council meeting on March 14, 2023. Video of sound volume test was shared by EB conducted by a Noise Ordinance Officer. It was noted that the sound level was below the noise threshold.
5. Public Comment: Tim Carr stated that all residents have equal access to the courts so there should be no prime time limits. Tim added that the captain of each team should be in the appropriate age category. He suggested that if players could play only on teams that match their age, it would be a way to possibly have fewer mens' teams. PH added that limits are not necessary. All residents pay the same amount to play. PH said that

there are courts available at 8:00 and 11:00 sometimes. MF has run a report that documents activity during prime time. He will share results.

Renee Pearlman supports prime time limits and hopes that will occur next season. She noted that there are some players who play every day in prime time. Also, she is concerned about trash pickup on the tennis courts because she has observed that some containers are overflowing with trash. DF responded that the trash is now being emptied every morning before play begins. PH thanked Tim and Renee for their comments. With no other guest speakers, PH closed out Public Comment.

6. New Business:

A. Tennis Director's Report: DF stated the following:

- i. The St. Patrick's Day tennis event was sold out.
- ii. Equipment for new tennis court lights will come in later this month. Lights will be installed at the end of April. He will start creating events including round robins, and men's and womens' tennis.
- iii. Shed has been completely cleaned out.
- iv. Bags of clay are being stored outside the shed because DF said it is the best place with a tarp over it.
- v. Guests are playing tennis around 5:00 to 5:30 and are not being registered. He suggested hiring a monitor from 6 to 8 pm. He feels that collecting guest fees would probably pay for itself. Guests are sometimes not listed on the reservation. The rule needs to be enforced. EB stated that funding for the position would be a hard sell. Employees Angela and Jeff are busy and could not do it. PH stated that hiring a resident monitor could be awkward. DF thinks all players should get a reservation so he would know who is using the courts at all times. PH added that we should have a general discussion of the existing rules.
- vii. MF asked if there is a one-page maintenance list on the golf cart. DF said not usually.

7. Old Business:

A. Club Essentials (CE) - MF continues to have discussions with them about Exclusive Rights. He said that players often do not get the 10 minute window to enter other players' names. He suggested that players take a screen shot of any issue and share it with him. He let CE know that he is currently looking at other programs. Also, there has been an issue about signing up for the ball machine. He spoke with a person at Courtside who use Play By Point. Island Walk uses Reserve My Court. He will look into other options that are suggested.

B. Pickleball

SN hopes for a good turnout at the City Council meeting. She has recruited a lineup of speakers for the meeting. You can sign up on line in advance to speak . The link to listen on zoom is on the City Council meeting agenda.

EB stated the CDD is prepared to appeal if the City Council votes against Pickleball courts, and to respond if Mr. Feltquate requests a judicial appeal. He further stated that it's not appropriate for the City Council to usurp the position of the VCDD Board when it's in compliance with the law. It has probably cost \$20K in legal and engineering fees at this point.

SN stated that there is quite a bit of false information circulating regarding Pickleball courts. She was told by a prominent Real Estate agent that 80% of buyers looking at communities with amenities want Pickleball.

C. Discussion of Leagues and Interclubs

BM shared the Interclub schedule from last season, summer of 2022. There were three Interclub teams:

- i. A Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Mixed Doubles with Plantation with Wednesdays at the Venetian at 11:00. Shortly after May, four courts of play started at 9:30 weekly.
- ii. A Mens' Doubles started in late May on Wednesdays with Jacaranda with three courts of play every other week at the Venetian.
- iii. A Mixed Reciprocal with Plantation alternating play weekly on Fridays at 11:00. They asked for 5 courts and were denied by a previous pro here.
- iv. No decisions have been made for this season. There may be an interest to form a Ladies Interclub.
- v. DF will notify potential players with start dates.
- vi. PH said there were complaints that no team should take 5 courts in the past.
- vii. PH stated that residents need to be made more aware of these teams.

PR presented information on Mens' Tennis Suncoast (S) League Play.

- i. Sixty-four men played on at least one team.
- ii. (S) allows men to be on one roster and be a sub on another team.
- iii. DF stated that no new teams can form without his approval.
- iv. Two players are on four teams. Eleven players are on three teams. Twenty-nine players are on two teams. Twenty-two players are on one team.

D. Tennis Guests

PH requested that DF send an email blast reminding residents that they must register guests on the tennis website and that there are penalties for noncompliance with the rules.

E. Discussion of Addendum to Rule 18

PH stated that the proposal had been presented to the Board at that morning's meeting. Because a fee is involved, proper notifications and a public hearing must take place before they can vote on it.

Rule 18 addendum should not impact Men's Suncoast teams as that league requires players are to be dues paying members of the team that they are rostered on.

PH clarified that she did not say that VGRC is essentially a team tennis club.

8. Next meeting Date - April 10, 2023.

9. With no other business, a motion was made by PH and seconded by BM to adjourn the meeting. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10.