

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**SOUTH GULF COVE BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**October 29, 2014 – Special Planning Meeting**  
**9:30 AM – Building Construction Services Conference Room**

**Attendees:** Bob Dratch, Barbara Hundley, Carol McGuire, Karen Price, and Sandy Slater

**Absent:** Roseann Phillips (excused)

**County:** Mike Dallenbach, Francine Lisby, Tara Musselman, Judith Nothdurft, Danny Quick, and Sandy Wright

**Guests:** Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. A roll call was taken that established a quorum was present.

Ms. Slater suggested changes to the agenda to include:

1. Add pickle ball information for San Domingo Park from Mr. Rainey.
2. Add Information for the boardwalk for Linear Park from Ms. Musselman.

The minutes from September 17, 2014 were unanimously approved as amended.

The minutes from October 7, 2014 were unanimously approved as written.

**Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)**

- Mr. Paine proposed a community center for South Gulf Cove (SGC). He provided a proposed conceptual map of what the center could look like. The plan was put together at no cost to the homeowners. He passed out a financial proposal that was modeled after a previous project budget and stated a \$25.00 assessment increase would generate the necessary funding to accomplish this within 5 years. He stated that this would require a great deal of effort from the Committee members to sell the idea to the property owners. He suggested the center could be put on the 14 acre tract owned by the SGC Home Owners Association (HOA) where the HOA Pavilion is located or a 20 acre tract owned by the County. Ms. Nothdurft stated that she was told by the legal department that it would not fall under the purview of the SGC Beautification MSBU ordinance to construct a building.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. San Domingo Park

- Exercise Equipment – Mr. Rainey reported that there was confusion regarding the ADA requirements for installation of the Exercise Stations. CH Construction is working on an estimate for the additional items including the flexi-pave to be added to the price that was originally quoted. CH construction will be handling the whole project.
- Ms. Slater requested Mr. Rainey to research pickle ball courts, how many would be allowed, the cost of the court and a shade shelter. Mr. Rainey researched and passed out a document for review and discussion. There is room to fit 3-4 courts in the center section of the park. There is a Southwest Florida Water Management District permit for the park and the addition of the impervious area would require a permit modification. Mr. Rainey estimated a cost of \$45,000 for the construction of 4 courts, which would include the court, fence, nets, asphalt surface and coating, and striping. This estimate does not include permitting.
- Picnic Tables - Ms. Nothdurft will follow up on the status of the replacement top for one of the tables.

2. Linear Park

- Mangrove trimming – Mr. Dratch reported there are a number of mangrove trees that could be trimmed to open up a window. Mr. Yelverton said it may be possible to get permission to open up the areas around the benches. Mr. Dratch recommends moving forward with the trimming and stated that if a boardwalk were installed, some of the trimming would be unnecessary.
- Shoreline cleanup – Mr. Dratch reported the cleanup along the length of the park is complete.
- Cattails – Ms. Nothdurft reported that it will likely take one day to complete the job and will be done in the next week or two. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up regarding this being paid for by the Stormwater Unit.

