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MARTIN COUNTY
Community Redevelopment Agency

Martin County
Golden Gate
Neighborhood Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes

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

Monday, April 5, 2021

PRESENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Chairperson	Jackie Vitale	January 28, 2023
Vice Chair	Cynthia Ramsey	January 28, 2023
Members	Saadia Tsaftarides	September 11, 2021
	Deborah Stasevich	April 23, 2022

ABSENT

Position	Name	Term Expiration
Member	H.F. Hirsch	September 11, 2021
Member	Mariann Moore	September 10, 2024
Member	Rebecca Hartman	September 11, 2023

STAFF PRESENT

Position	Name
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 6:03 pm.

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Agenda Item: 21-0617 Draft Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2021
MOTION
* C. Ramsey motioned to approve the proposed February 1, 2021 meeting minutes as presented
** D. Stasevich seconded, and the motion carried UNANIMOUSLY

COMMENTS
1. PUBLIC - none
2. MEMBERS - none
3. STAFF - none

OLD BUSINESS
Agenda Item: 21-0618, Golden Gate Drainage Project Update
Charlie McEntee, Project Manager, Martin County Public Works presented an update on the drainage project in Golden Gate. Charlie's contact information is available for any questions or issues regarding this project. Email: cmcentee@martin.fl.us cell phone: 772-985-6935

- S. Tsaftarides – The end of Fairmont always floods.

- C. McEntee – We will look at it. It is hard to see since we are in dry season, but if you could take pictures of problem areas and either email or text these to me, we will take care of it. We will come through at the end of the project and make sure these areas are fixed.

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item: 21-0619, Sunshine Laws and Rules of Procedure

Krista Storey, Senior Assistant County Attorney. This item is deferred until our June 7, 2021 Golden Gate NAC meeting since three of our committee members were absent today. The idea here is to make sure that everyone is refreshed and kept current on the procedures even if they have been through the process before.

Agenda Item: 21-0627, Alternative Compliance 2555 SE Bonita Street

Irene Szedlmayer, Principal Planner presented the alternative compliance for the commercial property located at 2555 SE Bonita Street.

- A. Lichterman – I am the business owner of Vessel Ready. My business took off in November, became very successful and I would like to rent the other half of the building when the car dealership moves out. I am interested in working with the community and keeping them happy by following the rules.
- C. Ramsey – Irene, you are happy with the expansion as long as the conditions are met as stated in the staff report?
- I. Szedlmayer – Yes, the two conditions in the report must be met.
- S. Tsaftarides – We have had a problem with this corner in the past.
- A. Lichterman – I have plans and have been working with my landlord to make sure we are not bothering the community. We want to make you happy.
- C. Ramsey – Who is supposed to replace the fence?
- J. Vitale – Irene, you recommend denial of this alternative compliance, but would recommend approval if they meet the conditions is this correct?
- I. Szedlmayer – Yes, if the fence is improved and the gate is kept closed, I would recommend approval. This is to say that all the boat inventory stays on their lot unless a delivery arrives and stays in the staging area temporarily.
- C. Ramsey – Could we put the conditions in the lease?
- A. Lichterman – We plan to stay within the property and below the fence line so you will not see boats.
- J. Vitale – I think that we were burned so badly by the previous tenant that we are apprehensive about another alternative compliance and the tenant following the rules.
- C. Ramsey – I believe that by expanding your business to the rest of the building, this will solve the issue of overflow.
- I. Szedlmayer – The landlord and the tenant realize that they have to be good neighbors and follow the rules.
- A. Lichterman – This is my first experience as a business owner, and I am doing my best to communicate and make sure that the neighborhood is happy with me.
- T. Tsaftarides – I would like to see the landlord come to the NAC meeting and present their plan.
- I. Szedlmayer – We met with the owner last week and he did offer to come in. We did not feel that it was necessary to spend the time and gas to attend since he lives in Miami and we made him aware of the rules.

MOTION

* C. Ramsey motioned to accept staff recommendation and approve the proposed alternative compliance as presented with the condition "*All operations and storage shall be conducted inside the building*".

** D. Stasevich seconded, S. Tsaftarides voted against and the motion carried 3-1

UPDATE

Josh Mills, CRA Project Manager updated the committee on the new pump/vacuum house construction and presented the color options for the building. The committee agreed to keep the pump/vacuum house the same paint color used on the North River Shores (NRS) pump house as well as the same roof and white trim.

The following topics were also reviewed and updated:

Bridge Art and Community Sign, Dixie Highway, Camino Trail, and the Sidewalk Connection on Indian Street.

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC - none
2. MEMBERS
   - J. Vitale – The office of elections & NAACP will be trying to install a voter precinct in Golden Gate.
   - D. Stasevich – I would like to see the artwork on the trail done by someone in the Golden Gate community.
   - J. Mills – We can choose the artist that we would like to use.
   - S. Tsaftarides – We already have an artist.
   - J. Mills – That is correct, and she is doing the benches, this is in reference to additional art.
   - C. Ramsey – I would like to see the local artists engaged in the bridge art and community sign.
   - J. Vitale – We should contact the local art teachers and engage the students.
   - J. Mills – Involving the community and youth would definitely be a positive move.
3. STAFF - none

ADJOURN – Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm

Recorded and Prepared by:

Jana Cox

Jana Cox, Community Development Specialist

6/7/2021

Date

J Vitale

Jackie Vitale, Chair

6/7/21

Date

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Golden Gate Neighborhood Advisory Committee – Sign In

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