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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, December 2, 2024

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 Tsaftarides	September 11, 2025

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
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STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Specialist	Noehmi Lopez

* Indicates a motion

** Indicates a vote

*** For the record comment

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AGENDA ITEM: 25-0335 MEETING MINUTES – October 7, 2024

* J. Gregory motioned to approve the proposed October 7, 2024 meeting minutes as presented

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC

- Sergeant Angelico – He introduced Sheriff Durano as the new community sheriff for the Golden Gate CRA area.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 25-0336: Golden Gate - Investment Program Updates

Jana Cox, CRA Program Manager, presented the completion report for Bob’s Barber Shop, Investment Program applicant #011, which included quotes, before-and-after pictures, and a completion video.

J. Gonzalez – Great presentation.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0337, Golden Gate NAC – 2025 NAC Meeting Dates

The committee reviewed, discussed, and approved the Golden Gate meeting dates for 2025.

Meeting dates: (1st Monday every other month)

- Monday, February 3
- Monday, April 7
- Monday, June 2
- Monday, August 4
- Monday, October 6
- Monday, December 1

MOTION

* S. Tsafarides motioned to approve the Golden Gate meeting dates for 2025 as presented

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

Agenda Item: 25-0339; Alternative Compliance

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager presented and opened the discussion to the committee for an alternative compliance request for a property located at 3364 SE Ellendale Street. The applicant is requesting alternative compliance to maintain an after-the-fact 20-foot x 12-foot metal carport located within the property's front yard. The applicant, Mr. Larry Grubbs, presented his justification for the alternative compliance request.

S. Tsafarides – Why did you put trees by your property? The trail that people used to walk on is longer there.

L. Grubs – Cars were driving on my property, and I had to block it.

J. Gregory – If we bend the rules for you this once, it will open a can of worms for other applicants to do the same.

S. Tsafarides – Who lived there before you?

L. Grubs – It was a woman from Virginia. I bought the house and the frame for the carport was already installed.

J. Gonzalez – Has legal investigated this? This also seems like the Growth Management Department (GMD) is kicking the can down and the NAC is being used. A justification needs to be provided from the GMD before it comes back to the committee, especially if there are codes in place for situations like this.

M. Capps – If this was in a non-CRA area would they be saying this? How would the GMD handle it?

S. Tsafarides – Could Dana from the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council look into this?

MOTION

* S. Tsafarides motioned to neither approve or deny the alternative compliance for a 240 sf after the fact tied down metal roof carport and recommended that it be sent back to Growth Management staff to provide a justification.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0338; Golden Gate NAC Project Updates

Joy Puerta, CRA Program Manager presented updates on the El Camino Trail project and Unpaved Roadways.

COMMENTS

1. MEMBERS

- S. Tsafarides – We need to look into the cars being parked along the road. It's getting frustrating when company comes over and I must help them back out of the driveway when the cars are blocking the roadway. I am also making a list of things we need to look into, like lighting and installing cameras along the trail. I am talking to Commissioner Hetherington to have her pay for the cameras.
- J. Gonzalez – Looking at the aerial map from the alternative compliance request, why are there so many trailers and cars parked by his duplex on the county's right of way? Code Enforcement needs to investigate.

2. STAFF

- None

3. PUBLIC

- None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:



Noehmi Lopez, CRA Specialist

2/2/28
Date



John Gonzalez, Chair

2/2/25
Date

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