



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

**8300 Radio Road  
Naples, FL 34104  
JANUARY 17, 2023**

## MINUTES

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Chair Spencer. Attendance was called and a quorum of five was present.

### **II. Attendance**

<b>Advisory Committee</b>	Patricia Spencer – Chair Paula Rogan – Vice Chair Florence “Dusty” Holmes Ron Jefferson Oscar Marimon
<b>Staff</b>	Michelle Arnold – PTNE Director (Excused) Dan Schumacher – Project Manager Rosio Garcia – Administrative Assistant (Excused)
<b>Landscape</b>	Mike McGee – Landscape Architect, McGee & Assoc. Arnold Ramirez – Grounds Maintenance, Mainscape Eloy Resendez – Ground Maintenance, Mainscape
<b>Other</b>	Wendy Warren – Transcription, Premier

### **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **IV. Approval of Agenda**

*Chair Spencer moved to approve the Agenda of the Golden Gate Beautification M.S.T.U. as amended:  
Add: VII. Landscape Architect's Report - D. Request for Quote, Mainscape  
X. New Business – A. Gateway Sign Refurbishment; B. Holiday Lighting  
Second by Ms. Holmes. Carried unanimously 5 - 0.*

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### V. Approval of Minutes November 15, 2022

*Chair Spencer moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2022, meeting as presented.  
Second by Ms. Rogan Carried unanimously 5 - 0.*

### VI. Landscape Maintenance Report – Mainscape Landscaping Company

Mr. Ramirez reported:

- Landscape crews are performing routine maintenance.
- Tabebuia trees and a single Palm tree on Sunshine Boulevard will be re-staked with Duckbill Anchors.
- A meeting will be held with the Agronomy Group to ascertain cause for decline in African Iris, Flax Lily and Perennial Peanut plants in locations identified in the Summary Report.
- Decorative rock could be considered for the teardrops on 18<sup>th</sup> Place.

Mr. Schumacher reported:

- Twelve (12) Duckbill 68 Earth Anchors have been ordered to replace the wood stakes installed on the Tabebuia trees.
- Installation of mulch on Tropicana Blvd. will be scheduled on receipt of the twenty-five (25) pallets of “County brown” ordered from Golden Golf.

#### Water Usage – WeatherTrak Controller Estimate

- Tropicana Blvd.
  - December 2022 – 292,253 gallons.
- Sunshine Blvd.
  - December 2022 – 382,236 gallons.
- Coronado Pkwy. & Hunter Blvd.
  - December 2022 - 157,936 gallons.

### VII. Landscape Architect’s Report – McGee & Associates

Mr. McGee summarized the “*Golden Gate Landscape Observation Report FY-23*” dated January 3, 2023.

#### General Recommendations

- Replenish all locations with mulch.
- Pressure wash all paver areas and treat with “Wet & Forget” mold treatment spray.

#### A. Tropicana Boulevard

##### Median #3 Bridge

- Remove volunteer Blueberry Flax north and south ends.
- Replant missing or damaged Yellow African Iris.

##### Median #5

- Remove volunteer Crape Myrtles in the Bougainvillea bed and plant forty-five (45) Bromeliads.

#### B. Sunshine Boulevard

##### All Locations

- Multiple turf areas and new plantings are water stressed. *Recommend Mainscape perform a water coverage test.*
- Convert Tabebuia trees and one (1) palm tree staked with wood poles and straps to the Duckbill 68 Earth Anchor cable staking system.
- Cut plants around poles back eighteen (18) inches.

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### Median #1

- Replace dead Sabal palm.

### Median #2

- Renovate area of Juniper damaged by a vehicle on the south end with a double row of twenty-six (26) Juniper Parsoni shrubs.
- Address 2248: Eight (8) Yellow African Iris, under warranty, need to be replaced.
- Address 2184: Recommend replanting the Tabebuia Ipe tree.
- Address 2052: Replace fourteen (14) Juniper Parsoni shrubs affected by a Blight disease.

### Median #5

- Replace twenty (20) Blueberry Flax plants in decline resulting from insufficient irrigation.

### 18<sup>th</sup> Place and 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.W. Medians

- Recommend re-mulching the area prior to renovation.
- Recommend removing Bougainvillea and trash and preparing the area for new planting.
- Plant Perennial Peanut or “Raspberry” Bromeliad and mulch entire median with Rice Rock mulch during 2023 rainy season.

## **C. Coronado Parkway & Hunter Boulevard**

### All locations

- Remove volunteer plants or vines growing in Sabal palm trunks.
- Remove stakes from Alexander palms.
- Review all valve locations for missing green reflective markers.
- Evaluation revealed Yellow African Iris poor performance is related to irrigation coverage. *Recommend landscaping contractor review irrigation system to ensure the nozzles provide adequate coverage.*

### Coronado Parkway Median #10

- Install fifty (5) Perennial Peanut missing or in decline. *Suggest Landscaping contractor review plant condition to determine reason for decline.*

### Hunter Blvd. Median #2

- Recommend removal of Big Rose Crown of thorn and continue planting Perennial Peanut. The estimated number of plants needed two hundred twenty-five (225).

