

**GOLDEN GATE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
CASSIDY CENTER, 2895 SE FAIRMONT STREET, STUART  
April 1, 2019 – 6 pm**

**PRESENT**

Chairperson .....Saadia Tsafarides  
Vice Chairperson .....Mariann Moore  
Members .....H.F. Hirsh  
.....William McKeag  
.....Cynthia Ramsey

**ABSENT**

.....Joseph Hatton III  
.....Jackie Vitale

**STAFF PRESENT**

Project Manager, Office of Community Development .....Josh Mills  
Administrative Specialist, Office of Community Development .....Kim McLaughlin  
Assistant County Attorney .....Elizabeth Lenihan  
Recreation Administrator, Parks & Rec .....Katya Lysak

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Commissioner, District 2.....Stacey Hetherington

**\* Indicates a motion**

**\*\* Indicates a vote**

**\*\*\* For the record comment**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chairperson S. Tsafarides at 6:02 PM.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2019

\* **C. Ramsey motioned to approve the minutes as presented.**

\*\* **M. Moore seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. **DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** – Nothing to report

**4. COMMENTS**

**A. Public**

- Commissioner Hetherington gave an update of her trip to Tallahassee recently with information to include funding for the infill sewer bill. The BOCC has matching funds when approved. She will host a Town Hall meeting in April, TBA.
- Kat Renick, Artisan Housing – how much will Golden Gate receive, and will this affect how we can build?

Discussion ensued.

- Carol Caso, Golden Gate resident – I am selling my house. I cannot sell it with all the code issues in Golden Gate. There is garbage everywhere. The taco truck is causing accidents and is using electric from the building where it sits. Landscapers are dumping vegetation along empty lots on Birch St. Where are all the Commissioners in this?
- Ron Hanover, Golden Gate property owner – the taco truck has a propane tank, this has got to be illegal.
  - o Staff will follow up with code enforcement.
- Walter Shearer, Golden Gate resident – code is taking the paint company to the magistrate, but still nothing has been done. They are dumping on both ends of Norman St. Norman St. did not get new lights.
  - o J. Mills – Normand St. and Kensington St. were both completed as part of phase-2 light conversion, and phase-1 was the rest of the Golden Gate CRA. Eventually we will start identifying areas that need additional lighting.

**B. Members**

- S. Tsafarides discussed Housing Solutions Inc. will be working with the CRA on workforce housing in the CRAs.
  - o Ron Hanover, Golden Gate property owner – that will never work in this county.

- S. Tsafarides – we need the landlords to take care of their property.
- R. Hanover – my properties are cleaned up. I am there every day.

Discussion ensued regarding code and trash issues in Golden Gate.

- Commissioner Hetherington addressed the code issues and encouraged the community to contact her office anytime.
- M. Moore – can we have the fire department come out?
  - Staff will follow up.

C. Staff -nothing to report

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

### A. Sunshine Laws

Elizabeth Lenihan, Assistant County Attorney, Martin County, addressed the Golden Gate members of their responsibility pertaining to Sunshine laws, public records laws, social media and ethics.

### B. Cassidy Center Renovations

Katya Lysak, Parks and Rec presented the committee with the Cassidy Center renovations, timeline and color choices. The first phase will begin in April and be one month under construction and include the new computer room. The second phase will begin in August after the summer program.

Park updates:

- The restrooms have been cleaned and will be open to the public daily until sundown. We have added automatic lighting.
- The football field has been re-sodded.
- The parking lot lights will be expanded.

Ms. Lysak presented the paint color samples to the committee for their input.

- Carol Caso, Golden Gate resident – can the parks staff spruce up the sable palms?
  - K. Lysak – yes of course.
- S. Tsafarides – what time are the lights in the park turned off?
  - A. Jones – dusk, they are on automatic timers.
- C. Ramsey – does the park have a closing time?
  - A. Jones – yes, sundown.

## MOTION

- \* **C. Ramsey motioned for Parks/Rec to choose the majority color choice of the committee.**
- \*\* **W. McKeag seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.**
- \*\*\* **Ms. Lysak announced the majority color chosen was a blue color palate.**

## 6. OLD BUSINESS

### A. Staff Update – Dixie Highway Beautification

J. Mills gave a brief update on the Dixie Highway Beautification project. George Dzama, Public Works Dept., will speak at the next meeting regarding the project.

## 7. COMMENTS

### A. Public

- Carol Caso, Golden Gate resident – can staff get the county to clean up Hawthorne St. and Golden Gate Ave.?
  - Staff will follow up.
- Carol Caso, Golden Gate resident – is anything happening with the median on Indian St.?
  - J. Mills – we have no plans for the area.
- Ron Hanover, Golden Gate property owner – Waste Management is not picking up trash that falls out of their truck or trash cans when picking up in the community.

Discussion ensued regarding Waste Management issues.

- Staff will follow up with Code Enforcement
- C. Ramsey encouraged Carol Caso to participate with the NAC.

B. Members- Nothing to report

C. Staff - Nothing to report

**8. ADJOURN**

After no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Recorded and Prepared by:

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Kim McLaughlin, Administrative Specialist

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Date

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Saadia Tsaftarides, Chair

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Date