



# Martin County

## Golden Gate Neighborhood Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Cassidy Center at Lamar Howard Park  
2895 South East Fairmont Street, Stuart, Florida

**Monday, February 2, 2026**

## PRESENT

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Chairperson	John Gonzalez	April 23, 2026
Vice Chair	Brad Tanzer	September 11, 2029
Members	Saadia Tsafarides	September 11, 2029
	Stephan Mark Capps	September 10, 2028

## ABSENT

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Members	Alicia Hill	May 5, 2029
	Jeff Gregory	January 28, 2027

## STAFF PRESENT

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Specialist	Dianne Racek
Assistant County Attorney	Frank Moehrle

**\* Indicates a motion**

**\*\* Indicates a vote**

**\*\*\* For the record comment**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

## **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** None

None

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Agenda Item: 26-0521 DRAFT MEETING MINUTES– October 6, 2025**

## **MOTION**

\* B. Tanzer motioned to approve the proposed October 6, 2025; meeting minutes as presented

\*\*S. Tsafarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

## **COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC-None

## **New Business**

**Agenda Item: 26-0523 GOLDEN GATE NAC - 2026 MEETING DATES**

- Monday, February 2
- Monday, April 6 (Motion to change to April 13 due to Easter)
- Monday, June 1
- Monday, August 3
- Monday, October 5
- Monday, December 7

## **MOTION**

\* S. Capps motioned to approve the proposed meeting dates except for April 6, changed to April 13 due to Easter.

\*\*B. Tanzer seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**Agenda Item: 26-0524 GOLDEN GATE NAC- CHAIR / VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS**

**MOTION**

\* S. Tsafarides motioned to elect John Gonzalez as Chair

\*\*B. Tanzer seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

\* S. Tsafarides motioned to elect Brad Tanzer as Vice Chair

\*\*S. Capps seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**Agenda Item: 26-0525 GOLDEN GATE - FY 2027 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**COMMENTS**

J. Gonzalez- The 2026 CIP has been approved, and we're now looking at 2027, correct?

J. Puerta-Yes.

B. Tanzer- Why such an odd dollar amount?

J. Puerta- The amount is based on budget forecasts tied to TIF revenues. It may change, but that's our current estimate.

**MOTION**

\* S. Tsafarides motioned to approve the FY 2027 CIP as presented

\*\*S. Capps seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Agenda Item: 26-0526 GOLDEN GATE - STAFF UPDATES**

Joy Puerta provided updates on El Camino and Multimodal Corridor and Drainage Resilience Project.

## **COMMENTS**

J. Pearce- Who is the contractor?

J. Puerta- BDI Marine.

J. Pearce- Why are we using outside contractors?

J. Puerta- BDI was the low bid. There were only two bids. If we did not accept the low bid, we would have to re-bid the project because we would not have enough funds.

S. Tsafarides- Has the grant been submitted?

J. Puerta- The Board of County Commissioners approved permission to apply on January 27, 2026. It will be submitted online. Our consultant is working on the grant.

## **Agenda Item: 26-0527 GOLDEN GATE - LANDSCAPE VISION PLAN UPDATE**

Joy Puerta led an interactive landscape engagement session with the committee and the public, providing an overview of the Vision Plan and opportunities for input.

## **COMMENTS**

B. Tanzer- The pocket park should be designed for children. They need more educational activities.

S. Tsafarides- Where will the pocket park be located?

J. Puerta- On Birch Avenue, between Clayton and Delmar. It is already cleared and ready for the Pocket Park.

J. Gonzalez- How many elements can we choose?

J. Puerta- Choose as many elements as possible.

B. Tanzer- I choose learning and play elements for children in the area.

J. Gonzalez- It would be nice to have a butterfly garden as well.

B. Tanzer- There should not be trees next to the crosswalks, as this creates a safety hazard.

J. Gonzalez- If pedestrian safety is the priority, obstructing the driver's view is a significant concern. Aesthetics may need to be sacrificed for safety.

B. Tanzer- The park should focus on play activities for children. El Camino is geared toward adults, and children need more activities and places to go.

J. Gonzalez- If we want the pocket park focused on children, the activities and design should reflect that.

B. Tanzer- Can we install stop signs to help slow traffic?

J. Puerta- A stop sign would need to be warranted.

J. Pearce- It would be good to have a traffic study conducted.

S. Tsafarides- I do not like the Muhly grass.

J. Gonzalez- I prefer wildflowers and plants that support bees and butterflies.

S. Tsafarides- The flashing lights should be on the ground.

B. Tanzer- The crosswalks need better illumination; they are currently hard to see.

J. Gonzalez- The committee is concerned about sidewalk and pedestrian safety and believes the county should improve crosswalk and sidewalk illumination.

J. Puerta- Are you referring to the speed, crosswalks, or overall safety?

J. Gonzalez- Everything. It may look nice, but it is not functional.

B. Tanzer- The medians are too long. I cannot leave my house and go north; I can only go south.

J. Gonzalez- The medians were originally designed to slow traffic, which may have worked initially.

J. Puerta-. Capital Projects is reviewing the Dixie Corridor for safety. Can radar enforcement be requested there?

Deputy Mauricio- Yes. We have been enforcing radar throughout the area and issued a record number of tickets this year.

S. Tsafarides- Can we install speed limit signs for 25 miles per hour?

Deputy Mauricio- We do not set speed limits; FDOT does.

J. Puerta- We will take your feedback, follow up with Capital Projects, and provide an update.

A lengthy interactive discussion took place among the committee, staff, and public regarding preferred elements for both the pocket park and the Dixie Highway corridor, including safety considerations.

## COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC – none

2. MEMBERS-

S. Tsafarides- People have been knocking on my bedroom windows. They believe that I called ICE.

J. Pearce- Did you contact the police?

S. Tsafarides- How many times do I need to call them?

J. Pearce- Every time it happens. Do you have cameras installed around your house?

S. Tsafarides- We used to, but my husband removed them.

J. Pearce- You should reinstall the cameras.

J. Gonzalez- The committee will meet again on April 13.

3. STAFF- none

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

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Date

John Gonzalez, Chair

Date

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