TEAM South Gulf Cove (SGC) Town Hall Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2013, 9:00 – 12:00 am, HOA Pavilion, 14859 Ingraham Blvd., SGC

This was a joint meeting of the SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee, the SGC Waterways MSBU Advisory Committee, the SGC Streets and Drainage MSBU Advisory Committee, the SGC Beautification MSBU Advisory Committee, the Conservancy & Community Trust of SGC, the SGC Homeowners Association, and the SGC Yacht Club.

Attendance - 85 residents and guests

Welcome and Introductions – Sandy Slater 9:00- 9:04

Charlotte County – Commissioner Bill Truex 9:04- 9:15

- CR771 widening; permitting Sept/Oct 2013, start 2014.
- Stump Pass; 2 yr/$2 million dredging/stabilization project.
- New Charlotte County Community Service Director-Tom Scott.
- Workshop 2/19/13 re: West county widening projects -776 from Placida Rd to Spinnaker Blvd; Placida Rd from Rotonda West to Cape Haze Dr (eventually from Cape Haze Dr to Boca Grande Causeway). Completion of Winchester from 776 to 775 – Spring 2014.
- Holds office at San Casa – Wednesdays 1:30 to 5:00 pm. Local Phone 681-3720.
- Responded to questions regarding right turn lanes included in plans for CR771 widening and completing Pioneer Trail across Coral Creek Golf Club property.

SGC Organizations Overview – Sandy Slater 9:15-9:20

- Highlighted the functions and interaction of the 7 SGC organizations and committees and the various safety and social organized groups within SGC.

SGC Homeowners Association – Denny Curtis 9:20-9:30

- Reviewed activities and responsibilities of the Association.
- Responded to questions regarding development of the HOA Property to hold events and possibly implement a community garden.

SGC Yacht Club – Kevin Woods 9:30-9:37

- Reviewed activities and purpose of the organization which is to utilize our water access and have fun!

Conservancy & Community Trust of SGC – Pam Curtis 9:37-9:45

- Reviewed the purpose and projects sponsored by the CCT.

County Advisory Committees Overview – Sandy Slater 9:45-9:50

- Reviewed the purpose of the Community Plan Advisory Committee, the 3 MSBU Advisory Committees, and the West County Storm Water Utility Committee.

SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee – April Chattinger 9:50-10:02

- Five member committee appointed by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) in 2003 and renewed in 2008 to implement the 16 recommendations in the Community Plan - the first such plan developed in Charlotte County.
- Provided community outreach through Town Hall Meetings in 2006, 2007, 2010 and 2013 regarding projects implemented and in process.
- Announced Tom Lindholm as new Chair of the Firewise Program.
- Committee will recommend to the BCC that committee "sunset" in 2013.

TEAM SGC – Sandy Slater 10:03-10:07

- "Sunsetted" Community Plan Advisory Committee will transition into "Team South Gulf Cove" to continue the communication and dedication to the ideals within the Community Plan developed for SGC.

SGC Waterways MSBU Advisory Committee – Ron Bick 10:07-10:20

- Reviewed the past accomplishments and future projects regarding our waterway system.
- Responded to inquiry as to notification to all residents when/if the lock will be opened to allow water into our community to raise our water level.
- Advised lock remote users to aim the remote in the direction of the antenna on the building (not at the lock) for best results.

SGC Streets & Drainage MSBU Advisory Committee – Karen Ireland 10:20-10:42

- Carmine Rossi reviewed the projected repaving schedule with the possibility of combining the current 5 phase schedule into one project covering all of SGC.
- Karen Ireland discussed the implementation of walkways/bikepaths within our community. We will be requesting input from the residents in an upcoming survey regarding priorities as this project will most likely be a phased construction requiring funding options.
- Responded to questions from the audience regarding the condition/deterioration of our roads and as to why we pave where there are no homes.

SGC Beautification MSBU Advisory Committee – Karen Price 10:43-11:35

- MSBU established in May 2010 and Advisory Committee appointed in October 2010 to implement the Park System Master Plan approved for our Community.
- Carol McGuire reviewed activities at the Learning Garden and Linear Park.
- Barbara Hundley discussed acquisition of adjacent park lots through trading for other County owned lots.
- Karen Price emphasized the impact of the cost of maintenance in constraining plans to add/improve park locations and discussed the possibility of having to assess additional funds to implement additional amenities/locations.
- Bob Dratch discussed the survey the Committee will be sending out to the community to prioritize the implementation of the Master Park Plan.

Summary and Wrap-Up – Sandy Slater 11:35-11:40

SGC Water Quality – Weiler Engineering 11:40-12:12

- Consultants working for Stock Development, owners of property to the South of the Santa Cruz Waterway, presented a proposal for ecological use for the Quality Mine Property.

Adjourned at 12:13 pm.

