



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

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

**Monday, December 2, 2019**

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**PRESENT**

| <b>Position</b> | <b>Name</b>        | <b>Term Expiration</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Chairperson     | Saadia Tsaftarides | September 9, 2021      |
| Vice Chair      | Mariann Moore      | September 10, 2020     |
| Members         | Jackie Vitale      | January 28, 2023       |
|                 | Rebecca Hartman    | September 11, 2023     |
|                 | Cynthia Ramsey     | January 28, 2023       |

**ABSENT**

| <b>Position</b> | <b>Name</b> | <b>Term Expiration</b> |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|
| Member          | H.F. Hirsch | September 11, 2021     |

**STAFF PRESENT**

| <b>Position</b>            | <b>Name</b>  |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| CRA Project Manager        | Joshua Mills |
| CRA Development Specialist | Jana Cox     |

**\* Indicates a motion**

**\*\* Indicates a vote**

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

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 20-0198 Draft Meeting Minutes – October 07, 2019**

**MOTION**

\* J. Vitale motioned to approve the proposed October 07, 2019 meeting minutes as presented

\*\* C. Ramsey seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMENTS**

**1. PUBLIC**

- J. Hatton – I will be here until the house across the street is gone: 3117 SE Golden Gate Ave
- M. Moore – Someone bought it
- S. Tsaftarides – Be patient it will be taken care of
- D. Stasevich – I am interested in getting involved with Golden Gate
- W. Scherer – We are 2 ½ weeks away from Christmas and we were promised that the streetlights on Norman would be fixed. This is two blocks from Dixie on Norman and the lights were not put back in. Also, since that new lake was built, several homeowners had to have septic tanks pumped out. Is this project creating more water?
- J. Mills – It is that time of year when the King Tide is affecting the water tables, and coupled with the heavy rain we've been getting, there are a lot of issues throughout the County for properties

near the water. There has not been a new lake built, I believe you are referring to one of the existing STAs, and they are the antithesis of creating/adding water – the high water levels do not have anything to do with the water treatment area.

- J. Vitale – Can we make the county aware of the issue?
- J. Mills – Public Works is educating the public about King Tides through the Martin County website and social media. They are asking citizens to submit pictures and issues just like this. Golden Gate will be on sewer soon, thus alleviating any future issues of this nature. At our next meeting in February, Phil Keathley of Public Utilities will be presenting an overview/update of the sewer project.
- Deputy Sprott – I am back in the community for now, and not working between here and the schools. There has been some crime in Golden Gate (minor burglaries), so please always keep your cars locked and be aware of keeping purses and items of importance out in the open.

## 2. MEMBERS

- R. Hartman – Can we see if a large portion of the park can be covered? We have lots of kids in Golden Gate and no protection from the sun.
- S. Tsafarides – We are going to have the Camino Trail with lots of covered areas.
- J. Mills – The trail is a linear park which features covered areas.
- C. Ramsey – For the Dixie Highway project, will there be any turn lanes placed on either Ellendale or Fairmont for access to the park?
- J. Mills – The project includes 5 turn lanes, and so far, Delmar is the only location that has been identified as a priority. I would have to assume easy access to the park is also a priority, as this is the main center of Golden Gate.
- J. Vitale – I see that we have a CIP sheet included in our package. Can we see a wrap up of how the 2019 funds were spent?
- J. Mills – This topic will be covered when I present the CIP for fiscal year 2021 in a few minutes. Susan Kores will be here in February for our next meeting to present the final update and recommend a motion to approve CIP funds.
- M. Moore – Crime is down in Golden Gate and I would like to thank the Sheriff's Office for that.
- R. Hartman – I feel that the lighting plan is a serious issue. Does the county have a lighting plan that shows where lights have been installed?
- J. Mills – There is a plan in place for the LED light swap, but this is different than an actual Countywide lighting plan. We have a department in Public Works that is tasked with lighting in the County and I will see if they have lighting plan in place.
- S. Tsafarides – We had a lighting survey done by the Sheriff's office. The lighting will go in after the sewer is done so that we do not tear up the streets twice.

## 3. STAFF - none

## NEW BUSINESS

### Agenda Item: 20-0195, 2021 Capital Improvement Plan

Josh Mills, CRA Project Manager presented the FY 2021 CIP. This is a preliminary presentation. Susan Kores will attend our February 2020 NAC meeting and present the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan and recommend approval by the board.

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### Agenda Item: 20-0196, Election of Golden Gate NAC Chair and Vice Chair for 2020

Discussion ensued regarding the Chair and Vice Chair nominations for 2020. Mariann Moore nominated Saadia Tsafarides to continue as chair and Cynthia Ramsey agreed. Jackie Vitale nominated herself for NAC Chair as she feels she can run the meetings and offer a fresh approach to the committee. Rebecca Hartman agreed and would like to see Jackie as the Vice Chair to be groomed for the Chair position.

## MOTION

\* C. Ramsey motioned to approve Saadia to continue as Chair and Jackie appointed to Vice Chair

\*\* R. Hartman seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

## COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - none
2. MEMBERS
  - J. Vitale – Going forward we need to focus our language on the positive side of Golden Gate and not on the past.
  - R. Hartman – Can we ride around and recognize the Christmas light displays?
  - M. Moore – We did this in the past.
  - S. Tsaftarides – The Friends of Golden Gate could do this.
3. STAFF - none

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm

**MOTION**

- \* R. Hartman motioned to adjourn
- \*\* J. Vitale seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded and Prepared by:

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Jana Cox, Community Development Specialist

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Date

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Saadia Tsaftarides, Chair

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Date

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