

**SOUTH GULF COVE COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
April 22, 2010**

Sandy Slater, Kendall Leach, Susan Faust, Yvonne Ermirio and April Chattinger were in attendance. John McGuire, Karen Ireland and Karen Price attended as guests. Roxann Read and Tara Musselman attended as staff.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Yvonne made the motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2010 meeting and April seconded.

Staff Comments:

Roxann reported on the status of the county's bicycle/pedestrian master plan. Venkat Vattikuti will speak to the group concerning the project at the May 20, 2010 meeting.

New Business:

None.

Old Business:

Committee Member Reports:

April: Public Safety & Health – The South Gulf Cove Community Emergency Response team will be offering a CPR/AED course on May 5th for all the C.E.R.T. members.

April: Pedestrian Bikeways/Cove Connector – Cove Connector will be offering a brunch on Sunday, April 25th with Firewise. Profits will go towards maintenance and replacement of any Cove Connector plantings damaged by the frost. Leftover profits will be dedicated to park development.

April: Firewise Community – Every year in order to maintain our Firewise Community status, an educational program must be offered for the community informing them of how to become fire wise in their homes as well as within their community. This will be accomplished this year through the Cove Connector/Firewise brunch to be held on April 25th. The Charlotte County Fire Dept. will be there with a fire truck and educational material will be available. There has been no further communication from the Dept. of Forestry as to when they will return to do more brush and invasive clearing.

Kendall discussed the deed restriction project, the waterways issues, Quality Mining and seawalls. Roxann will check with Inga and other staff pertaining to seawalls versus retaining walls.

Susan: Lemon Bay/Myakka Trail Scenic Highway - The South Gulf Cove Home Owners Association voted April 21, 2010 to adopt the section of county road 771 that borders our community under the Keep Charlotte Beautiful Program. The first clean-up will be Saturday, May 1. Glenda Anderson of Keep Charlotte Beautiful will supply us with gloves, orange safety vests, tee-shirts and garbage bags and arrange for a pick-up by Waste Management.

The LBMT Scenic Highway Committee has scheduled a clean-up of their adopted section of route 776 (a mile north and south of Dearborn Street, both Sarasota and Charlotte Counties) on April 24.

Susan: Event signs - Dorli Hauserman, Chris Ahern and Sue Faust met at the Ingraham Blvd entrance to evaluate the visibility of the 18" x 36" sign format proposed by Ms Hauserman. This size is in keeping with the width of the end pillar of the entryway sign and could be mounted in tracks across the rear face of the pillar. The tracks could be painted to match the color of the pillar, thus being inconspicuous when signs are not present. Photos of the test sign being held in place are submitted for the Committee to evaluate. Roxann Read has offered to ask Darcy Nicolosi's opinion of this approach.

Susan: Community development grant application information gathering meeting Sandy Slater, John McGuire (Chair of the Conservancy and Community Trust) and Sue Faust met with Anne Merrill of the private firm Community Planning and Development Strategies on April 9, 2010. Ms. Merrill works with the LBMT Scenic Highway Committee as a volunteer to prepare grant applications for that organization. She suggested strategies for identifying and developing relationships with local granting agencies even though funding is currently scarce.

Sandy: Entryways – Electric, irrigation and reuse connections are installed, and we anticipate arrival of the tile and caps shortly. FPL installed transformers and drops will be installed once the County accepts the entryways. The S&D MSBU Committee recommended curbing the other 3 entrances to be consistent with the San Domingo entrance. The cost estimate is \$45,930 and would be funded from the S&D MSBU reserves. At the HOA meeting April 21st, all but two members favored going ahead with the curbing. A contract modification must go before the BCC.

Sandy: SGC Beautification MSBU - The BCC approved the ordinance to establish the SGC Beautification MSBU on April 13th. The MSBU Budget Workshop is May 4th where the BCC will consider the proposed \$25 assessment with no public input. There will be a SGC Town Hall Meeting within the next few months; however, we still need supporters at the July budget hearings to speak in favor of the MSBU

Sandy questioned whether there should be a separate SGC Advisory Committee and a SGC Beautification MSBU Committee, or whether the two should be combined. Most SGCAC projects are not MSBU related, and, according to Tara, an MSBU Committee can only work on MSBU work programs. Committee members can apply for the MSBU positions which Tara indicated will be advertised within the next few months.

Sandy: Funding & Resources Current Year Budget - Tara will compile expenses within the next two weeks. She will have P&R costs, entryway totals and maintenance costs so we can determine what funds we have left to work with in this FY. If the new SGC Beautification MSBU is approved after the September Budget Hearings, we will not have access to residual S&D funding previously identified for the Community Plan.

Sandy: Funding & Resources (next year) SGC Beautification MSBU - Meeting with Tara in two weeks to review proposed budget. Per Tara on April 20th, the current projected budget for the new SGC Beautification MSBU is \$367,488 collected from 14,700 ERUs, giving us \$336,963 to work with after administrative costs.

Sandy: Boat Ramp Park – Per David March 20th, he's looking into bank restoration under the SGC Annual Contract using P&R Native Tree Funds. The Facilities Department now has park development under the recent realignments.

Sandy questioned who will do P&R Monthly Report now that PW is taking over SGC maintenance and Facilities is taking over Park Development. Tara announced the monthly report will no longer be provided.

Sandy: Land Acquisition – An update was requested from Real Estate Services – nothing to report.

Yvonne reported on the parks maintenance and development.

Mark Lerch from Growth Management presented Low Impact Development (LID) techniques for park development.

Next Meeting: May 20, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., B200

Adjournment at 12:30 p.m.

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