Submitted by:

Karen Ireland

Karen Ireland

Attachment: Information packet presented to participants

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9:00 – 12:00 a.m. HOA Pavilion
14859 Ingraham Blvd. in SGC

Agenda

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V. SGC Yacht Club – Kevin Woods

VI. Conservancy & Community Trust of SGC – Pam Curtis

VII. County Advisory Committees Overview – Sandy Slater

VIII. SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee – April Chattinger

IX. TEAM SGC – Sandy Slater

X. SGC Waterways MSBU Advisory Committee – Ron Bick

XI. SGC Streets & Drainage MSBU Advisory Committee – Karen Ireland

XII. SGC Beautification MSBU Advisory Committee – Karen Price

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XIV. SGC Water Quality – Weiler Engineering

Charlotte County Elected Officials

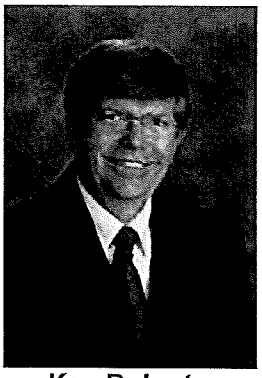
The Florida Legislature established Charlotte County on April 20, 1921 with Punta Gorda as the county seat. The name Charlotte was chosen by a public vote. To learn more about Charlotte County you can visit their web site at www.charlottecountyfl.gov

In 1985 Charlotte County adopted a Home Rule Chapter, giving the Board of County Commissioners the authorization to pass laws. Charlotte County has five elected County Commissioners. County Commissioners must reside in the district that they serve and are elected for a four-year term. The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Murdock Administrative Complex in Port Charlotte. **South Gulf Cove is in District #3; our elected Commissioner is Bill Truex.**

The SGC Homeowners Association Board of Directors and the SGC Advisory Committees pay very close attention to the BCC agenda and attend meetings on your behalf to voice the opinion for the homeowners and property owners of South Gulf Cove. When attendance is needed at the BCC meeting to show our elected officials a united voice, South Gulf Cove organizations and committees come together to represent our community. Participation at county meetings is critical to the future of South Gulf Cove.

Your Charlotte County Commissioners
Charlotte County Administration Center
18500 Murdock Circle, Port Charlotte, FL 33948
(941) 743-1300
Email: **assistant@charlottefl.com**

District 1



Ken Doherty

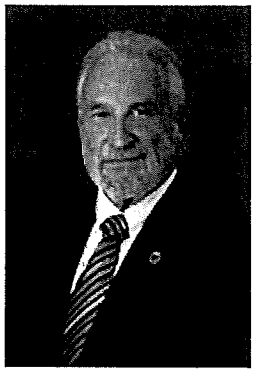
District 2

Chris Constance

District 3

Bill Truex

District 4



Stephen R Deutsch

District 5

Tricia Duffy

Other elected officials: Clerk of the Circuit Court, Property Appraiser, Sheriff's Office, Supervisor of Elections, School Board of Charlotte County and Tax Collector.

Information about these officials can be found on their web sites listed below:

Board of County Commissioners	**www.charlottecountyfl.gov/dept/commissionoffice**
Clerk of the Circuit Court	**www.co.charlotte.fl.us**
Property Appraiser	**www.ccappraiser.com**
Charlotte County Sheriff	**www.ccso.org**
Supervisor of Elections	**www.charlottevotes.com**
School Board of Charlotte County	**www.ccps.k12.fl.us**
Tax Collector	**www.cctaxcol.com**

TEAM SOUTH GULF COVE

Charlotte County Advisory Committees
Appointed by Board of County Commissioners

SGC Waterway MSBU Advisory Committee

SGC Streets & Drainage MSBU Advisory Committee

SGC Beautification MSBU Advisory Committee

SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee

Represents ~ 15,000 Lots & Homes

Funding from Non Ad Valorem Taxes

Responsibilities

SGC Waterway

Projects & Maintenance

Funding from Non Ad Valorem Taxes

Responsibilities

SGC Streets & Drainage

Projects & Maintenance

Funding from Non Ad Valorem Taxes

Responsibilities

Master Park Plan

Projects & Maintenance

Funding from SGC MSBUs County Ad Valorem CCT Grants & Donations

Responsibilities

Community Plan

Supports & Implements

SGC Organizations
(Independent of Charlotte County)

South Gulf Cove Homeowners Association (SGCHOA)

South Gulf Cove Yacht Club (SGCYC)

Conservancy & Community Trust of South Gulf Cove (CCT) 501c3 Represents ~15,000 Lots & Homes

Membership Organizations

Responsibilities

Deed Restrictions
Member Initiatives
Manage Common Property

Responsibilities

Social & Boating Events

Funding from Grants, Fund Raising & Donations

Responsibilities

Support and Sponsor

Community Plan Projects
The Learning Garden
Cove Connector
SGC Neighborhood News
Explore Incorporation of SGC
Scholarship Program
(Future) Community Garden

SGC Safety Groups

HOA NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Car patrolling throughout the community on an unscheduled basis
COORDINATOR – JOE LEE (glojo2@embarqmail.com) 941-698-0326 Volunteers Needed

HOA STREET WATCH REPRESENTATIVES: Residents monitor their respective streets on a routine basis
COORDINATOR – ERNIE STEVENS (els1947@embarqmail.com) 941-697-8766 Volunteers Needed

YACHT CLUB MARINE WATCH: Boat patrolling waterways throughout the community on an unscheduled basis
COORDINATOR – JOHN McANIFF (john@mcaniff.net) 941-698-0419 Volunteers Needed

SGC COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (C.E.R.T.) - A dedicated group of highly motivated residents volunteered to take the required training for the purpose of forming and developing a local group. Their training consisted of 8 classroom modules totaling approximately 20 hours, plus an additional 3 hour practical exercise that addresses fundamentals in fire suppression techniques, disaster medical assistance, light search and rescue, and several other important related topics. Several members are also trained in basic first aid and CPR/AED life support techniques. The heart of the C.E.R.T. program is "A Neighbor Helping Neighbor" system with "Doing the Greatest Good for the Greatest Number" as the directive for operating and training.

In case of a major disastrous event, County provided emergency services could be negatively impacted. Customary communication paths may be impinged upon and access to our community could also be obstructed. As soon as possible and when safe to do so, SGC C.E.R.T. assessment patrols would start a visual survey of our community in an effort to determine damage levels and provide aid to those that require it. If our community experiences a significant destructive incident, our C.E.R.T. would provide a first response benefit to all SGC residents.

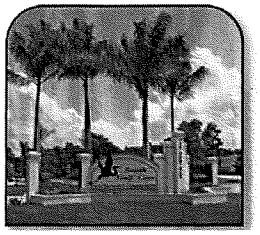
The team continuously promotes the C.E.R.T. concept and invites interested persons to join the group if they are willing to invest the time and energy to provide this necessary service to our residents. For information about the C.E.R.T. program, or if you would like to join the team, contact Steve or Lil GaNun at 941-828-3626.

SGC FIREWISE PROGRAM - The National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) Firewise Communities program encourages local solutions for wildfire safety by involving homeowners, community leaders, planners, developers, firefighters and others in the effort to protect people and property from the risk of wildfire. The Firewise Communities approach emphasizes community responsibility for planning in the design of a safe community as well as effective emergency response, and individual responsibility for safer home construction and design, landscaping and maintenance. To save lives and property from wildfire, NFPA's Firewise Communities program teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire and encourages neighbors to work together and take action now to prevent losses. We all have a role to play in protecting ourselves and each other from the risk of wildfire. The program is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the National Association of State Foresters. SGC is a FIREWISE community and your FIREWISE representative is Tom Lindholm, 630-973-7767, lat26attitude@gmail.com.

SGC Social Groups

CRAFTY GIRLS OF SGC – In 1995, several ladies got together socially to work on craft projects and meet new people. They evolved to an active group that participates in local events featuring crafts. Through their "crafty" efforts, they have donated a considerable portion of the funds needed to purchase the land and build the SGCHOA pavilion. They donated toward the tables, paid for the screens, fans and most of the electric service, and recently donated a significant amount of money toward the future bathrooms and storage building. There are no dues and no rules, just a willingness to participate in the betterment of SGC. Craftiness is not required to join in the activities. Contact Irma Whitmer, 941-697-1772.

SOPHISTICATED LADIES – THE RED HAT SOCIETY OF SGC - Where there is fun after fifty (and before) for women of all walks of life. A social group out to have fun, have lunch, chat, and meet with the ladies of our neighborhood. No rules and no politics, so come out and join the fun. If interested, call Judith McElwaine, 941-697-9847.



Protecting Your Property Value

South Gulf Cove Homeowners Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 977
Placida, FL 33946-0977
(941) 697-7523
Web Site: www.SouthGulfCoveFL.org

The importance of maintaining an active, strong association and its benefits to the community are numerous. The South Gulf Cove Homeowners Association, Inc. (SGCHOA) was originally founded as a social organization and a means of representing the interests of the community with the developer, General Development Corporation (GDC).

In 1994 with the demise of GDC the Deed Restrictions for South Gulf Cove were entrusted to SGCHOA. First and foremost your association **protects the value of your property by enforcing the Deed Restrictions**. In 2011 we successfully restated and revitalized the Deed Restrictions for South Gulf Cove to guarantee they would be in place for the next 30 years. We maintain an active Architectural Review Committee to ensure that homes are constructed in compliance with our Deed Restrictions.

In addition we:

- Represent your community to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and other government officials when necessary.
- Support the County appointed South Gulf Cove Advisory Committee and MSBU Advisory Committees (Beautification, Streets & Drainage, and Waterways).
- Welcome new members into the Association.
- Support the Neighborhood Watch, Street Representative, and Marine Watch Programs to increase community security.
- Provide social events to foster a sense of community awareness.
- Hold association meetings and publish a monthly newsletter to keep everyone informed.
- Provide a World Wide Web Site, www.SouthGulfCoveFL.org , to inform property owner and future property owners about our community.
- Support other organizations and groups within the community such as the South Gulf Cove Yacht Club, Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove (CCT), The Learning Garden, Cove Connector, Firewise, Community Emergency Response Team (CERTS) of South Gulf Cove, Crafty Girls, and The Sophisticated Ladies (Red Hat Ladies Society) of South Gulf Cove.

