



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

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

Monday, February 3, 2025

PRESENT

| Position | Name | Term Expiration |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Chairperson | John Gonzalez | April 23, 2026 |
| Members | Mark Capps | September 11, 2028 |
| | Saadia Tsafarides | September 11, 2025 |

ABSENT

| Position | Name | Term Expiration |
|-----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Vice Chair | Jeff Gregory | January 28, 2027 |
| Members | Brad Tanzer | September 11, 2025 |

STAFF PRESENT

| Position | Name |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| CRA Program Manager | Joy Puerta |
| CRA Specialist | Noehmi Lopez |
| Assistant County Attorney | Frank Moehrle |
| District Commissioner #2 | Stacey Hetherington |

*** Indicates a motion**

**** Indicates a vote**

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. Tsafarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC
 - None

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. Tsafarides – 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. Tsafarides 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. Tsafarides – 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. Tsafarides 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. Tsafarides seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS

1. MEMBERS

- S. Tsafarides – 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. Tsafarides – Noel DeValle with the PAL applied but was not appointed.
- S. Hetherington – Noel DeValle 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

Date

John Gonzalez, Chair

Date

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