

**SOUTH GULF COVE COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 27, 2010**

Sandy Slater, Kendall Leach, Susan Faust, Yvonne Ermirio and April Chattinger were in attendance. John McGuire and Karen Ireland attended as guests.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Yvonne made the motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 18, 2009 meeting with two corrections and Kendall seconded.

There were no staff comments.

New Business: CP Review & Planning for the Future:

Sandy proposed the February 2010 meeting be devoted to reviewing progress and planning for the future. Each member will provide accomplishments over the past 2 years, and short and long term goals for the future. The committee will review the 16 recommendations in the Community Plan. The plan will be finalized by March, the spread sheet updated in April, and the BCC updated in May 2010.

Old Business: Various options were discussed regarding meeting minutes. Members are to provide notes to Roxann by the 2nd Friday following the meeting. She will consolidate and distribute for review. Sandy will contact Steve Reilly at the Charlotte Sun to advertise the San Domingo Park public meeting 7:00 p.m., February 18, 2010 at Tringali. Sandy will request that fertilization of the 56 trees planted by Cove Connector in County ROW be funded by MSBU park maintenance.

Kendall discussed the Linear Park irrigation uncontrolled costs for the last 14 months that totaled \$19,436. We negotiated a CCU credit for \$6836, leaving a balance of \$12,600 of uncontrolled costs. We are negotiating with Parks & Recreation in regards to that balance.

Yvonne reported on park maintenance, development and lift station landscaping. She met in December and January with the park subcommittee and representatives from Charlotte County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Dept. She also discussed bike rack permitting with Dan Quick. The Disney volunteer program was discussed to encourage new volunteers. She also met with the San Domingo Park site plan consultant on Jan. 11. Next meeting to review the plan will be Feb. 4 and a public meeting will be held at Tringali on Feb. 18. Siting of a dog park was discussed. There are two lots possible and David will check into these. Specs for mulching, removal of exotics and mangrove trimming have been drafted. The lift station meeting has not been held. Replacement of plantings at the Linear Park was discussed.

April reported on a successful event that raised \$2,500 for additional trees. There are plans to hold more fundraising events in the fall, such as Octoberfest. Firewise is on hold right now.

Susan reported on attending the Scenic Highway committee meeting in January and her work on the event signs.

Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway Committee: At their January meeting, Barbara Holmes (SGCHA Board Member) and Susan Faust reported that our entryway signs will soon be under construction. Bret Clark, president of the Scenic Highway Committee, urges us to publicize the ground-breaking if possible, as well as the finished construction. Sandy commented that the Entryway Subcommittee intends to mark the completion of the project with some sort of event.

Event signs advertising SGC community sponsored activities: The SGC Homeowner's Association learned in May 2008 that the "sandwich board" signs then in use for publicizing community events were prohibited under the Charlotte County Sign Code. One solution to this problem would have been the incorporation of a bulletin board feature into the entryway signs, but the plans for the entryway signs were nearly completed at that time, past the stage for major revision. Chris Ahern (Conservancy & Community Trust) and Dorli Hausermann (HOA Director at Large) met with Susan Faust in November 2009 to discuss new approaches to signage. After consultation with staff at the Zoning Office, Susan Faust learned that the only alternative for publicity at the entrances to South Gulf Cove, would be Temporary Advertising Devices (TADs). Signs could be displayed for two 30-day periods per year, would require a permit (and fee), and could not be placed in the right of way. Community events occur throughout the year and it is not clear if a special exception could be made to place TADs for periods exceeding 60 days per year. Roxann Read of the Charlotte County Growth Management Dept offered to see if a meeting with Nicole Dozier, Charlotte County Zoning Official, could be arranged to discuss this issue.

Kendall reported that a mail out will be sent out tomorrow to revitalize the deed restrictions. The University of Florida has performed water quality testing in the canals in South Gulf Cove free of charge and has concluded that the water quality is good. The MSBU also reported the same findings through their consultant. Carp will be planted in the system to help take care of algae. The sound problem reported at Quality Mining has been quieted recently. Kendall has attempted to contact Commissioner Skidmore about the seawall issue but has not received a response as of yet. Kendall inquired about adding Arlewood and San Domingo parks to the mowing contract.

Boat Ramp Park: Sandy stated she will remain sponsor for Phase III and report as applicable. She announced the Conservancy and Community Trust of SGC will hold its annual meeting at 2:00 p.m. on January 30, 2010 at the park with light refreshments. The annual meeting is open to the public.

Land Issues/Acquisition: Sandy is working with Real Estate Services to acquire the last of the 4 lots abutting McAlester Park, the 3 lots abutting Fruitport Park, and the 1 lot for the Learning Garden parking. The next priority will be the lots on the Park Sub-Committees list.

Entryway Signs: Sandy reported the Entryway Sub-Committee met with Public Works and Holland Landscaping in November and December 2009 to finalize the landscape plans, tile and paint colors. Permitting was delayed 2 weeks due to additional requirements identified by the County during the plans review. Per Tara, this may result in a 2 week extension for the contractor. The committee is tracking permit progress on the County website.

Funding & Resources: Sandy reported there is approximately \$435,000 in MSBU and Native Tree Funds allocated to the SGC Community Plan in the current budget year. This is sufficient for entryway construction and maintenance; Linear Park maintenance, mangrove trimming and bush removal; fine mulching and mowing of Nittany and Santa Lucia Parks; mowing San Domingo and Arlewood Parks; and limited efforts toward developing the San Domingo Park. Kendall requested she check with Tara on including Arlewood and San Domingo Parks mowing with ROW mowing. Tara is obtaining a quote for paving the Linear Park path should funds become available this year from the Streets & Drainage MSBU.

Sandy met with Tara and David Milligan on 1/11/10 to review next year's proposed budget. Due to restructuring, the County is still deciding which department will be responsible for the various aspects of SGC park maintenance. Preliminary estimates are between \$90K and \$100K for maintenance of the entryways and parks. David and Tara are considering "one" SGC beautification contract for all SGC parks and entryway maintenance. Tara agreed that the SGC Advisory Committee will have input and the opportunity to review the specifications "before" the contract goes out to bid.

New SGC Beautification MSBU: Sandy asked for a final committee decision as to whether the County should pursue a separate MSBU for the Community Plan, or a separate line item within the existing Streets and Drainage MSBU. After reviewing the pros and cons of each scenario, the committee unanimously agreed the County should pursue a separate MSBU to fund the SGC Community Plan. At the 2nd BCC meeting in February 2010, the BCC will set a public meeting for the 1st week in March. If there is community support, the proposal for a separate MSBU will be included in the July public hearing.