GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
March 25th, 2019
Faith Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL 34231

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 PM

Attendees: Melanie Goddard (P), John Van Vleet (VP), Aaron Cox (S), Sue Stover (D), Frank Gomez (D), Ann Matthews (D), Kathy Butler (D), Carol Connolly (D).
Absent: Ben Sinkunas(T).

Welcome and Pledge: Meeting was opened, and pledge was led by President, Melanie Goddard.

Officer's Reports:

Approval of January General Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented by Goddard, no objections.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was accepted as presented by Goddard, no objections.

Our beginning cash balance as of March 1, 2019:

Beginning balance:	$25,106.16
Income:	$ 7137.91
Expenses:	$ (441.68)
Ending Cash Balance:	$31,802.39
Total Funds of:	$38,577.67 (Added with funds in CD and PayPal)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Elligraw Bayou Cleanup: Mollie Holland, NEST Coordinator with Sarasota County, presented on the upcoming cleanup and planting on the Elligraw Bayou (see attached). Holland and team will be planting approximately 1200 plants in the bayou itself, along with raking out algae and muck. This project is a continuation of the storm water marking program. Holland is seeking volunteers to assist with the effort, for multiple potential weekends in April, May, or June.

Infrastructure and Beautification: Cass Smith announced completion of the 3 projects required by the county to receive the $5000 matching funds for the monument and wall. Smith will be following up with the vendor to get final timeline on when the lettering will be on the wall. It is expected be imminently, as well as the installation of the new monument. Goddard announced that the sign at Gulf Gate and Antigua will be completely replaced as part of this project. Special thanks to Curtis Webber for his painting of the Gulf Gate Woods signs, significantly improving their appearance.

The remaining stock of Gulf Gate Community Association t-shirts were available for sale at the meeting, requiring a $10 donation.

Phil Reiss voiced the concern about ensuring the new signs and walls have the ability to display a flag. Goddard responded that board will be discussing at upcoming meeting.

Deed Restrictions: Goddard reviewed purpose of deed restrictions team, to enforce deed restrictions fairly and consistently, as well as to address deed restriction violation complaints. Between January and March, 28 deed restriction complaints were actively worked, with 16 being resolved. Goddard to add deed restriction updates to the September general meeting agenda.

Disaster Preparedness and Community Safety Update: Carol Connolly (D) announced ongoing need for volunteers for the security patrol and disaster preparedness committees. Security patrol involves 1 hour a month.

Traffic & Safety Committee: Goddard reviewed committee purpose and directed members to Ann Matthews (D) for inquiries.

Seagate Lift Station Replacement: Goddard reported the county purchase of 2536 Gulf Gate Drive to demolish and replace the lift station currently located in the median at Gulf Gate Drive and Seagate Avenue. An open house will be conducted by Sarasota county at the Gulf Gate Library on Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

Siesta Promenade: Goddard reported that Pine Shores neighborhood is in litigation to block the Siesta Promenade development. They are soliciting donations, which can only be via check for tracking purposes (they will refund if funds are not used), forms available at end of the meeting.

Social Events: Goddard announced that the next event would be the Cinco de Mayo Neighborhood celebration on May 4, 2019 at St Andrew United Church of Christ at 6:30pm.

Newsletter: Goddard reported that quarterly newsletter was being sent out with apologies that it was somewhat delayed due to processing time at the post office being longer than expected. The board will take the delay into consideration for future mailings if using standard class of mail. Beginning next year, the newsletter will only be sent to members.

Medallion Update: Cass Smith announced that Medallion has submitted their sixth storm water mitigation plan, which is currently being reviewed by the county. There has been no additional movement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, in regard to the arsenic plume under the golf course. Smith reported that she is meeting with Justin Bloom, attorney and founder of Sun Coast Waterkeepers, to discuss the plume and next steps the association should take.

Open Discussion: Residents requested having FPL speak at a future meeting concerning utility upgrades in progress. Sheila Connell, board member of Woodside Village West, discussed the special exemption process of the medical marijuana dispensary being proposed at Bispham and Tamiami. Goddard invited her to speak to the board meeting next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Overhead Photo of Elligraw Bayou:

