



GOLDEN GATE M.S.T.U. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3299 East Tamiami Trail, Suite 103

Naples, FL 34112

March 20, 2018

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Ms. Spencer. Attendance was called and a quorum was established.

- II. Attendance:** Patricia Spencer, Chairman; Herman Haeger, Vice Chairman; Ron Jefferson; Paula Rogan (Excused); Dusty Holmes
County: Dan Schumacher, Project Manager; Brandy Otero, Collier County MPO; Rosio Garcia, Collier County Intern
Others: Michael McGee, McGee & Associates; Scott Hane, Ground Zero Landscaping; Wendy Warren, Jurisolutions

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Haeger moved to approve the Agenda of the Golden Gate Advisory Committee subject to the following change:

Add: IX. Old Business – B. Child Safe Places

Second by Ms. Holmes. Carried unanimously 4 - 0.

V. Approval of Minutes: February 20, 2018

Mr. Haeger moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2018 meeting as presented.

Second by Ms. Holmes. Carried unanimously 4 - 0.

VI. Landscape Maintenance Report

A. Ground Zero Landscaping, LLC is award the Landscape bid, PO issued.

Mr. Schumacher reported an interim Purchase Order (PO) and Notice to Proceed for Landscape Maintenance services were issued to Ground Zero Landscaping, LLC.

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A drive through with Aaron Gross, Scott Hane and Mike McGee was conducted to determine the communities landscaping needs.

Mr. Hane reported on landscape maintenance as follows:

- Three roadways were mowed and trash removed.
- Areas were sprayed with Round-Up.
- Bougainvilleas were pruned.
- Recommend removal of palm trees on a selective basis.
- Downed signs were moved.
- Irrigation should be inspected due to evidence of drought conditions in some areas.

B. Hannula Landscaping & Irrigation is awarded the Irrigation bid, PO requested.

Mr. Schumacher reported an interim Purchase Order (PO) for Irrigation maintenance has been issued to Hannula Landscaping & Irrigation, the low bidder on the Request for Quote. A Notice to Proceed is pending and an on-site meeting will be held with Dale Hannula to review the current operating status of the irrigations system.

Quotes for tree stump removal will be requested upon completion of irrigation “wet checks” and repairs.

VII. Landscape Architect’s Report – McGee & Associates

Mr. McGee submitted the “*Landscape Observation Report: - FY 17-18, March 2018*” for information purposes noting the monthly detailed report should be referenced for hurricane Irma tree and shrub damage and corresponding recommendations.

Fertilizer

Fertilizer was not applied in accordance with the January and February schedule. Recommend application of the April fertilizer be scheduled.

Tropicana Boulevard

- Turf areas appear dry due to presence of large amount of broadleaf and sedge type weeds.
- Recommend refurbishment of dwarf Fakahatchee and Bougainvillea beds.
- The HydroPoint WeatherTrak data was 114,366 gallons for February 2018.
- Light #2 on Median #6 destroyed due to an auto accident.

Sunshine Boulevard

- 18th Place SW: An auto accident damaged 10 – 15 plants (photo depicted).
- Recommend replacement of Bougainvillea and replanting median with Perennial Peanut “Eco Turf” verify 1-gallon size. Hand watering will be required.
- A replacement program should be developed for areas of declined or missing turf throughout the medians containing turf.
- Water usage was estimated at 138,757 gallons for February 2018.

Coronado Parkway and Hunter Boulevard

Hunter Boulevard

- Median #1: Recommend replacement of Alexander Palm and Juniper plants damaged by an auto accident.
- Median #6: Recommend replacement of Oak Tree destroyed by auto accident. A new frond has emerged on the fourth Alexander Palm Tree from the north end. Treat with fungicide, fertilize and monitor health.

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- Median #10: Alexander Palm and fourteen Big Rose damaged by auto accident.
- Median #11: Silk Floss Tree removed due to auto accident
- Review beds for replacements of shrubs, etc.
- February water usage for both roadways was estimated at 142,791 gallons. *January 2018 water usage report was corrected to 158,150 for both roadways.*

Collier Boulevard Part A & B - *(These arterial roadways are maintained by the County)*

Commercial Land Maintenance has been awarded the County contract for this roadway.

- A major renovation is recommended to remediate damage from Hurricane Irma.
- Median #11: recommend Slash Pine tree be reviewed for removal and replace with a Floss Silk tree.
- Review beds for plant replacements.
- Turf areas containing weeds should be reviewed for weed control treatment and/or replacements.
- Water usage: Part A – 95,556 gallons; Part B – 290,786 gallons.

Golden Gate Parkway - *(This arterial roadway is maintained by the County)*

Commercial Land Maintenance has been awarded the County contract for this roadway.

- Replacement plants should be addressed in the renovation plan and funded by the Road Maintenance Division.
- Turf weeds and Torpedo grass present in excessive amounts throughout medians.
- All pump stations are operational; combined water usage was 962,558 gallons. Replacement plants should be addressed in the renovation plan and funded by the Road Maintenance Division.

Mr. McGee noted installation of new plants and trees should be scheduled during the rainy season.

Crape Myrtle Flower Colors

The Muscogee Crape Myrtle displays a lavender bloom; the Natchez Crape Myrtle flower is white – clarification was requested by the Committee.

