

**GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2017**

Gulf Gate Library – Room 226
Sarasota, FL 34231

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm
2. Attendees: Darrell Cox (PP), Ray Deer (P), Greg Crabill (VP), Kathy Butler (T), Melanie Goddard (S), Phil Reiss(D), Frank Gomez(D), Sharon Durrant (D)
Absent: Carol Connolly (D), Mary Muir(D)
Roughly 65 general attendees
3. Welcome and Pledge: Meeting was opened and pledge was led by Mr. Deer.
4. Recognition of New Members: 3 families: from Concord, Antiqua and a guest from Woodside Terrace were acknowledged.

Officer's Reports

5. Approval of Board Minutes: Minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous vote
6. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was presented by Ms. Butler. Our beginning cash balance December 1 was \$19,135.89. Income was \$350, Expenses were \$662.86, leaving a cash balance of \$18,823.03. The CD totaled \$5633.87 and the PayPal cash was \$537.41, leaving a total balance of funds of \$24,994.31 on December 31. Report was presented and accepted.
7. Acknowledgement of Past President: Darrell Cox (and his wife, Caroline) were acknowledged and thanked for his 2 years of service as President of the GGCA, in particular, his instrumental role in the negotiated concessions from Medallion as GGCA battled the golf course rezone project.

Old Business

8. Deed Restrictions: Members asked a variety of questions related to enforcement and education about the deed restrictions. It was pointed out that the GGCA does have the authority, as granted by the developer, to enforce, with membership in the Association not a condition of enforcement. Deed restrictions apply to the community as part of each property's deed, and GGCA is the volunteer organization that undertakes enforcement. There was a great deal of general concern about the lack of knowledge by the community of the current deed restrictions.
9. Officers: The Board was introduced, with the change in Directorship from Margi Beshore to Frank Gomez was explained. Ms. Beshore had personal demands that prevented her from being available, and Mr. Gomez, our webmaster, expressed willingness to serve as a Board member.

New Business

10. Membership Drive: Discussion about ways to increase membership and expand benefits of joining. Some topics mentioned were providing a membership card, joining with the Gulf Gate Village merchants to create a reward program for members, offering social events, reinstate block captains to assist in educating neighbors about the Association and to encourage volunteers and polling the community to solicit ideas that would make membership more compelling.
11. Committee Structure: Mr. Deer shared the Board's discussion and vote to change the previous committee alignment based on condensing the number of committees and grouping associated functions together to make better use of the volunteer base.

The new Committee List:

- Deed Restriction Committee
- Communications Committee
- Membership Committee
- Community Outreach Committee
- Safety and Security Committee
- Infrastructure Committee
- Finance Committee

Director/Committee Reports

12. No committee reports were entertained at this meeting

13. Next General Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Gulf Gate Library

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, February 6, 2017

Melanie Goddard, Secretary