## **D. Request for Quote, Mainscape**

A cost quote for replacement of trees and plants on medians and roadways, based on the McGee & Associates Summary Report, has been requested from Mainscape.

*Mr. Schumacher provide the Mainscape quote to Committee members for approval.*

## **VIII. Project Manager’s Report**

### **A. Budget Report**

#### Golden Gate MSTU Fund Budget 153 dated January 17, 2023

- The FY-23 Millage rate remains constant at 0.5000 mills.
- Current Ad Valorem Tax, Line 1, is \$607,400.00; an increase of 13.83% over FY-22.
- Transfers and Contributions, Line 13, are \$1,277,465.94; a carryover of unexpended FY-22 funds.
- Total Revenue, Line 14, is \$1,891,365.94, including investment interest, transfers, and contributions (minus a 5% reserve).
- Purchase Orders: (Contractors)
  - Hart’s Electrical – Lighting Maintenance & Repair. *A photo sensor was replaced.*

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- Mainscape Landscaping -
  - Incidentals are for landscape refurbishment (tree replacement) and miscellaneous.
  - Grounds Maintenance includes irrigation repairs.
- McGee & Associates – Landscape Architecture.
- Premier Staffing – Transcription Services.
- SiteOne Landscape Supply – Irrigation Parts & Pumps.
- Operating Expense, Line 39, is budgeted at \$348,565.94; with current Commitments of \$168,468.57, Expenditures of \$59,999.31, and a Budget Remainder (unspent operating funds) of \$120,098.06.
- Capital Outlay, Line 41, budgeted at \$1,464,700.00, is available to fund planned long-term projects, consistent with the M.S.T.U. ordinance and upon a motion from the Advisory Committee. *Funds for the railing upgrade will be expensed from this category for the upgraded Sunshine Motif Panel on the Santa Barbara Canal Bridge railing after installation, in the later stages of bridge construction.*
- Transfer to Fund 111, Line 42, in the amount of \$60,100.00, is for M.S.T.U. Staff salaries and accrued County overhead related to M.S.T.U. operations.
- Transfer to the Property Appraiser, Line 44, in the amount of \$5,000.00, is for computation of M.S.T.U. Ad Valorem data for the tax rolls.
- Transfer to the Tax Collector, Line 45, in the amount of \$13,000.00, is for collection of M.S.T.U. millage as part of the tax bill, currently 0.5 mills.
- Total Budget, Line 47, lists FY23 M.S.T.U. budgeted funds at \$1,891,365.94; with tabulated Commitments of \$168,468.57, Expenditures of \$72,933.97, and a Budget Remainder (total unspent funds) of \$1,649,963.40. The \$1,891,365.94 budget amount does not change during the fiscal year.

### **Mr. Schumacher noted:**

- FY-23 millage rate of 0.5 accumulates funds for maintenance of community assets as identified in the Capital Asset Plan, updated annually, and special projects.
- A budget amendment to finance long-term projects, consistent with the M.S.T.U. ordinance, may be requested upon recommendation by the Advisory Committee and submitted for approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).
- Fund 153 is exclusive to the Golden Gate M.S.T.U. and cannot be utilized by outside entities.

### **B. Replacement Bridge – Santa Barbara Canal**

It was noted during discussion:

- The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the location of the Canal Bridge at the intersection of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW and Collier Boulevard-951.
- Construction which was delayed due to Hurricane Ian and relocation of County utilities, commenced in November.
- Removing the existing bridges and installing the new bridge is estimated to take one (1) year.

*Mr. Schumacher will update the Committee on the bridge project at the February 2023 meeting.*

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**VIII. Old Business**

A "Welcome to Golden Gate Sign(s)" on the Median tip at the intersection of Collier Blvd. (north) and Golden Gate Parkway, in the Right of Way (ROW), will be considered by the M.S.T.U. on completion of the CR951 bridge installation and road widening project.

**IX. New Business**

**A. Gateway Sign Refurbishment**

The surface finish on the "Welcome to Golden Gate City Sign" is peeling and showing evidence of mold. The sign was restored in 2019 by Signs & Things however the company was closed, and Staff will solicit cost quotes from County contractors to refurbish the sign.

**B. Holiday Décor**

- Holiday lighting, installed by a sub-contractor, will be considered for 2023.
- Creating a tree design with lights utilizing the Flagpole on Golden Gate Parkway at the intersection of Santa Barbara Blvd., like the Bayshore Beautification project for holiday 2022, will be researched.
- Affected County divisions will be consulted for approval to install the lighting.
- The topic will be added to the February 2023 Agenda.

**X. Public and Board Comments**

None

**XI. Adjournment**

*There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:18 P.M.*

**GOLDEN GATE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



**Patricia Spencer, Chair**

The Minutes were approved by the Committee on Feb. 21, 2023 as presented  or as amended .

**NEXT MEETING:**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – 4:30 PM  
GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER  
4701 GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY  
NAPLES, FL 34116**