President – Denny Curtis
1st Vice President – John Robinson
2nd Vice President - Ken Simeone*
Secretary – Linda Atkinson
Treasurer – Pam Curtis

Director – Gary Weber
Director – Gwen Bates
Director – Hal Lichty**
Director – Dave Gervais*
Director – Karen Ireland*

*Term Starts 3/1/2013 **Term Ends 2/28/2013

For just $6.25 per month, protect your investment & BE INFORMED!

If you join in the month of xxx your annual dues are:

Jan $75.00	**July $43.75**
Feb $75.00	**Aug $37.50**
Mar $68.75	**Sept $31.25**
Apr $62.50	**Oct $25.00**
May $56.25	**Nov $18.75**
June $50.00	**Dec $12.50**

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South Gulf Cove Homeowners Association Inc. – Membership Application

South Gulf Cove Homeowners Association, Inc. is a voluntary organization comprised of homeowners and property owners interested in the betterment of our community. As a member, you will receive our informative newsletter. Membership dues cover the operating costs of the association. In addition, we represent your interest in Charlotte County through participation at meetings, various committees and representation on some County Advisory Council's. **Please complete the membership application and return with your applicable dues to our mailing address above.**

DATE: _____

Please select one: ☐ **Full Time Resident** ☐ **Part Time Resident** ☐ **Non-Resident Property Owner**

_____ _____ _____
Last Name First Name Previous/Current Occupation

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_____ Port Charlotte, FL 33981
South Gulf Cove Address

Alternate Mailing Address for Non-Resident Property Owner or Part Time Resident

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Months to use alternate address (Circle)
If you get a paper copy of the newsletter, please call us so we will know when you have an address change.
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Telephone Number: (Area Code) _____

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☐ **Check here if you would like to receive News & Views on line.**

IN AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT _____ **PHONE** _____

Referred By: _____

The South Gulf Cove Homeowners Association meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post #113, 3436 Indiana Road, Rotonda West, FL 33947

Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc.

P. O. Box 453, Placida, Florida 33946-0453. Phone: (941) 548-6025. Website: www.southgulfcovefl.org/cct.php

President – Pam Curtis
Vice President – Paul Chattinger
Secretary – Gwen Ketner
Treasurer – Chris Ahern

Board Member – John McGuire
Board Member – Sandy Slater
Board Member – Vacant
Board Member – Vacant

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT) is a 501c(3) non-profit corporation. Established in January 2003, the CCT provides sponsoring and funding for land conservation, community improvements, and protection of water quality of the Charlotte Harbor Estuary. The CCT can offer all donors a tax deduction for all contributions. The goal of **The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT)** is to improve the quality of life in South Gulf Cove a little more every day by reducing density; preserving land; developing parks, ensuring adequacy and safety of the roads and responding to changing neighborhood needs. The CCT raises money by applying for grants, fund raising and donations. The CCT is an all volunteer organization.

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT) is currently sponsoring ***"The Learning Garden"*** located on a scenic 1-½ acre waterfront lot in South Gulf Cove. This project began in March 2004 as a partnership with Charlotte County. The Garden is designed to educate coastal residents on the best landscaping plants, materials and maintenance practices for our climate, to conserve water, diminish storm water runoff and reduce water pollution.

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT) is currently sponsoring the ***"Cove Connector"*** project. The Cove Connector is focused on South Gulf Cove beautification, park development and bike/pedestrian pathways. Since 2009 they have sponsored a Tree Program which brought several Palms and Flowering Trees throughout the community along our major roadways.

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT) is currently sponsoring the ***"Holiday Decorations"*** of the entryway signs.

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT) is currently sponsoring the ***"South Gulf Cove Neighborhood News"***. The newsletter is published and distributed quarterly to residents in South Gulf Cove. The goal of this project is to share information about South Gulf Cove.

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT) is currently sponsoring the ***"Incorporation Community Educational Workshops"***. Workshops are to explore whether incorporation of South Gulf Cove as a city, town or village is right for the community in response to changing neighborhood needs.

The Conservancy and Community Trust of South Gulf Cove, Inc. (CCT) will be working on some new projects starting in 2013. We are currently seeking Project Managers and/or volunteers for these initiatives:

- ***South Gulf Cove Scholarship Program*** - Scholarship(s) will be awarded to graduating High School Student(s) residing in South Gulf Cove annually.

- ***South Gulf Cove Community Organic Garden*** – Community plots to grow organic food.

