Gulf Gate Community Association

6601 Tamiami Trail #222
Sarasota, FL 34231

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2023
Gulf Gate Library
Meeting Room B
Sarasota, FL 34231

1. Call to Order and flag salute: President Mary "MERV" Vinsh called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Roll Call:
   Board Members – Officers and Directors:
   Present: Mary Vinsh (P), John Van Vleet (VP), Michele Guffanti (acting S), Carol Connolly (D), Cass Smith (D), Kathy Butler (D), Kevin Emmett (D), Kathy Goff (D), Catie Fogarty (D), Charles Benoit (acting D)
   Absent: Karen Goodrick (T)
   Committee Special Assignment members: Kevin Emmett (Deed Restriction), Kathy Goff (Deed Restrictions), Katie Fogarty (Membership)
3. Attendance: All in attendance above. Quorum was established
4. President's Report:
   Mary Vinsh has appointed a Nominating Committee for the November elections. There are nine positions up for election. The nominations must be made at least 15 days before the election.
5. Vice-President's Report:
   John VanVleet suggested that the metal sign at the entrance of the Community have the website name printed on them. A motion to do so was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Approval of Board Minutes for November 5, 2023;
   A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as read. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Treasurer's Report: Karen Goodrick was absent. No report was presented.
8. Committee Reports:
   The Committee members mentioned above should be added to the Board of Directions. A motion was made and seconded to approve their elevation to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.
   a. Deed Restrictions: Kevin Emmett, Kathy Goff
      Regatta fence was sent to the lawyer.
      Bonnie Lauder was added to the committee.
      The community entrance sign with website address arrived 11/15/23.
   b. Estoppels: John Van Vleet – none requested for the month.
   c. Golf Course Update: Cass Smith, Kathy Goff
      The purchase of the golf course was presented at the 9/12/23 and 10/24/23 Board of County Commissioners meeting. The price that the owners are requesting is more than the appraised value of the land. The golf course isn't being mowed and the properties around the golf course are not selling.
   d. Infrastructure/Tech: Cass Smith
      The committee met on 11/20/23 to discuss updates to the website.

e. Streetlights: Charles Benoit
   The suggestion was made to create a Gulf Gate Lighting District Advisory Board under the Board of County Commissioner to negotiate with FPL on our lighting needs.

9. Old Business
   a. Slate of elected Candidates
      i. Cass Smith – President
      ii. Kathy Goff – Vice President
      iii. Karen Goodrick – Treasurer
      iv. Michele Guffanti – Secretary
      v. Charles Benoit - Director
      vi. Kathy Butler - Director
      vii. Carol Connolly – Director
      viii. Catie Fogarty – Director
      ix. John Van Vleet - Director
   b. Welcome to new 2024 candidates:
      i. Michele Guffanti – Secretary
      ii. Charles Benoit - Director
10. New Business
   a. Update Website:
      i. form Tech committee with Andrew Gamble
      ii. coordinate with Frank Gomez, Webmaster to add BOD and Membership agendas and minutes
      iii. combine databases
   b. Membership Drive – develop and send out by email invoices to residents by 12/10/23.
   c. Newsletter:
      i. Develop newsletter format
      ii. Distribute via email in January
   d. Google Drive – add organizational documents for future reference
      i. Articles of Incorporation
      ii. Bylaws
      iii. Revived Unit Deed Restrictions
   e. Send changes to Board of Directors to Florida Dept. of State
   f. Get Code Enforcement specker for January General Meeting (1/23/24)
   g. Discuss retaining an attorney for the GGCA. Review expenditures
   h. Restructure committees:
      i. Expand Deed Restriction committee.
      ii. Expand Infrastructure committee
      iii. Create Traffic committee
   i. Ask for ideas for Special Events, i.e. speakers, music, social events.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm