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

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

**Monday, February 3, 2020**

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**PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Chairperson	Saadia Tsafarides	September 9, 2021
Vice Chair	Jackie Vitale	January 28, 2023
Members	H.F. Hirsch	September 11, 2021
	Mariann Moore	September 10, 2020

**ABSENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Term Expiration</b>
Member	Rebecca Hartman	September 11, 2023
Member	Cynthia Ramsey	January 28, 2023

**STAFF PRESENT**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
CRA Manager	Susan Kores
CRA Project Manager	Joshua Mills
CRA Development Specialist	Jana Cox
***Special Guest	Commissioner Hetherington

\* Indicates a motion

\*\* Indicates a vote

\*\*\* For the record comment

**CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.

**DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Agenda Item: 20-0425 Draft Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2019

**MOTION**

- \* J. Vitale motioned to approve the proposed December 12, 2019 meeting minutes as presented
- \*\* H.F. Hirsch seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

**COMMENTS**

1. PUBLIC - none

2. MEMBERS - none

3. STAFF

- J. Mills – Welcome to the first meeting of 2020. I am happy to report that the grant for The Camino Trail has been approved and we are working with Leo Giangrande in moving forward with the engineering/permitting plans.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Agenda Item: 20-0424, 2020 Census Count**

Robyn Cryer, Partnership Specialist for Saint Lucie and Martin Counties U.S. Census Bureau, reported on the process for the 2020 Census Count that is mandated by Congress. In 2010, when the last census was done in Martin County, 78% responded which left \$1600 unclaimed for each person who did not respond. Most people do not realize how important it is for everyone to be counted. Most children under the age of 5 did not get counted. Children matter and we need to get the word out. The census will be mailed to each person 3/12/2020. It is available on-line, and a toll-free number can also be accessed where the people handling the census speak 12 different languages.

- L. Epstein – How are you counting the homeless?
- R. Cryer – We do have some organizations with trusted voices that will visit the homeless areas.
- M. Moore – You should contact the sheriff's office. They know where the homeless people are.
- S. Tsafarides – LAHIA is a place where most of the homeless people in our area get their meals.
- Commissioner Hetherington – Golden Gate is historically low in the census count. I believe House of Hope will be installing a computer for people to use.
- M. Moore – They will not participate because they are afraid of the government.
- L. Epstein – Another idea is to go through some of the churches and get the information out there. The schools are also a good way of communicating with the parents.
- R. Cryer – We do have partnerships with the churches and Hispanic partnerships to deal with the language barriers.
- S. Tsafarides – The farm share food distribution is another way to reach the Hispanic population.
- R. Cryer – We do have people in the schools, and we are communicating with them that the citizenship question is not on the form. This should encourage more people to participate.
- J. Vitale – What can we do as the NAC to help you in this effort?
- R. Cryer – I would like to see you get the information out on social media. I will send the partnership form to Josh.
- D. Stasevich – House of Hope does have a computer to assist with the census. We also would like to encourage the churches to advocate for the census. Afterall, it is in the bible that Mary and Joseph traveled with the specific goal to be counted.
- S. Kores – Robyn, you mentioned that there are many studies out there and people are confused. What is the census called and how do we know the difference?
- R. Cryer – I will send you the link and the pdf along with an interactive sample.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Agenda Item: 20-0423, 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**

Susan Kores, CRA Manager presented the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

- S. Tsafarides – How much is left for Camino Trail?
- S. Kores – We have \$300,000 grant plus \$496,240 from 2020 and then we are proposing to add \$200,000 for 2021. We will undoubtedly need another grant and we are looking into it now.
- Commissioner Hetherington – Did the \$80,000 get added back in?
- S. Kores – Yes.
- J. Vitale – I was new to the NAC committee when the 2020 CIP was approved. I need to understand how the \$50,000 for neighborhood enhancement is spent. Can we bring it to the committee for a discussion?
- J. Mills – I will put it on the agenda for our next meeting to discuss ideas for spending the money.
- S. Tsafarides – How about lighting?
- S. Kores – As we discussed in our last CIP presentation, we are building up the funding to place lighting where it is needed at the end of these projects. We do not want to put in lighting and then end up relocating it or tearing up streets that were newly paved.

## MOTION

- \* M. Moore motioned to approve the 2021 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) as presented
- \*\* J. Vitale seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Non-agenda item: The chair of the Golden Gate NAC invited Jeff Sabin, Manager of Public Sector Solutions, Waste Management to discuss the challenges and improvements to trash pick-up in Golden Gate.

1. Bulk plan – The bulk trash has been routed to zones and we have implemented more of a routine. They come in after the regular trash pick-up after a tag has been placed on the bulk items. We have extra trucks and we are working with the homeowners when their renters move out. We are working on communication (bilingual workers), leaving more tags, and finding out why the piles are still there.
2. Recycling – We will be rolling out a new plan in about a year.
3. Infrastructure projects – We are working with the contractors and the county. We want to coordinate with them and with ongoing communication and coordination, it should run more smoothly.

- M. Moore – When an eviction occurs, why can't we make the landlords secure a dumpster?
- J. Sabin – We would love to make this happen. We are communicating with the landlords and will continue to communicate volume limits in these circumstances.
- S. Tsafarides – I thought we were going to hand out flyers. The community needs to know when trash day is, what kind of trash is being picked up on what day.
- M. Moore – Use the kids as messengers to the parents since most of them speak English and the parents do not.
- M. Moore – I have lived in Golden Gate for 40 years. The trash situation is improving, and I would like to thank Jeff for keeping this at the forefront and doing a great job.
- J. Sabin – I will pass on the compliment to my team and I will look into constructing the flyer.
- M. Moore – Can we write a letter of commendation to Waste Management?

## MOTION

\* M. Moore motioned to send a letter to Waste Management on behalf of the Golden Gate NAC commending them for the great job they are doing.

- \*\* H.F. Hirsch seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Josh Mills will construct the letter for the NAC.

## COMMENTS

### 1. PUBLIC

- Commissioner Hetherington – As an FYI and pertaining to this topic, the Police Athletic League wants to organize a community clean up in Golden Gate.
- J. Sabin – Yes and we want volunteers to help us.
- D. Stasevich – Do you provide recycling containers for businesses? To be honest, I have not thought about recycling at my business.
- J. Sabin – Yes, we provide containers and we collect office paper and cardboard.
- D. Stasevich – Good to know.

### 2. MEMBERS - none

### 3. STAFF - none

**ADJOURN** – Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm

## MOTION

- \* J. Vitale motioned to adjourn
- \*\* H.F. Hirsch seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

Recorded and Prepared by:

Cox  
Jana Cox, Community Development Specialist

6/1/2020  
Date

Saadia Tsafarides  
Saadia Tsafarides, Chair

06/01/2020  
Date

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