COUNTY APPOINTED ADVISORY COMMITTEES

(Operate under the Florida Sunshine Law)

South Gulf Cove Community Plan Advisory Committee (SGCAC)

The **SGC Community Plan** was commissioned by Charlotte County in 2002. It is the action instrument to achieve our community's vision and it was accepted by the Board of County Commissions (BCC) in August 2002. The **SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee** was appointed by the BCC in June 2003 and reappointed in June 2008 to plan, prioritize, coordinate, monitor and effect implementation of the Community Plan. To learn more about the **SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee** and the projects they are working on, visit the County website at www.charlottecountyfl.gov/Boards-Committees/SGCAC. A link to the **SGC Community Plan, Park System Master Plan** and other important information can also be found on the Committee's web page. Meetings are announced and open to the public. Contact Roxanne Read, County Committee Liaison, at 941-764-4928 for additional information.

Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Advisory Committees

An MSBU generates revenue from a special assessment (non-ad valorem). Money collected in this manner is used exclusively for projects within the MSBU (unit). Four units serve South Gulf Cove; they are Waterway Unit, Streets and Drainage Unit, Beautification Unit, and the West Charlotte Stormwater Utility. The BCC established these units via their respective Ordinance that defines the territory included within the unit. Each unit has an Advisory Committee consisting of five regular members and one alternate member appointed by the BCC when a vacancy occurs. Members must be property owners residing within the unit who pay an assessment to the unit. Committees meet with the Municipal Services District Representative (MSDR) from Charlotte County Public Works quarterly, or more often as the need arises, for special projects and budget reviews. MSBU meetings are announced and open to the public. To learn more about these advisory committees, contact Judith Nothdurft, SGC's MSDR, at 941-575-3656 or visit the Charlotte County website at www.charlottecountyfl.gov/PublicWorks/msbumstu/listofmsbumstu.asp.

South Gulf Cove Waterway MSBU is managed by Public Works with input from the **Waterway Advisory Committee**. The purpose of this MSBU is to maintain navigable waterways and the access channel outside the Lock. This includes dredging, vegetation control, signage for safe navigation, and Lock maintenance and enhancements.

South Gulf Cove Streets & Drainage MSBU is managed by Public Works with input from the **Streets & Drainage Advisory Committee**. The purpose of this MSBU is to maintain and improve the infrastructure. This includes road paving and maintenance, bridge repair and maintenance, road striping, traffic and street signs, brush removal for clear line-of-sight, pedestrian/bikeways, and drainage swales/outfalls maintenance.

South Gulf Cove Beautification MSBU is managed by Public Works with input from the **Beautification Advisory Committee**. The purpose of this MSBU is to provide for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of beautification and landscaping improvement projects, including neighborhood parks, entryways, greenways and open space.

West Charlotte Stormwater Utility (WCSWU) is managed by Public Works with input from the **West Charlotte Stormwater Utility Committee**. The Stormwater Utility funds stormwater maintenance projects across MSBU lines within West County. In the past, the Utility provided funds toward water quality testing and maintenance of the SGC Lock that is considered a stormwater facility. The Utility currently provides for cleaning and maintenance of the major drainage ditches (also called backyard ditches) in SGC.

SOUTH GULF COVE COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Members:
Sandy Slater, Chairperson
April Chattinger, Vice Chair
Larry Harrod, Secretary
2 vacancies not advertised

The **SGC Community Plan** was commissioned by Charlotte County in 2002. SGC residents collected data and participated in planning sessions to create a vision of SGC at build-out. Property owners envisioned SGC as primarily a single family, waterfront community with a subtropical ambiance, extensive open space and many recreational and civic activities. Pedestrian/bikeways along the major arteries connect parks with lush landscaping and vistas, shaded rest stops, schools, playgrounds, shopping areas, the lagoon and residential areas. Boating, fishing and water activities are central to the vision. Sixteen recommendations identify numerous areas for research, evaluation and implementation. The **SGC Community Plan** was accepted by the Board of County Commissions (BCC) in August 2002.

The **SGC Advisory Committee** was appointed by the BCC in June 2003 to plan, prioritize, coordinate, monitor and effect implementation of the SGC Community Plan. The BCC extended the Committee for an additional five years in May 2008 after reviewing their positive and productive efforts. The **SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee** represents all property owners in SGC. Funding is obtained through County grants, impact fees, sales tax, ad valorem taxes and SGC MSBU non-ad valorem assessments. Fund raising, donations and non-government grants are coordinated with the Conservancy and Community Trust of SGC. Recommended actions go before the BCC for decision through a public hearing.

The **SGC Park System Master Plan** was commissioned by the SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee in 2006. Resident input was obtained through a public workshop and meetings with community representatives. The plan recommends a system of parks, recreation, open space facilities and pathways to meet community needs now and in the future. The **SGC Park System Master Plan** was accepted by the BCC in October 2008 and locks in the 63 acres of County owned park land for SGC's park system. The SGC Beautification MSBU Advisory Committee was established in 2010 to implement the SGC Park System Master Plan.

