

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

**November 12, 2018**

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

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

**Attendees:** Melanie Goddard (P), Cassandra Smith (VP), Sharon Durrant (S), Phil Reiss(D), Carol Connolly(D), Sue Stover (D), Kathy Butler (D), Frank Gomez (D).

**Absentees:** Ben Sinkunas (T), Ray Deer (PP).

**Welcome and Pledge:** Meeting was opened and pledge was led by President, Melanie Goddard. In recognition of Veteran's Day, all veterans present were acknowledged and thanked for their service.

**Officers Reports:**

**Approval of September General Meeting Minutes:** Minutes were reviewed, motion made and approved by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's report was presented by Melanie Goddard, motion made and approved.

Our beginning cash balance As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018:

Beginning Balance:	\$25,288.90
Income:	350.00
Expenses:	<u>(734.49)</u>
Total	\$24,904.41
CD	5,652.69
Paypal Cash Balance	<u>781.03</u>
Total Funds	\$31,338.13

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Deed Restriction Committee:** It was reported that, so far this year, 174 violations were reported and acted upon, with 160 resolved. The majority of infractions are trailers, followed by sheds or other structures and unsightly/nuisance reports.

**Neighborhood Grant:** Cass Smith provided an update on the County's Grant to fund the renovation/replacement of our entrance walls on Gulf Gate Drive. The County has awarded \$10,000, of which the community must either pay or provide volunteer hours to cover half of that amount. A CPR course has been scheduled and Scott Montgomery (SRQ County Disaster Preparedness) is scheduled to speak on November 14<sup>th</sup> to generate volunteer hours and assist the community on attaining these skills. Work will begin on cleaning, prepping and painting the walls in early January. Wentzel Electric will provide the electrical work and Signs in One Day is preparing the lettering and wall replacement.

**Disaster Preparedness and Community Safety update:** Carol Connolly gave an update and has assembled a radio response team to man the Emergency Radios in case of a disaster. Signup sheets were distributed for additional radio team members and also for Security Patrol. She also addressed the recently reported break-ins on Seagate and provided some security suggestions for the attendees.

**Traffic & Safety Committee Update:** Ann Matthews presented an update on the stop signs, solar flashing light speed signs and the regular speed signs. The solar speed lights are only installed on arterial roads. The request for these must be accompanied by petitions before they can be approved. Matthews also noted that GGCA / 25MPH stickers will be available for residents at the next meeting.

**Website/Payment Updates:** Frank Gomez discussed updates to the website and the inclusion of Stripe as a payment method and the Gulf Gate t-shirts can also be ordered and purchased through our website.

**Social Events:** Sharon Durrant gave an update on the December 29<sup>th</sup> potluck event, "Goodbye-2018" to be held at St. Andrew's UCC, at 7:00 pm - ?.

## Old Business

**Status of Medallion Homes Development:** Cass Smith reported that the last submission from Medallion Homes on Storm Water was denied by the County. FDEP sent a notification to Medallion of their delinquency on installing monitoring wells on the property to delineate the arsenic ground water toxic plume within the golf course property. Medallion responded that they have reached out to the previous owner questioning what their operation entailed and stated to the FDEP that contacting previous owner has caused Medallion's delinquency.

**Flooding Issues within Gulf Gate Community:** Smith also noted that all areas that have had serious flooding issues of late have been reported to Harold Roebuck, County Stormwater Utilities and they will be addressed.

**Siesta Promenade Update:** Goddard reported that the Planning Commission would discuss this project on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Their recommendation would inform the Board of County Commissioners at their planned meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Opposition to the project would be voiced on behalf of the Gulf Gate Community at both meetings, stressing the concerns for traffic at the already impassable intersection and concern that emergency vehicles would not be able to reach Gulf Gate residents under those conditions. Lack of compatibility with the surrounding community would also be mentioned.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Candidates for 2019 Officers and Directors:** Darrell Cox, Chair of the Nominating Committee announced the nominations to the Board (Officers and Directors) as follows:

President: Melanie Goddard (returning)  
Vice President: John Van Vleet  
Treasurer: Ben Sinkunas (returning)  
Secretary: Aaron Cox

Directors: Kathy Butler (returning)  
Frank Gomez (returning)  
Sue Stover (returning)  
Carol Connolly (returning)  
Ann Matthews

Motion to accept the nominees was moved and approved by the members in attendance.

**Next General Meeting:** January 28th, 2018, 7- 8:30pm at St. Andrew UCC

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Respectfully submitted, January 20th, 2019  
Sharon Durrant, Secretary