

MEETING MINUTES
SOUTH GULF COVE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
June 3, 2014 – Regular Meeting
9:00 a.m. – Administration Bldg. B106 Conference Room

Attendees: Robert Dratch, Barbara Hundley, Carol McGuire, Roseann Phillips, Karen Price, and Sandy Slater

County: Mike Dallenbach, John Elias, Judith Nothdurft, Gregg O'Connor, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 9:00a.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

Agenda changes – Ms. Nothdurft explained a new agenda format and will forward it to Ms. Slater.

The minutes from April 23, 2014 were unanimously approved as amended and the minutes from the May 16, 2014 workshop meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

Public Input:

- Ms. Barker asked why there are no fishing signs in a waterfront community.
- Mr. Eskett stated he purposely picked South Gulf Cove (SGC) to live in because it is not as demanding as Rotonda West and stated that the residents should be allowed to fish in the canals. He loves the community and would like to continue fishing. There is no ordinance number on the “No Fishing” sign.

Unfinished Business:

- San Domingo Park

1. Signage – Ms. Price thanked Mr. Dratch for picking up on the “No Fishing” signs. She forwarded the related Facebook posting to all the members. The Committee was told that signage would be required; however “No Fishing” signs were never discussed. Mr. Rainey stated that U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACOE) issued the permit. When Mr. Rainey spoke to the USACOE representative, he understood that if fishing was allowed, a fish cleaning station and fish line entanglement awareness signs would be required. Since the fish cleaning stations require water service, Mr. Rainey was under the impression that the Committee wanted to post the no fishing signs and possibly add the fish cleaning stations in the future. However, the actual permit states if fishing is allowed within the park, a waste station and entanglement awareness signs are required (not a fish cleaning station). The “No Fishing” signs could be taken down if a waste station (fishing line disposal receptacle) and entanglement awareness signs are installed. After extensive discussion, the Committee agreed to install the fishing line waste receptacles to be able to remove the no fishing signs. There was also discussion about posting a “No Fish Cleaning in the Park” sign; it was decided if a problem with the fish cleaning arises, it can be addressed then. There is also a problem with the manatee signs. The signs should not be facing the water and must be turned around to face the park for educational purposes according to Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission regulations. Mr. Rainey verified his tasks of installing the fishing line receptacle along with the Entanglement Awareness Signs to enable the “No Fishing” signs to be removed and turning the manatee awareness signs around to face the park. Mr. Rainey will provide updates on the signage.
2. Exercise Stations – the scope of services for installation of the exercise equipment is in Purchasing undergoing internal specification review. The Request for Bids may take as much as 90 days to be posted on the County website. The equipment is here, waiting for installation.
3. Picnic Tables – A Purchase Order has been obtained for pouring the concrete slabs and placement of the tables. The slabs are expected to be poured late this week and must cure for a week. The concrete curb for the pump enclosure will be poured at the same time.
Tree & Shrub Replacement – a walk through was done by Mr. Dratch, Mr. O'Connor and Mr. Yelverton of San Domingo Park and Linear Park. During the walk through, Mr. Dratch asked Mr. Yelverton if the grass could be improved in San Domingo Park. Mr. Yelverton stated that the area has never been fertilized and also suggested seeding at an estimated cost of \$775. The Committee agreed to wait on the grass until after the construction is complete.