The **SGC Community Plan** and the **SGC Park System Master Plan** are the action instruments to achieve our community's vision. These plans are available on the County website at www.charlottecountyfl.com under Boards & Committees and the SGC Advisory Committee, or from the CCT library. A status report of all initiatives, meeting minutes, Town Hall Meeting packages, and other pertinent information, are also available on the County website.

SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee Report Card
Partial List of Projects Completed June 2003 to Present

April Chattinger, SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee Vice Chair

Community Outreach:

- Hosted Town Hall Meetings 2006, 2007, 2010, 2013
- Monthly Advisory Committee public meetings advertised and open to the public
- Project updates provided at monthly community meetings and in community newsletters

Parks Development and Maintenance:

- Developed SGC Neighborhood Park at Boat Ramp with County Impact Fees
- Designed and Constructed Entryway Signage, Street Curbing and Palm Trees
- Developed SGC Park System Master Plan accepted by BCC October 2008
  Plan preserves 16 parks on 63 acres as SGC park land for future development
- Developed Linear Park and began mangrove trimming to open up lagoon water view
- Initial design of San Domingo Park through public meetings held February and May 2010
- Cove Connector – Over $35K raised through fund raisers and Tree Program donations to purchase and plant approximately 100 royal palms and trees along SGC's main roadways
- Acquired four County lots through trade toward completing McAlester Park

Funding & Resources:

- Obtained funding from Streets & Drainage MSBU from 2004 to 2010 by ordinance change
- Established Beautification MSBU October 2010 to maintain entryways and current parks, and to continue implementing SGC Park System Master Plan improvements
- Obtained funding from County Ad Valorem for Neighborhood Park at Boat Ramp

Public Safety & Health:

- Installed 4-way stop signs at major intersections due to 4 accidental deaths and several accidents
- Monitored fire and EMS calls and response times to determine future fire and EMS facility needs
- Achieved Fire Wise Community designation in 2007 and multiple SGC lots cleared by Division of Forestry for wildfire hazard mitigation during 2008 and 2009
- Implemented Lake Watch Program to test water quality and clarity in waterways
- Conducted Stormwater assessment to determine pollution and runoff
- Designed pedestrian bikeways and initiated discussions with MSBUs, County and community
- Pursued additional turn lanes exiting SGC with widening of CR771

Miscellaneous:

- Aligned SGC Zoning, Future Land Use & Deed Restrictions by partnering with HOA and County
- Monitored Quality Mining compliance with 5 year reclamation plan
- Liaison to Florida Scenic Highway Committee to achieve CR771 Scenic Highway designation

SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee
Transition to "TEAM SGC"

Sandy Slater, SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee Chairperson

SGC Community Plan Outreach and Communication:

- 2000-2002 Community Plan developed by residents and County staff – 1st in Charlotte County Plan is vision for SGC at build-out and vehicle used to shape development of our community
- 2002 Plan accepted by Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
- HUNDREDS of public meetings held since 2000 to discuss Community Plan recommendations
- Plan summary, recommendations, project updates published in SGC Neighborhood News during 2012 and information in Community Newsletters and on Community websites past 10 years
- Plans, meeting minutes, project updates, sunset review report and other pertinent information available on County website for past 10 years at www.charlottecountyfl.gov under CRAs Boards & Committees, and the SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee
- Hard copy of Plan available from Conservancy and Community Trust of SGC (CCT) library

SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee:

- June 2003 - BCC appointed SGC Community Plan Advisory Committee by ordinance to implement SGC Community Plan with 5 year sunset review clause
- May 2008 - BCC extended Committee 5 additional years to continue implementation of Plan
- May 2013 - Committee will recommend BCC "sunset" Community Plan Advisory Committee
- Past 9 ½ years, addressed most recommendations in Plan and implemented numerous projects
- Community Plan & Advisory Committee "unfunded" when Plan accepted & Committee appointed
- Changes to County policy now allow community development projects through MSBUs
- Suggestions that Community Plan be revisited and updated based on today's population and environment will require dedicated group to sponsor that initiative

TEAM SGC:

- **In the interim,TEAM SGC is an "informal" SGC group that will continue oversight and implementation of our existing Community Plan when SGC Advisory Committee sunsets**
- Committee met quarterly in 2012 with Beautification MSBU, Streets & Drainage MSBU, Waterways MSBU, Conservancy & Community Trust, Homeowners Organization, & Yacht Club
- Objective of meetings was to agree on which SGC organization will champion the Plan's remaining recommendations, where funding will be obtained if needed, and how all SGC organizations will interact and support each other in this process
- Quarterly meetings publicly advertised as Community Plan Advisory Committee until May 2013
- Meetings open to public with minutes published on County website identified above
- **Today's TEAM SGC Town Hall Meeting** is to share information and solicit input on the various Community Plan projects TEAM SGC organizations are pursuing

THANK YOU to the TEAM members and property owners who supported our efforts! You are the backbone of our community and you helped make SGC what it is today!

