

**GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**April 19, 2016**

Gulf Gate Library – Room AB  
Sarasota, FL 34231

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm by President Darrell Cox and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Attendees:** Darrell Cox (P), Ray Deer (VP), Kathy Butler (T), Bill Driscoll (D), John Christison (D)  
Absent: Mary Muir (D), Greg Crabill (D)  
Committee Special Assignment members: Sue Stover, Ron Shankland

**Officer's Reports**

3. **Approval of General Minutes:** Minutes of the January 19, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted by unanimous vote
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Accepted as submitted, approved by unanimous vote.

Beginning Balance (3/1):	\$32,619.30
Income	400.00
Expenses	<u>9,396.78</u>
Cash Balance	23,622.52
CD	5,628.72
PayPal Balance	<u>2,426.41</u>
TOTAL FUNDS 3/31/16	\$31,677.65

Income was comprised of dues and donations. Expenses were primarily legal expenses, both for Association activities and preparation to fight the rezone petition.

5. **Vice President's Report:** No significant activity to report according to Deer.
6. **Demographics:** Darrell Cox submitted a report on the demographics of the community. Unfortunately, memberships continue to lag versus the previous year to date.

**Committee Reports**

7. **County Sheriff and Security Patrol:** Deer reported that in February, 1 burglary and 1 theft event was reported, In March, 1 burglary. Deer recapped an email from the Sheriff's Department urging residents to be vigilant and for neighbors to watch each other's houses Also to make sure that homeowners do not post their garaged opener codes next to the garage keypad – there have been a couple break-ins that have occurred in this manner recently.
8. **Deed Restriction Violations:** No report.
9. **Welcome/Membership:** 4 new members of Gulf Gate Estates were present, and were introduced to the membership. Stover has delivered welcome packets to 7 new owners and continues to process packets for additional new homeowners.
10. **CONA:** No report, but summary of CONA's purpose and their support for GGCA was detailed by Cox.
11. **Flood Control:** No report
12. **Streets and Lights:** Driscoll indicated that there were no open issues or repairs required at this time.

13. **Newsletter**: Cox apologized for the newsletters going out late – the printer failed to get the work done in time for mailing, and the Association is now searching for a new printer.
14. **Website**: Nothing to report, but Christison indicated that there has been much positive feedback on the new site.
15. **CERT**: No report.

### **Old Business**

16. **Medallion Homes Rezone Application/Gulf Gate Golf Course**: Cox recapped the April 1<sup>st</sup> community meeting at St. Andrews Church. Turnout was substantial (standing room only) and the meeting was substantive – reviewing the work that had been done by a variety of sub-committees and by our attorney, Richard Smith.
17. **Deed Restrictions**: Cox discussed the intent to revisit our deed restrictions to propose updating and revising a number of them to reflect current concerns and changing attitudes (i.e. driveways are only permitted to be cement – but the community is embracing paver stones as an option). This work will resume after the Rezone Petition issue is resolved.

### **New Business**

18. **Library Survey**: Christine Aston, Library Manager, asked residents to participate in a survey to gather feedback or recommendations on the success of the Gulf Gate library. They seem to inform themselves on issues and improvements that should be considered as the County moves forward on a new library for Venice.
19. **Rezone Petition Planning Commission Hearing**: The Community was encouraged to attend the upcoming Planning Commissioner's hearing on May 5<sup>th</sup> in a show of support, and arrangements were discussed to assist in transportation for community members.
20. **Next General Meeting**: The next meeting is Tuesday, June 14, 6:30 pm at the Gulf Gate Library.
21. **Adjournment**: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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