

**SOUTH GULF COVE COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2010**

Sandy Slater, Kendall Leach, Yvonne Ermirio and April Chattinger were in attendance. Tony Ermirio, Karen Ireland and Karen Price attended as guests. Roxann Read attended as staff.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Yvonne made the motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2010 meeting and April seconded. April made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2010 meeting and Yvonne seconded.

Staff Comments:

Roxanne agreed to advertise the SGC Town Hall meeting May 27th as a public Advisory Committee meeting to enable committee discussion under Sunshine. The seawall issue was discussed. Jeff Ruggieri spoke to Karen Price about the situation and a meeting will be set up with DEP in June to explore options.

New Business:

Venkat Vattikuti explained the county's proposed bicycle master plan.

Old Business:

Committee Member Reports:

April: Flowering tree placement was discussed. The recent brunch raised \$900. April agreed to e-mail Tara regarding the grass now being mowed behind palm trees at the ends of canals.

Kendall discussed the recent planting of 4500 8-12 in. carp in 30 locations along the waterways to aid in char control. The noise from Quality Mine has not been an issue recently. The irrigation of St. Paul Linear Park was discussed.

Susan was excused from the meeting. Roxanne announced she is working with Susan to up a meeting early next week to discuss the advertising signs with Susan and her team. Sandy announced that the CR771 cleanup was a success. Over twenty residents and Scenic Highway members came out for the cleanup sponsored by the HOA. The Charlotte Sun newspaper provided good coverage of the event.

Sandy: Entryways – At the joint meeting of the S&D MSBU and the SGCAC April 22nd, the vote was unanimous to install curbing and drains, and to relocate the palms closer to the road. In addition, at the SGCAC special meeting at the San Domingo entry sign May 4th, over twenty property owners voted unanimously to replace the tile originally ordered for the sign faces. The contract modification for both the curbing and the tile is going before the BCC on the consent agenda next Tuesday. Sandy plans to attend the pre-agenda Monday and the BCC meeting Tuesday. Denny Curtis (HOA President), Tony Ermirio (S&D MSBU Chair), and Sandy are meeting with the Commissioners today to gain support for the modification. Once the contract modification is approved next week, we anticipate two weeks for tile reorder and then the contractor can move out. The PW project manager is not allowing fence and lettering installation until the tile and electric

lighting is installed as there have been aluminum theft problems. The modification is \$51,030 for curbing/drains/relocate trees and \$8,700 for tile replacement. The contractor is offering \$1K credit for the tile. The committee discussed whether to accept the credit as the tile cost substantially more. Tara was called and verified that the County is the only one that can keep the tile as it's paid from County funds. The community can use the tile for another project as long as it is a project managed through the County. The committee voted unanimously to accept the credit. Sandy will notify Barry Cohen, PW project manager, of the committee's decision.

Sandy: Funding, Resources and Contracts – Tara indicated over two months ago that she would retrieve year-to-date expenses in this FY so we know what we have to work with in time to contract out work before the end of the FY. After constant reminders over the past several months, the meeting is finally scheduled for May 27th before the Town Hall Meeting. Two unknowns are P&R expenses against their \$50K allocation, and up-to-date staff time against the Entryway Contract which is running much more than anyone ever anticipated. Another unknown is the SGC maintenance portion of the County's Specialty Mowing contract, for which Tara has been promising costs estimates for several months.

Sandy: Boat Ramp Park – David Milligan is supposed to be working on a bank restoration design contract using P&R's native tree funds under the SGC Annual Contract.

Sandy: Land Acquisition – According to Real Estate Services, no responses have been received on the letters sent for regarding the 4 privately owners parcels abutting McAlester and Fruitport parks. Until we know funding availability from Tara, there will be no further push on staff to pursue any further.

Yvonne: Linear Park mangrove trimming is a three year project and this first year opened up good water views at the benches and at the ends of streets. At a meeting with Greg O'Connor, plants needing replacement at the Linear Park were identified and he is writing a contract for that to occur. The fine mulching and mowing at Nittany and Santa Lucia parks was nicely done. Much work has been done at the Learning Garden to replace the damage done by the winter freeze. The Charlotte Sun newspaper provided an informative writeup about the Learning Garden. At a meeting with Barry Cohen, PW Project Manager and Walt Black, PW ADA representative, it was determined that the concrete path at the Linear Park would be 5 feet wide with minor deviations at the benches. There are several ADA challenges at the Learning Garden, and next Tuesday at the Learning Garden, Yvonne, Karen Ireland and Barry Cohen, will discuss the ADA requirements and hopefully finalize the path design.