SGC Waterways Advisory Committee Report

February 9, 2013

1. **Waterways Advisory Committee members:**

Ron Bick – Chairman	Joe Giraldi – Vice Chairman
Clarence Brosmer	Tom Ireland
Rich Redican	Ralph Young - Alternate

2. **Waterways charter and responsibilities.**
   - South Gulf Cove Waterways Benefit Unit, created by county ordinance November 1992.
   - Purpose: "(1) provide periodic dredging, (2) any repair, expansion, or replacement of the waterways, canals, locks or accessory facilities and (3) operation of the lock and (4) removal of cattails from the Interceptor Lagoon waterway."
   - Committee has responsibility to identify projects for these purposes and propose their funding thru the Board of County Commissioners.
   - Funding is from MSBU Taxes from residents of SGC and The Village of Holiday Lakes.

3. **What's an MSBU, how is it shown on my tax bill, and what does it cost me annually?**
   - Municipal Service Benefit Unit or MSBU is a targeted Non-Ad Valorem Tax Assessment collected for a particular purpose…in this case SGC Waterways.
   - Present annual assessment set at $25 for lots on a waterway and $12.50 for dry lots (not on the waterway).
   - Waterways Assessment was reduced three years ago by 50%.
   - You can find that charge on your tax bill listed under Non-Ad Valorem Assessments.

4. **How the Waterways Advisory Committee works and what has it done in the recent past?**
   - Committee works in partnership with the county and outside contractors.
   - Major dredging project completed 7 years ago.
   - Lock automation project completed 5 years ago.
   - Former site of Trout Creek graded to close a breach in a levy 4 years ago.
   - Initiated water quality testing program in the canal system 3 years ago.
   - Brought major aquatic weed outbreak, called Chara, under control 2 years ago.
   - Commissioned a study for construction of a second lock last spring.
   - Helped locate and eliminate an aquatic weed called Water Lettuce last summer.
   - Initiated clearing of vegetation outside the lock to improve boater visibility.

5. **What are plans for future projects?**
   - Troubleshoot and correct lock automation system difficulties.
   - Depth Survey for river channel and possible creation of a turning basin outside the lock.
   - Proceed with dredging if necessary and Turning Basin if approved.
   - Well into the future, a second parallel lock as boat traffic dictates the need.

SGC Streets and Drainage Advisory Committee 2013

Current Committee Members:

Karen Ireland – Chair phone; 698-1909; e-mail; kareneireland@gmail.com
Paul Chattinger Jeanne Keyser Carmine Rossi
Vacancies: 1 regular member and 1 alternate

The Committee works with County Public Works personnel to budget for and oversee the status of the 150 miles of roadways within South Gulf Cove regarding pavement integrity, right-of-way mowing/ vegetation clearing, and proper drainage of rainwater. Additionally, we pursue implementation of projects that address safety for our residents such as 4-way stop signs at our major intersections, railings on our bridges, and repair/replacement of larger street name signs. We also have contracted for additional safety mowing cycles (7) for our right-of-ways , including pre-mowing litter removal along our four major roads from SR 771 to the four-way stop signs.

Our current Non-ad Valorem Assessment (per year) is $34.96 for vacant lots and $29.60 for occupied lots; this is among the lowest assessments within Charlotte County. We were able to reduce our assessment by $20.00 when the SGC Beautification MSBU was established in 2010. Prior to that, the S & D MSBU funded many of the projects identified in the Community Plan including the Entryway Signs, specialty mowing, development of the St. Paul Linear Park as well as the Master Park Plan for all of South Gulf Cove's designated parks.

We have been assured by County Staff that our roads and drainage system are in good shape. We have the required funding budgeted for the next two years for proper maintenance. We are planning to combine our road resurfacing activities into a single schedule to begin in approximately 5 years to reduce the mobility costs incurred with the previous phased paving program.

We will be installing bike racks at the school bus stops for the safety and security of our youngsters who ride their bikes from home to the bus each day.

We are currently pursuing the implementation of a plan for construction of walkway/bike-paths within South Gulf Cove for the safety of our residents. We have established a sub-committee to work on this project (interested parties may volunteer to share their time and talents!) Feasibility and design/cost aspects are beginning within this budget year, after which we will develop a plan for implementation.

The progress of South Gulf Cove is a product of the enthusiasm and willingness of our residents to "pitch in and get things done." We have come a long way, but still have much to do.

South Gulf Cove Beautification Advisory Committee

The South Gulf Cove Beautification Advisory Committee, which is a Municipal Service Benefit Unit was formed in April 2010 by the Charlotte County Commissioners and became active in December 2010. This advisory committee is comprised of five (5) members and one (1) alternate. The current members are: Karen Price/Chair, Carol McGuire/Vice –Chair, Barbara Hundley and Robert Dratch. The committee has two openings as of January 2013 with one position as a member and one position for an alternate.

From the Ordinance that formed this Advisory Committee:

The purpose of this unit is to provide for beautification and landscaping projects, and to provide for the acquisition, construction and maintenance of community improvement projects, including neighborhood parks, greenways and open space, from funds derived from special assessments within the unit.

