

MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SGCAC)
Wednesday, January 23, 2008
Growth Management Conference Rm. B-207 – 9:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sandy Slater, *Chairperson*
Kendall Leach
April Chattinger

STAFF

Jie Shao, *Staff Liaison*
Gayle Moore, Recorder

MEMBERS EXCUSED

GUESTS

Karen Ireland
Max Radcliffe
Sandy Radcliffe

I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Slater called the January 23, 2008 meeting of the SGCAC to order at 9: 05 a.m. as in the Growth Management Conference Room B-207 and it was noted a quorum was present.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

III. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Slater introduced new guests, Max and Sandy Radcliffe.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

Zoning and FLUM; Stormwater Report

Mr. Leach noted that there was nothing new to report on the Zoning/FLUM matters; as previously, further action awaits changes to the Deed Restrictions.

With regard to Stormwater, **Mr. Leach** noted it would be necessary to clarify what the County's responsibilities are in terms of checking water quality on a regular basis. Further discussion ensued, focusing on the issue of paying for testing and whether that would come out of MSBU funds.

Public Safety/Health, Pedestrian/Bikeways, FireWise Community, Cove Connection

Ms. Chattinger began with the subject of possible grants for FireWise Communities; no changes since the last meeting. She also discussed the fund-raising for Cove Connection, which is going well; the big push will be on setting up the eBay store. There is also continued emphasis on getting new volunteers.

Ms. Chattinger reported that she had requested EMS to provide 2007 statistics on response times to calls from South Gulf Cove. She noted that the standard is for a response within four to six minutes for medical calls.

She concluded her presentation and called for questions or comments; **Mr. Leach** suggested that the community request newspaper coverage for some of the fund-raising

efforts. Further discussion ensued on promoting the fund-raising efforts; **Chair Slater** suggested mention be made on the Community website and in News & Views.

Parks, Park Master Plan, Entranceways, Land Acquisition, Funding Resources

Chair Slater reported on the upcoming meeting regarding the Parks Master Plan; there was discussion about advertising the meeting within the community. She gave brief comments on progress at the various parks, including the Boat Ramp Park and the Linear Park, and the unlikely prospect of having volunteers contribute to the clearing effort which is primarily being done by the County. Further discussion ensued on this topic.

With regard to Land Acquisition and budget matters, **Chair Slater** stated she was still working on her action items from the Jan. 9th meeting. Concerning the question of choosing between the larger or smaller versions of the entranceway signs, **Chair Slater** said she made a presentation to the HOA at the January 16th meeting; there was a unanimous vote for the larger signs, on the basis that the funds (approximately \$157,146 plus \$100,000 in proposed budget) could be used to purchase such a sign. She has communicated a request for those funds to Tara Musselman, who confirmed that it would not raise the current assessment. The matter is scheduled to be reviewed at the next MSBU meeting. Further discussion ensued on this subject.

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

Community Plan Review

It was noted that all information had been added into the spreadsheet by Staff Liaison Jie Shao, except for Ms. Chattinger's which had not yet been received in a format usable by staff. **Mr. Leach** stated he did not believe his information was included on the lot either.

Chair Slater raised the issue of how to disseminate this information, when completed, to the community if there was to be no Town Hall Meeting; she felt the information on the Master Park Plan should also be available to the community.

The group then returned to review of their material as represented in the spreadsheet, adding indications of the status of the matters where necessary; **Chair Slater** noted that the compiled information dealt mainly with the status of Community Plan issues that people had actually undertaken, but that there were a number of items that work had never been started on. Lengthy discussion ensued about adding these other items, and the possibility of assigning these items to new members, as well as existing members. There were a number of items that work had never been started on, or which were viable with today's conditions.

Staff Liaison Jie Shao joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m. She requested that Ms. Chattinger provide her with the spreadsheet information that needed to be converted to a format compatible with County computers, and that she would attempt to convert it. There was additional discussion about the mechanics of updating the spreadsheet and **Ms. Shao** said that she would distribute the document to members via email so that they can update it.

It was also confirmed that future meetings of the committee would continue to be held in the current location, Room B-207. Ms. Shao left the meeting at 10:19 a.m. Discussion resumed on members' analysis of progress on the various Community Plan elements.

Chair Slater took a cell phone call from Commissioner Moore's administrative assistant, after which the meeting resumed with discussion of the need to up-date the Commissioners in advance of the meeting on sun-setting the Committee.

Town Hall Meeting

The Committee members confirmed their agreement that there would not need to be a Town Hall Meeting this year because the Committee members provided much more complete updates at the HOA meetings, and most community members feel well-informed. **Guest Karen Ireland** noted that the website has recently been completely redesigned which also contributes to the community being better informed. The various options for communicating with the public (meetings, newsletters, numerous websites, etc.) were also discussed.

Committee Vacancies

The group discussed actions needed to fill the on-going Committee vacancies and new sub-committees that would benefit from additional participation. **Mr. Leach** suggested narrowing the focus to specific projects that former members had "specialized in" and looking for people (e.g., from among the HOA membership) with an interest in taking on that specific project.

Mr. Leach asked about progress on writing a letter to the Commissioners about support; **Chair Slater** stated that was on her list of action items. **Mr. Leach** suggested that Judy Hunter could assist with this task.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Radcliffe asked how many homes in the community were occupied by full-time residents; **Mr. Leach** responded that there was somewhere between 1,600 and 2,000 dwellings but could not venture a guess as to what percentage were full-time residents. **Mr. Radcliffe** gave his opinion that most residents did not know about the HOA and did not do a lot to find out about it; he felt that without mass-mailing or otherwise contacting all owners to inform them about the HOA and the website, it would be very difficult to acquire adequate numbers of new committee members. **Guest Karen Ireland** stated that there were 503 households that are members of the HOA; some of those are "snowbirds" and of the 500, 400 are not "active". Discussion about terms of membership continued, and the Radcliffe's were encouraged to join the Committee.

VII. STAFF COMMENTS

None.

VIII. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the **South Gulf Cove Advisory Committee** is **Wednesday, February 27, 2008** from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon in the **Growth Management Conference Room (B-207)**.

At 11:37 a.m. **Chair Slater** stated: There being no further business to come before this committee, I declare the meeting adjourned.