

**GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

September 19, 2017

Gulf Gate Library – Meeting Rooms A & B
Sarasota, FL

Attendees: Darrell Cox (PP), Kathy Butler (T), Carol Connolly (D), Sharon Durant (D), Phil Reiss (D), Sue Stover (D)

Absent: Ray Deer (P), Greg Crabill (VP), Melanie Goddard (S), Frank Gomez (D)

Guest: Fred Weber, Woodside Village Condominium Association

Darrell Cox, past president, presided

Roughly a dozen new residents acknowledged and welcomed.

Officer's Reports

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the April 18, 2017 general meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report from August 2017 was reviewed and approved.

HURRICANE IRMA:

CERT Chair Carol Connolly presided over a discussion of the impacts and issues related to Hurricane Irma. Sarasota County opened all of its shelters as storm approached. The Red Cross runs shelters and contracts with Sarasota County as well. It was noted that more pet friendly shelters are needed. Connolly stressed that communication is the critical for successful preparation and sheltering. WSLR 96.5 radio station was streaming live broadcast during storm.

It was noted that the Association would profit by having Zone Captains, especially during emergencies, so that neighbors would have a resource for their questions and concerns.

Possible need for GGCA to purchase a few more generators for people to charge cell phones, etc.

Darrell reminded residents to use our website (www.GGCA.us) to reference disaster preparedness information.

GOLF COURSE PROPERTY:

Darrell spoke with developer Medallion Homes. They are not able to obtain a permit at this time as the stormwater plan they submitted have been deemed insufficient by the County Planning and Development staff.

Residents are very upset about the condition of the golf course clubhouse. One of the doors is permanently open. Suggested for residents to report this on *SeeClickFix.com* and to email/mail the County Commissioners regarding the unsafe clubhouse. Don Hughes suggested GGCA send a letter to our rep, Commissioner Alan Maio.

Power issues were discussed for homes abutting the golf course. If capacity is not sufficient now as reported, FPL must increase service if property is developed.

DEED RESTRICTIONS:

Darrell gave report there are 43 current outstanding issues (mostly trailers); 25 of 68 issues were resolved.

GGCA board hopes to do a trial with units GGW2 and GG10 (adjacent to golf course property) to change their deed restrictions (ie setbacks; 6' fences, paver brick driveways). Volunteers would be needed to execute this project, as 80% of the unit owners would need to vote favorably in order for the changes to be incorporated legally.

WELCOME:

Sue Stover reported about 25 people attended the Meet and Greet in August. Another Meet and Greet may be held this fall. An event for all residents will be held in February. Kathy Butler noted that Friday, February 16, has been reserved at St. Andrew Church of Christ's Stewart Hall.

Stover suggested that if anyone had not received a Welcome Packet to please contact her. Welcome Packets given out this year to date – 108.

MEMBERSHIP:

Darrell reported that we have 404 members to date; 88 new owners so far this year; 62 homes for sale.

Membership Drive starts January 1.

SECURITY PATROL: Drivers needed. Volunteer via the website.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Darrell Cox is heading this committee. Applications for one of 5 board members and 4 officers need to be sent to our secretary by mid-October.

Sharon Durrant provided refreshments after the meeting.

Notes provided by Kathy Butler,
minutes submitted by Melanie Goddard, Secretary
November 13, 2017