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- Linear Park

1. Tree & Shrub Replacement – The quote for \$3,517.50 prepared by Mr. Yelverton for tree and shrub replacement in Linear Park and San Domingo Park was discussed. The total cost of the cabbage palms was miscalculated. Mr. O'Connor will follow up with Mr. Yelverton to have the quote corrected. The Committee agreed to hold off on the tree and shrub replacement until the quote was corrected and the irrigation system fully operational.
2. Irrigation Repair - An estimate for \$1872 was provided for the replacement of the irrigation control equipment, which included a master valve. The use of a master valve was suggested instead of a flow sensor because it was not possible find a high flow sensor that will work with a battery/solar operated controller. A flow sensor would require power installation. Mr. Elias recommended waiting until the County-wide Irrigation Contract is in place. Ms. Price made a motion to defer the Linear Park irrigation repair to the new County Irrigation contractor to provide the Committee with a quote to install a flow sensor and to hold off on all plant replacements at the park; the motion was seconded by Mr. Dratch and passed unanimously. The existing irrigation system will be left as is and the members will monitor it until a new system can be installed.
3. Mangrove Trimming – There was discussion regarding a quote to re-trim the mangroves at the benches and remove all trimmings offsite for \$3200. Last year there was a shoreline cleanup done. The Committee would like to have an onsite meeting with the contractor to ask questions regarding the allowable extent of the mangrove trimming and to talk about the invasive plants that grow within the mangroves. A special onsite meeting to discuss mangrove trimming is scheduled Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Linear Park. The Committee agreed to hold off on the estimate until after they meet.
4. Water Bills - Ms. Price updated the members on the water bills. The bill for linear Park was \$305 last month; higher than normal (\$240), but not as high as when the leaks occurred.
5. Pictures of damage done by joy riders on St. Paul Dr. at Linear were distributed; it was reported. Nothing further can be done.

- Learning Garden

1. Ms. McGuire stated that more and more people are using the park and trash is becoming an issue. She requested a trash can be installed close to the pavilion at the corner of the parking lot. This will have to be added to the maintenance contract.
2. Turf Grass Mowing – Mr. O'Connor stated the mowing was intended to start this week, but he will follow-up with Mr. Dalenberg.

- Entryways: -

1. Ingraham Light Repair – Mr. O'Connor is continuing to wait on Dalenberg who is in communication with the manufacturer. Mr. O'Connor will follow up for a status update.

- 2015 Landscape Maintenance Contract: - There was discussion regarding irrigation maintenance being included in the new SGC Landscape Maintenance Contract verses using the new County-wide Irrigation Contract that is pending award by the Board of County Commissioners. The Committee agreed to leave the irrigation maintenance in the Landscape Maintenance Contract and see if Purchasing removes it. Maintenance of the trash can at the Learning Garden and the fishing line receptacle at San Domingo Park need to be added to the new Landscape Maintenance Contract. Mr. Dratch will make the changes and forward the document to Mr. O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor will submit the contract to Purchasing as soon as the changes are received. The Committee asked to see any changes made by Purchasing.

- SGC Street & Drainage (S&D) Pathway – Mr. Dratch does not agree with spending \$10,000 for landscape design and feels the SGC S&D unit should provide that funding. Mr. Dratch would like the motion from the last meeting be rescinded, which allocated \$10,000 in SGC Beautification funding for design of landscaping for the SGC S&D planned pathway. There was extensive discussion regarding which MSBU should be responsible and if the motion should be rescinded. The Committee agreed to move forward with the motion from the last meeting and not rescind it. The 60% plans should be complete by July. There was also discussion regarding the mowing once the pathway is built and who would be responsible for the specialty mowing. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up.

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New Business:

- Ms. Price – Arewood Park was not mowed in March or May as it was supposed to have been. The grass is approximately 2 ½ to 3 feet. Mr. O'Connor will follow up.
- Financial Reports – The 6 Month Actual, Activity, and Expenditure Reports were distributed for review and questions. The Committee questioned the total of almost \$29,000 for 3 PO's. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up.
- Reconvene Planning – Committee agreed to hold a special workshop to work on the 5 year plan.

A special meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Linear Park to discuss mangrove trimming. A second special meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at the SGC HOA Pavilion to discuss the pathway landscape design. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Slater will follow up regarding the shoreline being so grown in at the SGC Park with the boat ramp.

Ms. Slater will attend the pre-construction meeting regarding the widening of 771.

Ms. Slater stated that she brought up the cat tail issue at the SGC Waterway meeting last week and they really need to be removed.

Ms. Slater informed the members that the West County Stormwater Utility Advisory Committee Unit is scheduling a joint meeting in October that will include all the MSBUs that make up the West Charlotte Stormwater Unit.

Mr. Dallenbach introduced himself and explained his role with the MSBUs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by:



Sandy Wright
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**CHARLOTTE COUNTY
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION
SOUTH GULF COVE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ATTENDANCE ROSTER**

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 3, 2014

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