VIII. Project Manager's Report

A. Budget Report

Mr. Schumacher summarized the *Golden Gate MSTU Fund Budget 153* dated March 20, 2018 noting:

- FY18 Ad Valorem property tax revenue budget is \$376,900.00 of which \$333,756.80 has been collected.
- Total revenue FY18 is \$735,800.00 including investment interest, transfers and contributions (minus a 5% reserve of \$18,900).
- The Millage rate is 0.5000.
- FY18 planned Operating Expense Budget is \$340,800. Current commitments total \$211,361.33; expenditures \$21,112.83.
- Uncommitted Operating Expense funds available are \$108,325.84.
- Ground Zero Landscaping, LLC, was awarded an interim contract and two Purchase Orders for landscape (\$100,000.00) and tree maintenance (\$25,000.00) are reflected in the budget.

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- A Purchase Order requested for Hannula Landscaping & Irrigation for an interim contract for irrigation will be itemized in the April budget.
- Ground Zero will be offered the opportunity to bid on stump removal once the irrigation contractor has assumed responsibility for the M.S.T.U.
- A replacement halyard and flag will be ordered for the flag pole - quote received (Line 28).
- Improvements General Fund of \$345,200. (Line 31) is reserved to finance special projects subject to review and approval of the County accounting office.
- Total available balance less committed expenses is \$495,348.52.

FY19 Budget

Mr. Schumacher reported development of the FY 19 budget is underway and reviewed the Millage Rate options for consideration as follows:

Millage Rate: The M.S.T.U. Advisory Committee was presented two options for the FY-19 rate:

- Maintain the current millage rate at 0.5000 mils (50¢ per thousand dollars taxable value), the maximum allowable per the MSTU BCC Ordinance.
- Lower the current millage rate to establish a Revenue Neutral Policy, maintaining the FY18 income level.

Mr. Haeger motioned to approve maintaining the millage rate at 0.5000. Second by Ms. Holmes. Carried unanimously 4 – 0.

Mr. Schumacher will present the proposed FY19 budget at the April meeting.

B. Walkable Community Study – Brandy Otero, Senior Planner, Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Mr. Schumacher introduced **Ms. Garcia**, Collier County Intern, noting she will be inputting data into the *Asset Tracking and Work Maintenance Inventory System* being implemented by the County.

Ms. Otero presented the “*Golden Gate City Walkable Community Study*” recapped with a hand out brochure. The MPO’s goal is for evaluation and recommendations to be finalized in June 2018.

A consultant was retained to gather extensive data collection pertinent to the following categories:

- Existing Conditions.
- Public Input -
 - Two (2) public workshops to identify issues, walking and bicycling audits
 - Stakeholder focus groups: school, agency, business community
- Determination of Cumulative Pedestrian Level of Service (PLOS)
 - Five PLOS levels include Directness, Continuity, Street Crossings, Visual Interest & Amenities and Security. Golden Gate City has an overall PLOS of E (levels rank A – F with C or D deemed acceptable). Lighting was noted as a deficiency.
- Scoring Priority Criteria included:
 1. Proximity to schools.
 2. Proximity to transit stops.

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3. Presence of crashes involving pedestrians or bicyclists.
- The Results revealed “School Focus” (areas around schools) as the Priority Areas.
- Short, Mid and Long Term Recommendations were presented.

Ms. Otero will collect comments on the draft plan and recommendations with the MPO committees and BCC and hold a Public Workshop on April 19th. Recommendations will be refined with Plan adoption slated for June 2018. Funding will be solicited from a variety of Avenues.

C. Irrigation – Coronado & Hunter Design – Conduits:

Installation awarded to Stahlman-England Irrigation, contract in Procurement Division

- The contract for Stahlman-England Irrigation contract in the amount of \$175,000 is under review by the Procurement Division and a Purchase Order has been requested.
- HydroPoint controllers will be installed on project completion establishing a uniform system which will be easy to manage and monitor.
- It is anticipated the new system will be functional in fall 2018.

D. Grounds Maintenance

Invitation to Bid (ITB) package for Ground Maintenance has been submitted to County Procurement Services to be advertised. (Landscape & Irrigation)

In accordance with County practice, an *Invitation to Bid ((ITB)* for a multi-year Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance contract, currently under review by the Procurement Division, will be advertised to qualified contractors.

E. Quotes

None

IX. Old Business

A. Canal Bridge Fencing (Golden Gate Pkwy)

Mr. Schumacher tabled review of this item to a future meeting.

B. Child Safe Places

Mr. Haeger reported he discussed the Child Safe Places concept with Lieutenant J. J. Carrol, Golden Gate Sub-Station, and will keep the Committee updated on progress to establish “zones” with participating businesses.

X. New Business

A. Stormwater Utility

Mr. Schumacher reported the Stormwater Utility proposal is scheduled to go back to the Board of County Commissioner on April 10, 2018 for an amendment to the Stormwater Utility Ordinance and Adoption of the initial rate resolution.

He will provide an update to the Committee on the status at the April meeting.

XI. Public/Board Comments

Beautification Project

Mr. Jefferson suggested the M.S.T.U. consider a beautification project at the intersection of 951 and Golden Gate Parkway.

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Items to be researched in preparation for project considerations include:

- Presence of irrigation or, if required, ability to modify existing irrigation.
- Easement requirements from property owners.

Construction Activity by the Canal Bridge

Mr. Schumacher will notify the Committee via email the status of and the entity responsible for the canal digging activity on the north end of Sunshine Boulevard by the bridge.

Golden Gate Entrance Sign

Noted: A community resident has requested landscaping with “color” be planted at the sign area in addition to the Perennial Peanut.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:47 P.M.

GOLDEN GATE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Patricia Spencer, Chair

The Minutes were approved by the Committee on _____, 2018 as presented _____, or as amended _____.

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 17, 2018 – 4:30 PM
GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER
4701 GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY
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