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Martin County Golden Gate Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, February 3, 2025

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Position Chairperson

Chairperson Members Name

John Gonzalez Mark Capps

Saadia Tsaftarides

Term Expiration

April 23, 2026 September 11, 2028

September 11, 2025

ABSENT

Position
Vice Chair
Members

Position

Name

Jeff Gregory Brad Tanzer Term Expiration January 28, 2027

September 11, 2025

STAFF PRESENT

Name

Joy Puerta Noehmi Lopez Frank Moehrle

Stacey Hetherington

CRA Specialist

CRA Program Manager

Assistant County Attorney

District Commissioner #2

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Agenda Item: 25-0610 Meeting Minutes - December 2, 2024

- * M. Capps motioned to approve the proposed December 2, 2024; meeting minutes as presented
- ** S. Tsaftarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - None

COMMENTS

- 1. PUBLIC
 - None

^{*} Indicates a motion

^{**} Indicates a vote

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0613: Golden Gate – Landscape Vision Plan

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager provided a presentation on the potential landscape improvements in Golden Gate including 1) the SE Dixie Highway medians between SE Indian Street and SE Jefferson Street, 2) SE Bonita Street, SE Clayton Street, and SE Delmar Street between SE Dixie Highway and SE Birch Avenue and 3) SE Birch Avenue between SE Bonita Street and SE Clayton Street.

- S. Tsaftarides Who maintains the current landscape now? We need sidewalks in Golden Gate.
- J. Puerta The Field Operation Division maintains the landscaping and has been removing trees and landscaping that are failing. This project will enhance the landscaped areas to improve the pedestrian visibility at crosswalks. In addition, it will promote planting the right tree in the right place to avoid overhead wires. The project includes a landscaped walkway along SE Birch Avenue between SE Clayton Street and SE Delmar Street. Sidewalks are being addressed in the Neighborhood Improvements Project, presented at the October 2024 NAC meeting.
- M. Capps I would like to see a proposal on how much the design will cost.

MOTION

- * M. Capps motioned approval for staff to request a proposal on the Landscape Vision Plan project
- ** S. Tsaftarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Agenda Item: 25-0611; Golden Gate – FY 2026 Capital Improvement Plan

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager provided a presentation for the FY 2026 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Discussions included, how the CIP identifies and prioritizes capital projects, how the Tax Increment Financing (TIP) works, what's in the Golden Gate CRA Redevelopment Plan and the current and proposed projects. Projects recommended for funding included the CRA Investment Program, El Camino, Landscape Vision Plan, Neighborhood Improvement Plan and an updated lighting study for a total of \$829,000.00.

- S. Tsaftarides We need more lighting in Golden Gate.
- S. Hetherington There was a lighting study done before my term, about 9 years ago for the Golden Gate area that could be reviewed.
- J. Puerta I will research the existing files and request the Sheriff's Office update the study.

MOTION

- * S. Tsaftarides motioned for staff to review the lighting study that was done over 9 years ago and request that it be updated, or a new study done
- ** M. Capps seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION

- * M. Capps motioned to move forward with the fiscal year 2026 Capital Improvement Plan as presented
- ** S. Tsaftarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

- 1. MEMBERS
 - S. Tsaftarides We used to get an arrest report for the Golden Gate area.
 - Deputy Garduno Before the next NAC meeting, I will send it to staff and have it added to the agenda.
- 2. STAFF
 - None
- 3. PUBLIC
 - S. Hetherington Please reach out to me if you know anyone interested in becoming a Golden Gate NAC member. Staff will email you information on the eligibility criteria to become a member.
 - S. Tsaftarides Noel DelValle with the PAL applied but was not appointed.
 - S. Hetherington Noel DelValle did not meet the criteria for eligibility. This year
 is Martin County's centennial anniversary. I am looking for the NAC's input to
 come up with any ideas to celebrate the anniversary.

ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Noehmi Lopez, CRA Specialist

John Gonzalez, Chair

4/7/25

Date

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Golden Gate Neighborhood Advisory Committee - Sign In



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