

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

**March 26, 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), Kathy Butler (T), Sharon Durrant (S), Phil Reiss(D), Carol Connolly(D), Frank Gomez (D),  
Absent: Sue Stover (D), Ralph Pylman(D) Ray Deer (PP)  
Roughly 96 general attendees

Welcome and Pledge: Meeting was opened and pledge was led by Melanie Goddard.

Recognition of New Owners/Members: 6 families

**Officer's Reports:**

Approval of Board Minutes: Minutes of the January 22, 2018 meeting were reviewed and motion made and approved by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was presented by Ms. Butler. Our beginning cash balance December 1st was \$32,642.40. Income was \$2,373.92, Expenses were \$1,465.44, leaving a cash balance of \$33,550.88. The CD totaled \$5,633.87 and the PayPal cash was \$3,942.55, leaving a total balance of funds of \$42,218.82 on 2/28/18. Report was presented, motion made and approved - unanimously.

**Announcements:**

Coming Social events – The April social event will be a Round the World Pot Luck on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at St. Andrew's Hall. Bring a dish that reflects your heritage or ethnic background.

**Old Business:**

Demolition by Medallion Homes of the clubhouse and out-buildings on the golf course property is complete.

Cass Smith gave information the following:

Status of Medallion Homes Development – Southwest Florida Water District (Swift Mud) issued an Environmental Resource permit to Medallion Homes on 3/9/2018 with 9 stipulations which involve testing for phosphate fertilizer, pesticides and arsenic testing. The County has not as yet issued any permits and still shows record of application by Medallion as insufficient on environment, water shed/storm water, and utilities.

Melanie Goddard reemphasized the last conversation and status with Peter Logan, President of Medallion Homes, on their 3rd resubmission once resolved 12-18 mo. development with utilities and roads, they will build a set of model homes and pre-sales will start with price range of \$430,000-\$450,000.

Medallion Homes and the county are under no obligation to notify GGCA in the process of permitting or approval thereof but GGCA board members will continue to attempt to build relationships to help maintain and gather information to keep the community informed.

It was taken under advisement that we submit the insufficient applications for permitting by Medallion Homes to the media.

A request was made to post updated status of Medallion Homes on the Nextdoor website was taken under advisement.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

County Survey: Cass asked for attendees to help document swales/ditches (with pictures, etc.) within the community. A form was distributed to attendees to collect information for a survey/study to be done within our community with the county specifically to locate and document problem areas.

Neighborhood Grant Program: Cass reported that GGCA has applied for the County Neighborhood Grant Program (50/50) for improvements, entrance signs and to provide community communication equipment for emergency situations. Our submission needs to be done by August and she asked for community support with signatures for our grant applications.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): Carol Connolly explained the purpose of CERT and requested that members be aware that hurricane season is June 1<sup>st</sup>. The committee is working on an update to the "Disaster Preparedness Plan" and it will be posted on the website and GGCA will notify once it is completed. She called for volunteers for CERT and that there is a training session to be held in August. Carol also gave a reminder about any persons within our community with possible special needs to pass the information to the county.

Deed Restrictions: Phil Reiss gave an update that each of 16 units have approx. 20 different deed restrictions but each unit is separate and the specific restrictions are applicable only to each individual unit. Deed restrictions follow the property whether a member of the Association or not. Trailers are a specific violation issue and placing fences, etc. on or over the setback lines will disqualify the home from getting a estoppel letter for the home. A setback line is a distance from the property line, not the property line. The board is continuing communication with legal counsel on the issue of non-compliant fences. It is still a question as to how GGCA may proceed regarding noncompliance of fences in the future. Lobeck & Hanson is GGCA legal team.

Speakers:

Sarasota Technology User Group: A slide presentation given by Nancy DeMarte, President, regarding the available help and support for all computer and technology devices. Membership is \$45 per year with full availability to classes and support.

Siesta Promenade: A slide show presentation was given by Sura Kochman from Pine Shores Community Association, with information regarding the Siesta Promenade Plan (located at Stickney Point Rd. & 41, Benderson property) that is being proposed for development. Issues regarding evacuation, health, safety & welfare of local and surrounding neighborhoods along with Sarasota County Emergency responders' requirements were all addressed and noted that all are inadequate in the proposed plan. Alerts will be posted on the website of information on meetings. Sura also called for everyone to stay informed through her Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/groups/citizensforsarasotacounty](http://www.facebook.com/groups/citizensforsarasotacounty) or if you have any information or further questions you may email her at [skbaystate@aol.com](mailto:skbaystate@aol.com). She asked for all to rally and show support at the hearings and workshops when they are scheduled.

GGCA Resolution: A resolution was proposed by Melanie Goddard for GGCA to voice opposition of the Benderson Property plan of Siesta Promenade as filed. Due to such issues as traffic congestion, evacuation, the health, safety & welfare of local and surrounding neighborhoods. Motion made, seconded and vote was unanimous. GGCA members are not in favor of filed plan intense and dense proposal as it is proposed to date.

Email notifications will be sent to update community regarding the time to send emails and letters to the commissioners as progress of the proposed development moves along.

It was proposed for GGCA to hold a group meeting with surrounding neighborhoods and associations once the development plans are furthered to completion with support of opposition if plan remains as is. No commissioner will speak to this development as it is a quasi-judicial item.

Next General Meeting: September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 7- 8:30pm at the St. Andrew UCC

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 pm

Respectfully submitted, April 1, 2018  
Sharon Durrant, Secretary