GULF GATE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2019
Faith Lutheran Church, Sarasota, FL 34231

Meeting Called to Order: 7:04 PM

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

Welcome and Pledge: Meeting was opened, and pledge was led by Vice President, John van Vleet.

Officer's Reports:

Approval of March General Meeting Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented by van Vleet, no objections.

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

Our beginning cash balance as of August 1, 2019:

Beginning balance:	$25,024.15
Income:	$ 1543.00
Expenses:	$ (1325.33)
Ending Cash Balance:	$25,242.12
Total Funds of:	$30,904.23 (Added with funds in CD)

GUEST SPEAKER

FPL: Norm Krise, Lead Distribution Engineer, from Enercon spoke on behalf of FPL regarding the burying of power lines in the Gulf Gate Neighborhood. This effort is part of a 3-year pilot program with no cost to homeowners.

OLD BUSINESS

Golf Course Property Update: Cass Smith, Beautification Chair, reported that per Carlos Beruff, golf course has reverted back to Leslie Gray due to an undisclosed chemical contamination. Ms. Gray has agreed to mow on an ongoing basis. GGCA is investigating contamination and future projects. GGCA has reached out to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection with queries regarding the contamination to get more information. At this point in time, the county is not interested in purchasing the land per Commissioner Maio.

Summary - Completion of Monument Grant: Cass Smith announced completion of both the sign at Gulf Gate and Antigua, as well as the new lettering on the walls on Gulf Gate Drive at Gulf Gate Village. The damaged Gulf Gate Woods sign on Curtiss Drive will be replaced by the driver's auto insurance.

Roads and Streets: Per the county, Gulf Gate Drive will be re-surfaced in 2020, scheduling to be determined. Smith reviewed logged storm water drain areas and recent potholes. These have been reported on See Click Fix. Mowing should be back on schedule per the county.

Traffic & Safety Committee: Darrell Cox reported that multiple traffic studies have been completed on Gulf Gate streets. Police are present and writing tickets with increased enforcement. Radar speed signs are going up on both Markridge and Curtiss, scheduling to be determined.

Seagate Lift Station Replacement: The lift station in the median at Gulf Gate Drive and Seagate Avenue is set to be replaced – the county has a 5-year plan for this. Currently, they are using the purchased empty lot adjacent to this lift station to store backup generator for the school for use during hurricane events. Sniffers have been installed at Biltmore Drive and Hardee Avenue lift stations to deal with smell.

Welcoming Updates: Allison was available with new resident welcome packets for anyone who may not have received one, as well as anyone who wanted a new one.

Deed Restrictions: Van Vleet reported 109 resolved violations year to date, 24 currently active. 73 actions were taken from June-August. These were mostly on trailers and unsightly lawns.

Volunteer Updates: Elections coming up in November. We are asking for committee volunteers for multiple areas.

Open Discussion: Question from resident regarding Siesta Promenade. Smith reported a commissioner meeting scheduled for October 10. Link to petition and more information on Nextdoor.

Next General Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2019, 7:00 pm, Faith Lutheran Church

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 and turned over to representatives from FPL to take questions from residents.

Respectfully submitted November 11, 2019
Aaron Cox, Secretary