Since December 2010 this committee has worked on forming or completing the following projects:

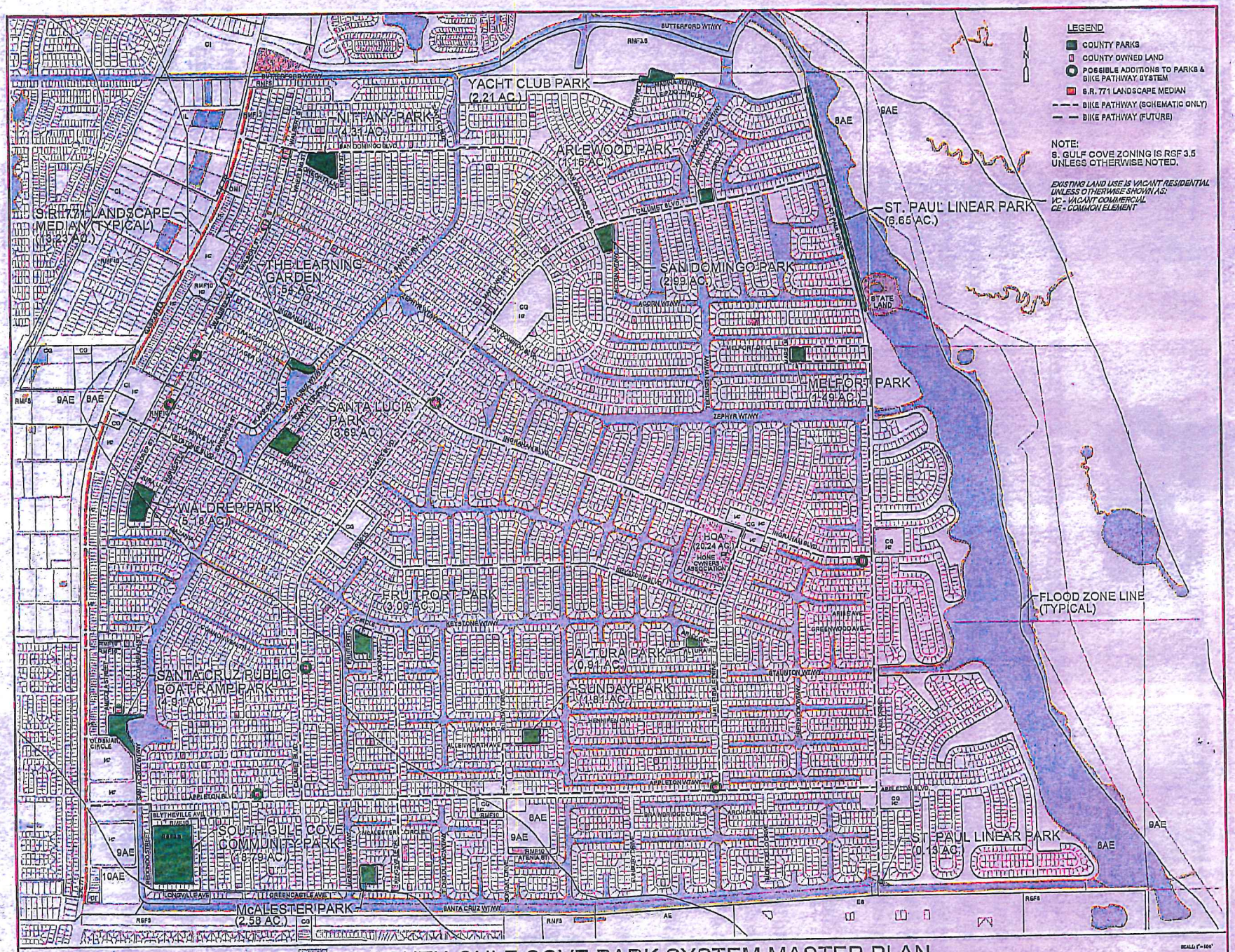
- Maintenance, repairs and mowing of four entrance signs
- New lighting for the four entrance signs
- Mangrove Trimming along the St. Paul Linear Park
- Concrete pathways at the St. Paul Linear Park and The Learning Garden
- Infrastructure and Phase 1 of the San Domingo Park
- Landscape and maintenance contract for all established and vacant park lands, entrance signs, right of way trees and CR 771.

You can review the entire South Gulf Cove Park Plan on Charlotte County's Government website: http://www.charlottecountyfl.com/PublicWorks/msbumstu/SouthGulfCoveBeautification.asp

This committee develops an annual budget for maintenance and new projects. As of 2013 the committee is required to develop two year budgets. We are currently working on the 2013/2014 & 2014/2015 budgets. Our annual funding is approximately 14,620 ERU's at $25.00 per ERU which equals an estimated revenue of $353,600. The county receives approximately 20% of this figure for Direct Costs.

Classification of Parks:

Mini-Park,1-3 acres; Neighborhood Park, 3-20 acres; Community Park, 20-80 acres and Special Purpose Park, acreage varies.



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