

**GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES**

September 17th, 2018

St. Andrew United Church of Christ, Sarasota, FL 34231

Called to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm

Attendees: Cassandra Smith (VP), Ben Sinkunas (T), Sharon Durrant (S), Phil Reiss(D), Carol Connolly(D), Sue Stover (D), Kathy Butler (D), Frank Gomez (D).

Absentees: Ray Deer (PP), Melanie Goddard (P),
Roughly 65 general attendees

Welcome and Pledge: Meeting was opened and pledge was led by Vice President, Cass Smith. Introduction of and from Ben Sinkunas as the new treasurer.

Officer's Reports:

Approval of Board Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and motion made and approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was presented by Ben Sinkunas. Report was presented, motion made and approved - unanimously.

Our beginning cash balance As of August 1st, 2018:

Beginning Balance:	\$36,249.97
Income:	2,145.00
Expenses:	<u>7,560.50</u>
Total	\$30,834.47
CD	5,650.80
Paypal Cash Balance	<u>510.00</u>
Total Funds	\$36,996.22

Announcements

- * GGCA has a new Facebook page with thanks to Aaron Cox as monitor and FB "Master".
- * FPL installation of Smart LED street lighting.
- * It was also mentioned that residents could bring staples for the local Food Bank to all future meetings.
- * Lisa Faber, from the GG Library asked if there was an interest for the neighborhood for an Alzheimer's support group. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- * Smith called for and conveyed information to respectfully display the American Flag as there have been some reports of local flags not being cared for or displayed properly.
- * New landscaping on Gulf Gate Drive was acknowledged.
- * County personnel asked to convey to residents about disposal of dog waste bags polluting the bayou and that Flushables are not bio-degradable and are clogging the lift station macerator which is a cost of \$200,000 per year.
- * Smith also reminded residents they may want to consider flood insurance.

Old Business

Status of Medallion Homes Development: Cass Smith noted that not much has changed with the Golf Course property and Medallion Homes. It was noted that the 5th submission from Medallion on Storm Water was denied by the County. FDEP also sent a notification to Medallion of their delinquency of installing monitoring wells on the property to delineate the arsenic ground water toxic plume within the golf course property, without any response from Medallion. Also, regarding the golf course property, it was noted that there have been some complaints with the issue of animals which may be bothersome but it was also pointed out that they may help to deter other varmints and rodents that are not welcome in the neighborhood and should be considered.

Neighborhood Grant Program: Cass Smith reported that GGCA Grant has been approved and now goes to the County Commissioners for final approval on Oct. 23rd. Then the volunteer programs slated will generate the credit hours to be applied to the costs of the Grant improvements.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Update: Carol Connolly asked for volunteers for a “Radio Communications Team” and a CERT Team with signup sheets available. A meeting with Scott Montgomery (SRQ County Disaster Preparedness) is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14th, 5:30-7:30 p.m. along with a Hands Only CPR instructional from our local fire dept.

Deed Restrictions Update: Kathy Butler, reported the procedure for a DR violation that usually comes in through the GGCA website. Once a violation is reported a member of the Deed Restriction Team takes a picture to verify the violation. A first notice is sent and after 7 days without acknowledgement, a second notice is sent. Without acknowledgement from the owner a letter from the President is sent. From that point, a letter from GGCA’s attorney is required, at GGCA’s cost. Then an attempt at mediation is tried to resolve the issue and if no resolution is forthcoming the issue is taken to court and the court decides. If the violation stands, the owner has to pay the attorney’s fees and all court costs along with restitution that is determined by the courts.

Also, regarding deed restrictions there were some concerns raised regarding the unit deed restrictions and residents questioned how anyone would know where to find them and that it was confusing and hard to find out *where* their deed restrictions were and where exactly they are posted. No DR violations report was given at this time.

Welcome Committee Update: Sue Stover noted that welcome packets were given to 67 new year round residents, 13 seasonal residents, 33 LLC’s, and 6 tenants for a total of 119 new residents.

Social Events Update: Events for October through December 29th were mentioned for the future.

Siesta Promenade Update: Approximately 400 people attended the Neighborhood Workshop. There will be a demonstration on 11/16 on Stickney Point Road. Please check with the GGCA website for future updates on events.

NEW BUSINESS

New Welcome Committee Chair: Sue Stover introduced Kelly Pisano and Derek Edwards as the new Welcome Committee Chairs and that she will be taking over as Deed Restriction Chair.

Traffic & Safety Committee: A new committee was formed and Darrell Cox gave a summation on speeding issues within our community. The Committee has worked diligently, with our local Sherriff’s Dept., with the following results:

- *60% over speed limit w/ radar sign trailer on Curtiss Ave.
- *60% over speed limit w/ radar sign trailer on Markridge Rd.
- *47% over speed limit w/ radar sign trailer on Gulf Gate Drive.
- *Independent study with radar sign trailer in force: 40% over speed limit vs. without radar trailer sign, over 60%
- *Blind study done with Sheriff’s Jamar box on Curtiss Ave. and over 77% were above 27mph.
- *Sheriff’s department acknowledged that that enforcement rating was high as 11% were above 36mph (900 out of 8200) and 8 that were traveling more than 65mph.

The committee has plans to work with the Gulf Gate Library, PTO, Gulf Gate Elementary and the Sherriff’s Dept. to continue to access and find resolutions to the speeding issue within the community. A handout was passed to all residents from the T&S Committee with some ideas and future recommendation that are in the works by the committee along with the possible purchase of bumper stickers at a cost of \$450/per 2000. Information regarding the cost of radar signs were also noted as follows:

Radar Stop Sign - \$3,500 – \$4,500 and blinking Stop or Speed signs costs vary from \$1,500 - \$2,500.

The next Traffic & Safety meeting is on Sept. 26th at the library at 5:30pm

Nominating Committee: Darrell Cox announced the Vice President and Secretary positions will be open and asked for anyone interested to please see him.

Next General Meeting: November 12th, 2018, 7- 8:30pm at the St. Andrew UCC

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, November 10th, 2018
Sharon Durrant, Secretary