



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

**8300 Radio Road
Naples, FL 34104
January 21, 2025**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:28 P.M. by Chair Spencer. Attendance was called and a quorum of three was established.

II. ATTENDANCE

Advisory Committee	Patricia Spencer – Chair Paula Rogan – Vice Chair (Excused) Florence “Dusty” Holmes Ron Jefferson - Committee Vacancy -
Staff	Brian Wells – PTNE Director (Excused) Dan Schumacher – Project Manager
Contractors	Mike McGee – Landscape Architect, McGee & Associates Armando Yzaguirre – Grounds Maintenance, A & M Property Maintenance Wendy Warren – Transcription, Premier

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Holmes moved to approve the Agenda of the Golden Gate MSTU Advisory Committee as presented. Second by Mr. Jefferson Carried unanimously 3 - 0.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 17, 2024

Mr. Jefferson moved to approve the Golden Gate MSTU Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 17, 2024, as presented. Second by Chair Spencer. Carried unanimously 3 - 0.

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VI. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE REPORT – A & M Property Maintenance

Mr. Yzaguirre reported:

- Routine landscape maintenance services have been performed on all MSTU roadways.
- Refurbishment of the medians on Hunter Boulevard and Coronado Parkway is near completion.
- Plant material deficiencies have been identified and a proposal for additional plants/trees for Hunter, Coronado and Tropicana will be submitted to Mr. Schumacher.
- Irrigation issues continue to occur.

Mr. Schumacher reported:

Irrigation

- The irrigation system on Sunshine Boulevard is not functioning as intended.
- The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) has awarded a contract to Agricultural Services International, LLC for Irrigation Pump Station Maintenance, Repairs and Services.
- ASI will be retained to diagnose the system and recommend repairs and/or replacement of components and the pump.
- Naples Electric Motor Works (NEMW) previously installed an internal fan on the Variable Frequency Drive and determined the fittings on a pipe were leaking.
- Median plantings on Sunshine Boulevard will be installed upon the resolution of the irrigation issues.

Mulch

- A cost quote for mulch will be requested from Southeast Spreading and installation scheduled.

Tree Pruning

- Trimming of Palms and hardwood trees will be scheduled with Tree Scaping Of Naples, Inc.

VII. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT'S REPORT – McGee & Associates

Mr. McGee summarized the January 7, 2025, observation report.

(The full report is included in the distributed Agenda meeting packet, which is accessible at the link shown at the end of these Minutes).

A. Sunshine Boulevard

B. Coronado Parkway & Hunter Boulevard

C. Tropicana Boulevard

Comments

Mr. McGee reported:

All locations

- Mulch (County Brown) is recommended for all planting beds, applied upon completion of plant replacements.
- Irrigation zones where replacement plants have been installed need to have additional days and/or time added.

Sunshine Boulevard

- Review all Duckbill tree staking systems quarterly to determine if the cables and rubber straps need to be adjusted.
- Median areas are stressed due to irrigation not functioning. Plant replacements should be put on hold.

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Coronado Parkway and Hunter Boulevard

- Irrigation zones where replacement plants have been installed need to have additional days and/or time added.
- Review Alexander Palms to ensure bubblers are positioned 12-inches off the edge of trunks and pinned to the ground.
- Confirmed Palms do not have Ganoderma.
- Remove dead fronds and stalks from Paroutis Palms clumps.
- Recommend Perennial Peanut beds have an application of 0-0-22-22S-11mg fertilizer and Legume Soil Inoculant quarterly.

Collier Boulevard Widening Phase III

The project is along Collier Boulevard between City Gate Boulevard North and Green Boulevard and involves widening Collier Boulevard from four to six lanes within the project limits. It includes realigning portions of the adjacent CR 951 Canal. The project is anticipated to complete design by mid-2025.

MSTU's participation in landscaping areas within the MSTU boundaries will be considered at a future meeting.

Mr. Schumacher will extend an invitation to Pam Lulich, Landscape Operations Manager, to attend an MSTU meeting to inform members of the status of landscape design for the Collier Boulevard project.

Comments

Mr. Schumacher reported:

- Fertilizer for Perennial Peanut, 0-0-22-22S-11mg, will be ordered and application scheduled.
- Median plantings on Sunshine Boulevard will be installed on the resolution of the irrigation issues.
- Replacement cost for eleven (11) decorative light poles on Tropicana Blvd. medians will be evaluated with quotes to be solicited from manufacturers Lumec and Sternberg.

VIII. PROJECT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Schumacher reported:

A. Budget Report

(The full report is included in the distributed Agenda meeting packet, which is accessible at the link shown at the end of these Minutes).

Golden Gate MSTU Fund 1621 Budget for January 21, 2025, prepared January 13, 2025.

- Purchase Orders
 1. FPL - electricity.
 2. A & M Property Maintenance – ground maintenance.
 - a. Incidentals – landscape plants, materials, and refurbishment.
 - b. Maintenance – regular landscape & irrigation maintenance.
 3. Howard Fertilizer – fertilizer.
 4. Lykins-Signtek – “Welcome Sign”
 5. McGee & Associates – landscape architectural services.
 6. Naples Christmas Lighting – Holiday decorations.
 7. Naples Electric motor Works (NEMW) – pump station maintenance.
 8. Premier Staffing – transcription services.
 9. Simmonds Electrical – electrical maintenance and repairs.

