



Martin County
Golden Gate
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, October 7, 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

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	Saadia Tsafarides	September 11, 2025

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
CRA Program Manager	Joy Puerta
CRA Director	Susan Kores

* 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: 25-0166 MEETING MINUTES – April 1, 2024

* J. Gregory motioned to approve the proposed April 1, 2024 meeting minutes as presented

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

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

COMMENTS

PUBLIC - none

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 25-0167: Access to the Arts

Tori Hill, Administrative Coordinator with MartinArts will offered a brief presentation on the Access to the Arts Program. The program’s objective is to enhance arts programming and outreach within underserved communities in Martin County, i.e., those facing economic

challenges, people with physical/intellectual disabilities, veterans, and others. The Committee members and the community had an opportunity to participate by answering a few short survey questions via cards or a QR code.

J. Gonzalez – What is the number for the fundraising budget of the new art facility renovation?

T. Hill – About \$30M

M. Capps – Are there grants available?

T. Hill – We have already applied for a National Endowment for the Arts grant and there are other opportunities like the State Division of Historic Resources and private donors as well.

Agenda Item: 25-0168, Golden Gate – CRA Architectural Design Standards

Dana Little, Urban Design Director and Jessica Seymour, Principal Program Coordinator of the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council provided a presentation on the updated proposed CRA Architectural Design Standards for all six Martin County CRA areas. This effort has been undertaken to update and codify the design standards for clarity and predictability of use by architects, builders, property owners and staff, and to continue to implement the vision of well-designed communities that celebrate their distinctive identities and contribute to the overall sustainability of Martin County.

B. Tanzer – We need to take off the heights on the matrix of the different styles

M. Capps – Where does the basic duplex fit in?

J. Seymour – A duplex is not an architectural style, it's a building type.

J. Gonzalez – This is not good for affordable housing as it's going to push out investors and the people who live here now. It will also make the building more expensive.

J. Seymour – She explained how certain features on a house, a roof, windows, and doors are standard requirements for a house so whether you rotate the windows to be vertical would not be an increase in the cost.

J. Seymour went through all of the styles and how they fit historically and currently into the fabric of Golden Gate. S. Kores talked about the incremental changes that we are looking for as far as the CRA vision and how important this effort is. Both emphasized that it provides the flexibility for architects, builders and residents and also works towards the future goals and sustainability of the community.

The NAC decided to go through each style and talk about the pros and cons of each. The Committee voted unanimously to include all except for Classical and Art Deco.

* J. Gregory motioned to recommend approval of the Architectural Design Standards for Golden Gate with the above exceptions

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

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25 – Golden Gate Neighborhood Improvements

The NAC is requested to hear the concept and discuss potential neighborhood improvements in Golden Gate including sidewalks/pathways, on-street parking, trees, lighting, traffic calming and unpaved roadways. Staff is requesting a recommendation to move forward with preliminary concepts for potential grant purposes.

- * B. Tanzer motioned to recommend moving forward with the vision concept for Golden Gate complete streets
- ** M. Capps seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: 25-0171; Golden Gate NAC Project Updates

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

COMMENTS

1. MEMBERS
 - None
2. STAFF
 - None
3. PUBLIC
 - None

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Recorded and prepared by:

Susan Kores, CRA Director

Date

John Gonzalez, Chair

Date

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