

SOUTH GULF COVE COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2010

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

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

San Domingo Park Review: David Milligan, Facilities Department, reviewed the proposed tasking for the San Domingo Park design and permitting under the Annual Contract with David M Jones. The Committee discussed the scope of services, deliverables, project elements, cost estimates and timelines. The Committee verified with Tara Musselman that \$42,825 funding is available in this FY for the design and permitting, and that construction funding is in the proposed budget for next FY. The Committee voted unanimously for David to pursue the San Domingo contract being placed on the BCC consent agenda for July 27th to ensure this contract is encumbered using this FY's Community Plan funds within the Streets & Drainage MSBU.

Yvonne provided her Committee Park Report and departed the meeting at 10:15. Yvonne, Carol McGuire and Karen Ireland met with Barry Cohen and Walt Black from Public Works at the St. Paul Linear Park and the Learning Garden to discuss concrete pathways replacing the existing shell paths. The engineering to make the paths ADA compliant is estimated at approximately \$20K for both parks. This is a project requested by the SGC Streets & Drainage Advisory Committee, and they would like to fund the engineering and construction from the SGC Streets & Drainage funds in this FY.

Approval of Minutes: April recommended approval of the May 20, 2010 meeting minutes and Kendall seconded. April recommended approval of the May 27, 2010 Town Hall Meeting minutes with one correction and Kendall seconded.

Staff Comments: Jie Shao discussed the inclusion of South Gulf Cove in the Managed Neighborhood Framework for Smart Charlotte 2050 and the Committee agreed this was the appropriate designation. Roxann initiated a discussion about the upcoming meeting with DEP and the seawall issue. It was decided to ask DEP to postpone the meeting for 6-8 weeks to allow Denny Curtis more time to gather information on properties.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Committee Member Reports:

April: All SGC CERT members had their CPR training renewed and CERT is training a new class in Port Charlotte this month. The dead trees installed along the main SGC roadways by the Cove Connector Team are being replaced next week with funds raised at the spring brunch. The Cove Connector Fall Brunch is planned for November 7th. The Firewise Team is applying to renew the SGC Firewise Community designation, although there's been no action from the Forestry Department in the past year. April reminded everyone who cuts away brush at their residence that they must place the brush on their own property for disposal.

Kendall: The second deed restriction mailing from the HOA went out this month and a community meeting is scheduled in October to vote on revising the deed restrictions to align with county zoning regulations. More carp will be added to the waterways in October-November. There are no issues with Quality Mining. Maintenance of the St. Paul Linear Park was discussed. Per Tara, the maintenance contract is to run for 18 months and will expire in October of 2011. Kendall asked if sign in sheets could be posted at the parks to track park usage.

Sandy: Entryways - Denny Curtis, Tony Ermirio and Sandy met with Commissioners May 21st to gain support for the entryway curbing and tile replacement contract modification on the May 25th BCC consent agenda. After the May 24th pre-agenda discussion, Sandy requested Commissioner Duffy pull this from the consent agenda as only Commissioners Loftus, Cummings and Duffy were supportive, and Commissioner Loftus would not be present for the vote. At the May 27th Town Hall Meeting, there was unanimous support for the curbing and tile replacement. At the June 8th BCC meeting the \$51,030 for curbing/drains/relocating palms, and \$8,700 tile replacement contract modification was approved 3-2 with Commissioners Starr & Skidmore dissenting.

The entryway project is progressing with curbing, palm relocation, palms behind signs, and tile installation in process. Grout is being ordered and the lettering, electric, grading, sod, plants, mulch, stump removal, irrigation and hook-ups are planned with an estimated completion of early August.

Entryway maintenance was discussed in depth and the Committee agreed it is essential to have a contract in place before the County's final acceptance of the signs and landscaping. Sandy has requested the maintenance agreement in writing since early this year. Tara confirmed Gregg O'Connor from Public Works has it for action, and she is getting a cost estimate from Gregg.

Denny will continue pursuing removal or relocation of the unsightly newspaper racks across from the signs at Ingraham Blvd. and CR771.

Sandy: Funding & Resources:

FY09/10 - Current Year Budget: Sandy reviewed a report provided by Tara showing year to date actual and projected expenses. The estimated balance available for Community Plan projects in this FY is \$52,009.31. Unless the \$42,825 is encumbered for the San Domingo Park design and permitting in this FY, these funds will no longer be available for any Community Plan projects after October 1st.

Sandy reviewed her calculations of total expenses for the Entryway Project during FY08/09 and FY09/10. Contracts with Kimley Horne for design and engineering at \$45K, Holland Landscaping for construction at \$235K, and FPL at \$8K are approximately \$288K of the \$298K budgeted. \$52K for the additional palm trees and \$59K for the curbing were separately funded by the S&D MSBU. Staff time is approximately \$40K for both FYs.

FY10/11 SGC Beautification MSBU Proposed Budget: The proposed budget for the new SGC Beautification MSBU was distributed at the May 27th Town Hall Meeting. If \$367,488 is collected from 14,700 ERUs, the Committee has \$336,963 to work with next FY.

SGC Beautification MSBU: On April 13th the BCC approved the SGC Beautification MSBU and they approved a preliminary \$25 assessment at the May 4th MSBU workshop. At the SGC Town Hall Meeting May 27th, 79 of the 80 attendees supported the \$25 MSBU assessment, which is a net increase of \$5 after the proposed \$20 reduction in the SGC S&D MSBU. Speakers and supporters are needed at the SGC MSBU Public Hearing next Thursday, July 22nd at 5:01 p.m. at Lemon Bay High School. The Public Hearing is widely advertised and notices were sent to all property owners. Karen Ireland and Sandy are gathering letters to the BCC from Press Mail. Community leaders will meet with each of the Commissioners next week to solicit their support and address any questions before the public hearing.

Sandy: Boat Ramp Park – Per David July 9th, the bank restoration study using P&R Native Tree Funds is still planned, but on the back burner due to staff shortages. Per John Jackson July 12th, Andy Stevens is assessing freeze damaged plants for replacement from County funds – not MSBU funds.

Sandy: Land Acquisition – The letter from Donald Pavlik, who owns several SGC lots, was discussed. Sandy agreed to contact Mr. Pavlik and convey the Committee is not interested in purchasing land for parks and suggest he may want to consider donating the land through the SGC CCT.

Sandy: Committee Vacancies are announced at HOA Meeting and in News & Views, but we need everyone to solicit good people to apply.

SGC Beautification MSBU Committee: PW is announcing vacancies for 5 regular members and 1 alternate at the next BCC meeting and on the County website.

SGC Advisory Committee: Applications are due to the BCC by July 15th for appointment July 27th. Kendall, April and Sandy are applying as current terms expire July 25th.

Public Comments:

Denny Curtis inquired about the illegal boat launches that were occurring and the committee discussed the issue.

Next Meeting: Tentatively August 19, 2010 9:00, B200

Adjournment at 11:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sandy Slater, Chair.