

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 16, 2012
9:30 A.M. South Gulf Cove Homeowner Association Pavilion

Attendees: Bob Dratch, Kendal Leach, Carol McGuire, and Karen Price

County: Alan Holbach, Judith Nothdurft, Gregg O'Connor, Roger Warner

Guests: Tony Ermirio, Yvonne Ermirio, Jim Yelverton, Cathy Redman, Anna Dratch, Chuck Dalenberg, Clarence Brosmer, Hal Lichty, Karen Ireland, John Robinson

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Minutes: The June 27, 2012 meeting minutes will be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- San Domingo Park – Mr. Warner, the Project Manager, provided an update on the status of the project. The walk-through and punch list were conducted on August 16, 2012. The project should be completed in two to three weeks. The remaining work includes replacing the sidewalks along the seawall, re-pouring some of the concrete, and re-seeding the center of the park. Once completed the park will be open to the public. The park benches will be purchased separately with MSBU funding. Mr. Warner did not recommend using benches made of recycled material, as it tends to warp within a year due to the intensity of the sun. Ms. Price requested pricing information for the benches and Public Works staff will provide this information.

The stormwater drainage for San Domingo Park was also discussed. There was concern that the stormwater pond area on San Domingo Dr. across from Calumet at the pathway was draining too slowly. Mr. Holbach explained that the stormwater pond system is designed for treatment and may hold stormwater for extended periods of time. The Stormwater ponds were permitted by Southwest Florida Water Management District and their requirements must be followed. Mr. Holbach will follow-up to see if re-grading is needed in the right-of-way where the outfall from the equalizer pipe from the stormwater ponds discharges. Mr. Holbach also noted that mosquito control tablets can be added to the stormwater ponds if needed.

The maintenance of San Domingo Park after completion was discussed. Ms. McGuire made a motion that Mr. O'Connor prepare a Change Order to the existing South Gulf Cove Landscape Maintenance Contract to include the same level of maintenance as is included for St. Paul Linear Park and the park grass mowing would include the right-of-way. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dratch and all were in favor. Mr. O'Connor stated he would also get a quote for pre-emergence herbicide treatment of the park. Mr. Holbach suggested obtaining a separate Purchase Order for basic mowing for the remainder of FY12.

- St. Paul Linear Park Plant Replacement – Ms. Price made a motion to accept the quote of \$1,354.04 from Dalenberg Enterprises Inc. for the plant replacement at St. Paul Linear Park. The motion was seconded by Kendall Leach and unanimously approved. It was noted that the quote included the Contractor buying, planting, and maintaining the plants with a one year warranty. The irrigation installation at the benches quoted at \$245 per bench and the quote for installation of four booster pumps at the entrance features for a total of \$9,328 will be addressed in FY13.

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- Entrance Features – Mr. Leach reported that the fiber optic cable installation company had punctured the re-use water pipes at the San Domingo Blvd. Entrance Feature. Mr. O'Connor will follow-up on the repair for this.

- Medina Waterway Park – Mr. Dratch lead the discussion on the *Proposed Development of the Medina Waterway Park* prepared by the South Gulf Cove Yacht Club Property Committee dated June 15, 2011. He reviewed the Short Term, Intermediate, and Long Term Goals of the proposal in order to obtain input from the Advisory Committee and public. Ms. Price read the Medina Waterway Park summary from the South Gulf Cove Park System Master Plan to provide some background on the park. Mr. Dratch envisioned the park to be for families and children to enjoy water activities, picnicking, fishing and there would also be a dock with slips perpendicular to the land. Highlights of the discussion included the following:

Short Term Goals

- Clear and level property
- Changing the name to “SCG Marina Park” was not favored as there was concern that “Marina” would have connotations of pumping stations and other items associated with marinas. Further consideration will be given to suggested names. South Gulf Cove Waterway Day Park was a suggested name.
- Parking will be as required by the County.
- A private drive will be built into to the park and will tie into the existing road.
- Mangrove Trimming - it was noted that there are very few Mangroves at the park and there is a special contract for mangrove trimming.
- Mr. Warner explained that a design plan will be needed for the whole project and then it will organized into phases, as it is a Capital Improvement Project.

Intermediate Term Goals

- Toilet facilities will be provided.
- Picnic tables and Bar-B-Q's will be installed.
- There was discussion regarding a boardwalk parallel to the land as well as docks and slips.
- Water and electric service was not favored as it would promote overnight dockage of boats.

Long Term Goals

- Constructing a community building at the park site was discussed. Ms. Nothdurft explained that the South Gulf Cove Beautification MSBU funding could not be used for construction of a building.
- Use of the proposed building as a Hurricane Shelter is also not feasible.
- Ms. Price estimated that a pavilion 40' X 60' at \$100/foot would be approximately \$240,000.

Mr. Dratch will provide a summary of the discussion to the Advisory Committee members for review and comment.

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New Business/Public Comments

- The priority of the South Gulf Cove park projects was discussed. Ms. Price stated that completion of the San Domingo Park (which has two to three more phases) is the 1st priority. Development of the Medina Waterway Park is the 2nd priority. The only other park discussed has been a Dog or Pet Park.
- Increasing public outreach was discussed for obtaining more community input on the proposed parks. Ms. Nothdurft was requested to advertise the Parks Update Meeting as a Town Hall or Community / MSBU meeting when it is scheduled.
- Ms. Slater stated that it may be the right time to approach the County to take over the South Gulf Cove privately owned 14 acres that includes the existing HOA pavilion. Ms. Slater mentioned the possibility of a South Gulf Cove Beautification MSBU Ordinance change to allow the MSBU to fund construction of a building on this property. She said she would not go forward with discussing the proposed building construction with the HOA unless the South Gulf Cove Beautification MSBU was interested in pursuing this. This topic will be discussed further at the next regularly scheduled Advisory Committee meeting.

The next regularly meeting will be on September 26, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. with the location to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.