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- Boardwalk – Ms. Musselman stated the cost estimate for the feasibility study is \$5000-\$10,000, the design cost estimate is \$75,000-\$90,000, and the construction cost estimate is \$800,000 to \$900,000 for the one mile boardwalk along the park or for 5 piers extending out into the water. The Committee noted that the piers were requested to be parallel to the shore rather than extending out into the water. Ms. Musselman recommended doing one Request for Letters of Interest (RLI) for the feasibility and design. Ms. Slater stated she talked to Tom Ireland, the Chair of the SGC Waterway MSBU about the boardwalk and a pier at the Learning Garden. Mr. Ireland, the SGC Waterway Chair, was receptive to bringing the Beautification MSBU's request to the next Waterway meeting for discussion. The installation of boardwalks and piers is not included in the SGC Waterway MSBU ordinance; the ordinance would have to be modified.
- 3. Learning Garden
  - Maintenance – Ms. McGuire reported that the cattails are dead and the garbage can has been installed. .
- 4. Entryways -
  - The entryways are a mess due to the construction of the CR 771 Widening Project. Ms. Slater took pictures and spoke with Mr. Keyser yesterday regarding the pipe installation. The utility work should be completed at the South Gulf Cove area by early next year. The utilities will be installed first and the sidewalks will be later. Ms. Nothdurft will follow up with Mr. Keyser for updates. Ms. Slater asked for the status updates by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month so they can be put into the News and Views Newsletter.
- 5. Medina Waterway Park – There was discussion regarding installing a dock, kayak launching facility, and a pavilion or gazebo. Mr. Quick stated that Public Works doesn't have the expertise to manage these types of projects. He would like to finish up the projects that are underway; and asked for a list of all future projects. He would like to group the projects together and go through the Request for Proposals (RFP) process to hire a consultant project manager with the expertise for all of these specialized items. The RFP would be put out for design and built as one complete package.
- 6. SGC S&D Pathway – Landscape Design – Ms. Musselman supplied copies of the plans for the 3 sitting areas that include a bench, pad and trees and also for the royal palms to be planted at the guardrails. The plans will be adjusted to show two palms on each side of the bridge for a total of 8 palms for the two bridges. The cost estimate should be available by the end of the week along with the 90% plans. They will be sent to Ms. Nothdurft before the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Musselman indicated that it looked like four trees will have to be relocated. The estimated cost for the landscaping portion of the project will be \$10,000-\$15,000 and the total project estimate is approximately \$875,000. Ms. Musselman will confirm the cost of the benches.
- 7. Ms. Price notified the Committee members that she and Mr. Robinson, the president of the HOA, have been asked to provide letters supporting a change of the zoning status for 3 tracts of land. A map of the parcels and their zoning was discussed. If there is no plan to use these locations in their park plans, Attorney Burnson would like a letter from the MSBU Committee and the HOA supporting the rezoning and will send a letter requesting this in the next few months. Mr. Quick recommended that Ms. Price meet with Ty Harris, the Director of Community Development to determine the correct process to deal with this.
- 8. Rate Increase for 2 year Budget Cycle (FY2016 & FY2017) – Tabled until further project planning is done.

**New Business:**

- Financial Reports – The Activity and FY2014/2015 Budget were distributed for review and discussion.

**Open Discussion:**

- There was open discussion regarding future projects for the below listed parks. The 2004 and 2010 SGC surveys were reviewed to see what the members of the community would like to have.
  - a. Complete San Domingo Park – Install restrooms, Gazebo (large enough to accommodate entertainment) and swings to accommodate small children as well as adults.
  - b. Learning Garden – Canoe & Kayak Launches and "T" pier
  - c. Linear Park – Boardwalk
  - d. McAllister Park – Tennis and Pickle ball courts
  - e. Fruit Port Park – Dog park

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- f. Medina Park –
- g. St. Lucia –
- h. Sunday Park –
- i. Landscape on CR771
- j. Mowing
- k. Lot exchange at Fruitport Park and McAllister Park
- l. Bridge Beautification – Appleton, Keystone
- m. Community Center –

- The Committee agreed that each member will make their own list and bring them to the next meeting.
- The Committee requested that Ms. Nothdurft ask Real Estate Services to re-send out another letter to property owners to obtain three lots in Fruitport Park and one lot in McAlister Park.
- There was discussion regarding Jack Paine's suggestion to build a Community Center. The Committee agreed to investigate the idea.
- Ms. McGuire reported that Mr. Yelverton will keep a log of what is done each month. It will be routed through the Purchasing Department. Mr. Yelverton asked that Mr. Dratch send his matrix for this purpose.

**Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit)**

- Mr. Paine suggested that the four bridges be a priority at each of the entrances to welcome people into the community. He also suggested beatification in the medians on 771 after it's finished. Mr. Dallenbach will follow up.

The next meeting was previously scheduled for November 18, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

Submitted by:



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Public Works Department

