

MEETING MINUTES
GARDENS OF GULF COVE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 21, 2012, 10:00 a.m.
Gardens of Gulf Cove Club House

Attendees: Mel Rathbun, Martha Vanderbilt, Greg Smyth

County: Judith Nothdurft

Absent: John Anderson (excused), Carolyn Stone (excused)

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. and a roll call determined a quorum was present.

Members drew lots for length of terms. Mr. Smyth drew a three year term, Mr. Rathbun drew a two-year term, and Ms. Vanderbilt drew a one year term. The absent members will draw for their length of terms at the next Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr. Rathbun made a motion, seconded by Ms. Vanderbilt to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair at the next meeting. Ms. Vanderbilt made a motion for Mr. Smyth to act as Interim Chairperson until then. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rathbun and passed unanimously.

New Business

- The Sunshine Law was reviewed. Ms. Nothdurft stressed that Advisory Committee members should only discuss Gardens of Gulf Cove business within an advertised meeting and cannot communicate outside meetings via e-mail, phone or in person to discuss Advisory Committee business. It was also noted that only one member can represent the Advisory Committee at a Homeowners Association Board meeting.
- There was discussion regarding commercial properties being assessed in the MSBU. Ms. Nothdurft will confirm the assessment policy for commercial businesses. The committee also asked about the boundaries of the MSBU. Ms. Nothdurft said that she would request a map of the Gardens of Gulf Cove MSBU showing the boundaries.
- The maintenance of the on-site lakes was discussed. Ms. Nothdurft conveyed that Ms. Harrison had researched this and determined that the lakes located in Gardens of Gulf Cove are owned by Gardens of Gulf Cove and one lake is owned by a private LLC. The County cannot use MSBU funding on private property. The maintenance of the lakes is the responsibility of the property owner.
- Street Sweeping – discussion regarding increasing the number of times streets should be swept; currently once/quarter. It was suggested that streets be swept more frequently during the summer; i.e., end of June, July and August (up to seven times/year) to avoid grass cuttings from building up in the street. Mr. Smyth made a motion to change the schedule for sweeping to include the end of June, July and August. Seconded by Ms. Vanderbilt and unanimously approved. Ms. Nothdurft will look into this.
- Handicap access to sidewalks – federal or state funds may be available for handicap access to the new sidewalks and the Advisory Committee asked Ms. Nothdurft to look into this funding possibility. The proposed new sidewalk for Gardens of Gulf Cove was also discussed. Ms. Nothdurft will send the committee a copy of the proposed sidewalk map.

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- Mr. Smyth conveyed that a divider with curbing was installed down the center of Coliseum prohibiting left turns onto Englewood Road and left turns from Englewood Road onto Coliseum. There was also a light installed by the State at the intersection of SR 776 and Coliseum. There was interest in removing the divider on Coliseum as it can be a traffic hazard if someone makes an immediate stop in anticipating a left turn onto Englewood Rd. and cannot. The Advisory Committee was not sure if they should contact the State or the County for this request. Ms. Nothdurft will check on which government entity should be contacted.
- The FY12 Budget, Activity Report for FY 2012, and FY13 Budget was distributed and discussed. There was a question on the Activity Report on whether the dates reflected the date of service or the date the information was entered. Ms. Nothdurft will check on this.
- Mr. Smyth presented an e-mail from Advisory Committee member, John Anderson, who could not be available for the meeting. Mr. Anderson's letter stated that the most immediate need is to make the walkways handicapped usable and to do the sidewalks at the recreation center linking them with those on Englewood. Mr. Anderson also suggested a dense planting of cedars along the break between Englewood Rd. and SR 776 to provide a noise barrier.
- Questions/topics for future discussion:
 1. When was Gardens of Gulf Cove last re-surfaced?
 2. What is the balance of reserves for paving?
 3. Evergreen trees located on State property along SR 776 may need trimming as they get closer to the electrical wires.
 4. Mr. Smyth discussed the possibility of petitioning the State for a sound barrier wall along SR 776 and possibly placing the Gardens of Gulf Cove Welcome Sign on the wall.

Next meeting scheduled for September 5, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Gardens of Gulf Cove Club House.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.