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10. SiteOne Landscape Supply – irrigation parts & components.
 11. Southeast Spreading – mulch.
 13. Tree Scaping of Naples – tree pruning and removal.
- Budget Summary
 1. Line 1, Ad Valorem Tax Collections & Interest – Of the \$743,200 budgeted, \$639,798 has been collected and \$103,401 remains to be collected.
 2. Line 2, Carry Forward – Unspent funds accumulated from previous fiscal years and retained within the MSTU, in the amount of \$2,006,206.
 3. All Revenues – Of the \$2,749,406 budgeted, \$639,798 has been collected leaving an available balance of \$2,109,607 (the sum of lines 1 and 2) minus Expenditures.
 4. Line 21, Operating Expense – Of \$384,906 budgeted, \$180,719 is committed on MSTU-issued Purchase Orders and \$53,119 has been spent, leaving the remainder of \$151,067 available within budget for additional operating expenses as needed.
 5. Line 25, County Overhead – Of the \$87,300 budgeted, \$14,126 has been transferred, and a balance of \$73,173 remains to be assessed (PTNE Staff & support, Property Appraiser, & Tax Collector).
 6. Line 27, Capital Projects – A balance of \$2,277,200 remains for improvement projects.
 7. Line 27, All Expenses – Of \$2,749,406 budgeted, \$180,719 is committed to existing Purchase Orders, and \$67,246 in total expenditures, leaving a remainder of \$2,501,440 available for MSTU expenditures.
 - General
 - a. MSTU Tax Rate: 0.5000 Mills (0.05%) for beautification improvements and maintenance within the taxing district is reviewed annually.
 - b. Funds not spent in 2025 (FY-25) will be carried forward into FY-26.
 - c. Tax millage and interest collected by the Golden Gate Beautification MSTU may only be utilized by the MSTU and within the MSTU district boundary.

Mr. Schumacher noted:

- The approved invoice for Naples Christmas Lighting is on the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) consent Agenda for payment.
- The proposed irrigation and landscape project on Golden Gate Parkway will be funded from the Capital Projects category.
- Uncommitted funds available within budget are eligible for transfer to other categories upon approval by the Committee.
- The Office of Budget Management (OMB) will be consulted regarding the addition of a note in the FY-26 budget to identify \$150,000 in the Capital Improvements category dedicated to funding expenses incurred for disaster/ catastrophic events, perhaps per MSTU roadway.
- The *Asset Management Plan* report to estimate useful life of MSTU assets and corresponding expenditure projections to fund maintenance will be updated during the 2026 budget planning process.
- The Ad Valorem taxable value within the MSTU increased 8.94% for fiscal year 2025 over 2024 generating additional revenue of \$129,275.

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B. Community Welcome Sign Renovation – Golden Gate Parkway (west)

Mr. Schumacher reported:

- The Committee approved the sign design at the October 15, 2024, meeting.
- Lykins Signtek confirmed the sign will be finished week ending January 25th.
- He will inspect the sign prior to installation to confirm color application is consistent with the colors selected.
- The sign mounting standards and hardware will be prepped and painted on site prior to the sign installation.
- A new landscape light will be installed.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Irrigation Extension - Pkwy Median 2 & New Bridge over Santa Barbara Canal

Mr. Schumacher reported:

- The Road Maintenance Division is considering restoration of the irrigation and landscaping at the intersection of Santa Barbara Blvd. and Golden Gate Parkway, west of the sign.
- The original irrigation lateral pipes were previously severed and capped, and irrigation heads disconnected during a County project in the area.
- Irrigation is necessary on both east and west sides of the bridge. Everything is already in place on the west side, whereas the east side requires piping and sprinkler heads.
- The irrigation line installation labor segment of the project is expected to go out for bid with anticipated installation in 2025.
- The County will supply parts for the project.
- Plants will be selected upon project completion for installation in spring 2025. TRUE?
- The MSTU has offered to share the cost of the project with the County.
- Upon installation, Road Maintenance Division will be responsible for maintaining the subject improvements.

Mr. Schumacher will consult Pam Lulich, Landscape Operations Manager, to review the project. and extend an invitation for a department representative to attend an MSTU meeting.

XI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Holiday Decorations 2026

- Plans for Holiday Decorations in the Right-of-Way (ROW) on Golden Parkway, at the intersection of Santa Barbara Boulevard, will be addressed in June 2026.
- A full-size Christmas tree design of multi-color lights utilizing the flagpole will be considered.
- The replacement Welcome Sign will be prominently incorporated into the design.

Streetlamps

- The light pole on Coronado Parkway with blinking lamps will be identified and reported to FPL.

Sidewalk Restoration

- In a Golden Gate Civic Association meeting, discussion noted the sidewalk on Coronado Parkway will be restored with asphalt upon completion of the County's Public Utility project.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:17 P.M.

GOLDEN GATE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Patricia Spencer, Chair

The Minutes were approved by the Committee on Mar. 18, 2025 as presented or as amended .

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NEXT MEETING:

FEBRUARY 18, 2025 – 4:30 PM
GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER
4701 GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY
NAPLES, FL 34116