Sandy: SGC Beautification MSBU and Committee - The BCC approved the SGC Beautification MSBU on April 13th and approved the \$25 October assessment at the May 4th MSBU Workshop. The final BCC decision will be after the July and September Budget Hearings. PW will be announcing vacancies for 5 members and 1 alternate in the next 3-4 weeks. Per Tara, applications will be on the County website soon. The Committee discussed the role of the MSBU Committee and Karen Price read the ordinance. Most of the work programs will be beautification projects identified in the SGC Park System Master Plan, but can also include other projects proposed by the SGCAC. The MSBU Committee can only work on projects funded through the MSBU.

Sandy has attended most of the S&D MSBU Committee meetings since 2002. She discussed how difficult it is for the Committee to get activity reports and information from the County representative in advance of the meetings, how much time during the meetings is spent by the County representative making phone calls and sending e-mails to get information promised weeks and months ago, and how no S&D MSBU minutes have been provided for nearly a year. This makes it very difficult for the Committee to plan and to track progress of the various work programs. Getting timely information from the County representative will be one of the biggest challenges the new SGC Beautification Committee will face.

Sandy: SGC Advisory Committee Role and Need for Two Committees – The SGCAC was appointed by the BCC in 2003 to implement the Community Plan by working with the County, CCT, MSBUs and other organizations as required. Many initiatives the SGCAC are currently working on are “not” MSBU funded such as the SGC Boat Ramp and Park (Impact Fees), Land acquisition by trading County owned lots to expand parks, ensuring consistency between County Zoning/FLUM/deed restrictions, Lakewatch Program, Quality Mining, Seawalls, Public Safety/4 Way Stops, Fire and EMS, Cove Connector Tree project, Firewise, pursuit of grant opportunities, advertising structures, Scenic Highway affiliations, etc. If the SGCAC was disestablished, we would only do MSBU funded projects such as maintenance of SGC entryways, median, parks and mangrove trimming and beautification projects in the SGC Park System Master Plan such as Park development, CR771 median landscaping, piers, etc. We would lose the higher level vision of the Community Plan developed for SGC. Another important aspect of what the SGCAC has provided is the SGC reputation and recognition within the County for aggressively getting things done for the SGC community. Lobbying at the Commissioner level and constant staff interaction are what it takes to get anything done within the County.

The Committee unanimously agreed that there is a need for the SGCAC to remain a separate committee and having a few members from the SGCAC on the MSBU Committee would provide the continuity between the two committees. It would also leave positions open on both committees to bring in new members, even though everyone recognizes the difficulty in recruiting volunteers. Appointments for 4 of the 5 SGCAC members expire July 25th and Roxanne will notify the BCC front office to announce the vacancies. Sandy plans to apply for the SGCAC and not the MSBU Committee. Yvonne’s appointment is up next February and she does not intend to apply for the new MSBU Committee. Kendall and April plan to apply for both committees to provide the continuity. Susan has indicated she will not reapply to the SGCAC due to personal demands, but will continue to work on community projects. The Committee has worked hard and accomplished many things over the past 7 years. Everyone agreed the Committee needs to scale back on efforts, needs to reduce the numbers of meetings from monthly to possibly quarterly, and needs to ensure the MSBU meeting and SGCAC meeting are scheduled on the same day so members can attend both, if they choose. Roxanne will work with Tara to schedule the meetings.

Sandy: Town Hall Meeting May 27, 2010 – The meeting was advertised in the HOA News & Views May 1st and Sandy was interviewed by the Charlotte Sun Newspaper for an article that will appear next week before the meeting. Sandy will contact Denny Curtis to request a notice be placed on the SGC HOA Website and that the HOA send out a mass E-mail. At Tara’s request, a proposed Press Release was sent to her earlier this week to forward to the newspapers. Tara is also supposed to have signs made to

place at our entrances. Tara is supposed to get with Sandy on a format for the meeting; however, she's on vacation up until one day before the meeting. Sandy will forward any information regarding the format to all members as it's developed.

Community Plan Review & Planning for the Future was not addressed due to time constraints.

Next Meeting: June 17, 2010 9:00, B200

Adjournment at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sandy Slater, Chair.