



**Martin County
Golden Gate
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Cassidy Center at
Lamar Howard Park**
2895 SE Fairmont
Stuart, FL

Monday, April 7, 2025

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	John Gonzalez	April 23, 2026
Vice Chair	Jeff Gregory	January 28, 2027
Members	Brad Tanzer	September 11, 2025
	Mark Capps	September 11, 2028
	Saadia Tsafarides	September 11, 2025

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Specialist	Noehmi Lopez

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

MOTION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 25-0849 Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2025

* S. Tsafarides motioned to approve the proposed February 3, 2025; meeting minutes as presented

**J. Gregory seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - None

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0851: Golden Gate – 2017 Lighting Study

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager, provided a summary of the Lighting Study conducted in 2017.

S. Tsafarides – The second phase of this report was never done. Will they have to redo the study again? Please tell them I don't want to be asked to go with them again.

J. Puerta – Yes, it's an outdated report, and there have been changes since 2017.

J. Gonzalez – We can revisit this project in October 2025.

B. Tanzer – I've installed solar lights in Naples, and no underground wiring was needed. Perhaps that is something we can explore. They are easy to install with no monthly fees.

J. Gregory – Maybe the county can get a grant for solar lights?

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0850: Golden Gate – Project Updates

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager, provided an update on the following projects: El Camino, Landscape Vision Plan, Neighborhood Improvements, and the Golden Gate Monument Sign.

B. Tanzer – It's hard to see pedestrians trying to cross when the landscape hides them, and they don't always push the crosswalk button.

S. Tsafarides – What happened to the property owner at the end of Fairmount Street?

J. Puerta – Letters were sent to property owners about violations and items that needed to be moved out of the right-of-way.

S. Tsafarides – The Golden Gate Monument Sign should've been left alone.

J. Gonzalez – Can you bring us back suggestions about some landscape ideas for the sign to be more visible?

A. Hill – Perhaps make the "Golden Gate" small and arch it to go above the small window and bring the rest of the words up and make them bigger.

S. Tsafarides – Why can't our sign look like the City of Stuart?

J. Gonzalez – That project was in the years in the making and was very expensive.

COMMENTS

1. MEMBERS

- S. Tsafarides – There are still cars being double-parked. We need an ordinance for this. Trash cans are rolling down the streets. We worked so hard to keep this community clean. No one seems to care, and the Code Enforcement is not doing anything about it. An ordinance needs to be initiated by this committee.
- J. Gonzalez – I will enter a Request for Service (RFS) ticket to see if people can park their cars in the public right-of-way.

MOTION

* J. Gregory motioned to have staff contact the attorney's office about the ordinance process

**M. Capps seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

2. STAFF

- None

3. PUBLIC

- Deputy Garduno – Saadia, if you can get me a copy of the report you were given years ago, I will try to get an updated version of it.

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Noehmi Lopez, CRA Specialist

Date

John Gonzalez, Chair

Date

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