



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

Position	Name	Term Expiration
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

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

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
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. Tsaftarides 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.

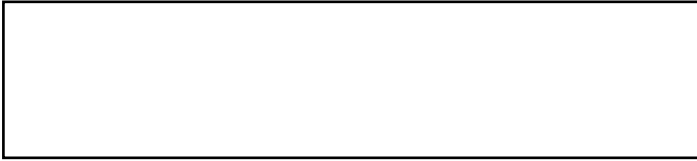
3. STAFF- none

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

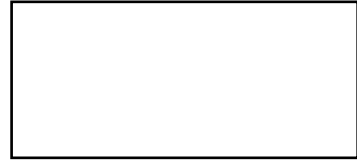
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Dianne Racek, Community Development Specialist

Date



John Gonzalez, Chair



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