



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

**8300 Radio Road  
Naples, FL 34104**

**May 20, 2025**

## **MINUTES**

### **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  
Open Seat

#### **Staff**

Brian Wells – PTNE Director (Excused)  
Dan Schumacher – Project Manager

#### **Landscape**

Mike McGee – Landscape Architect, McGee & Associates  
Armando Yzaguirre – Grounds Maintenance, A & M Property Maintenance (Excused)

#### **Others**

Wendy Warren – Transcription, Premier

### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Chair Spencer motioned to approve the Agenda of the Golden Gate MSTU Advisory Committee as presented. Second by Mr. Jefferson Carried unanimously 3 - 0.*

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### V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2025

*Mr. Jefferson moved to approve the Golden Gate MSTU Advisory Committee meeting minutes of April 15, 2025, as presented. Second by Ms. Holmes. Carried unanimously 3 - 0.*

### VI. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE REPORT

In Mr. Yzaguirre's absence, **Mr. Schumacher** reported on landscaping conditions.

- Routine landscape maintenance services have been performed on all MSTU roadways.
- Sunshine Boulevard median refurbishments are pending resolution of the irrigation issues.

### VII. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT'S REPORT – McGee & Associates

**Mr. McGee** summarized the May 6, 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 medians where replacement plants were installed.
- Increase irrigation schedule in dry areas.
- Recommend spring fertilization for all roadways.
- Recommend all Perennial Peanut plantings have an application of 0-0-22-22S-11mg fertilizer and Legume Soil inoculant.
- Review accent lighting fixtures for cleaning and/or replacement.
- Clean all paver areas with "Wet & Forget Outdoor" mold and mildew remover.
- Tracer spray, to identify herbicide applications and provide a visual guide of where the herbicide has been sprayed, should be used to help prevent over spraying, drift, and accidental application to unintended areas.

#### Sunshine Boulevard

- All areas are heavily stressed due to the irrigation system not functioning. All replacement plantings are on hold. A major renovation planting will be required to reestablish median landscapes.

#### Coronado Parkway

- The irrigation coverage of the perennial peanut needs to be reviewed in Median numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 1, east and west ends, and 12.
- Many perennial peanut beds contain too many weeds resulting in a decline of the plantings. Continuous and early removal of weeds is important.
- Recommend reviewing all valve locations for green reflective markers that are missing.

#### Hunter Boulevard

- Liriope planting areas have large amounts of perennial peanut re-sprouting in the beds. New sprouts should be treated with herbicide before mulch is applied.
- Paurotis and Saw Palmetto palms were pruned.

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### Tropicana Boulevard

- Except for large shrubs, plant replacements are complete.
- Recommend all irrigation heads around Juniper plantings be reviewed for pruning.
- Prune foliage away from base of light poles.

### **Comments**

**Mr. Schumacher** reported Southeast Spreading is scheduled to install two truckloads of mulch May 22,2025.

### **Committee Comments**

- **Mr. McGee** noted that the Big Blue Liriope plant is replacing Perennial Peanut in median locations where an abundance of weeds has occurred.
- An auto accident damaged Juniper on Sunshine Boulevard, Median #2. Item is noted in the Summary Report with instruction to remove damaged plants and install double row of twenty-six Juniper Parsonii.

## **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 May 20, 2025, prepared May 16, 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.
  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, Revenues and Interest – Of the \$743,200 budgeted, \$726,442 has been collected and \$16,757 remains to be collected.
  2. Line 2, Carry Forward – Unexpended Prior Year (2024) Funds \$2,006,206.
  3. All Revenues – Of the \$2,749,406 budgeted, \$726,442 has been collected leaving an available balance of \$2,022,963 (the sum of lines 1 and 2) minus Expenditures.

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4. Line 20, Operating Expense – Of \$384,906 budgeted, \$120,368 is committed on to existing Purchase Orders and \$155,419 is expended, leaving the remainder of \$109,118 available within budget for additional operating expenses as needed.
  5. Line 24, County Overhead – Of the \$87,300 budgeted, \$85,376 has been transferred, and a balance of \$2,923 remains for transfer (PTNE Staff & support, Property Appraiser, & Tax Collector).
  6. Line 26, Capital Projects – A balance of \$2,277,200 remains for improvement projects.
  7. Line 27, All Expenses – Of \$2,749,406 budgeted, \$120,368 is committed in existing Purchase Orders, \$240,795 has been expended, leaving a remainder of \$2,388,925 available for MSTU expenditures.
  8. Line 28, FY-25 Budget Grand Total – budgeted Revenues (Line 3) and All Expenses (Line 25) are equal and cancel-out, \$120,368 remains committed to existing Purchase Orders, collected Revenues exceed Expenses by \$485,646 and \$365,277 are Unexpended.
- General
    1. MSTU Tax Rate: 0.5000 Mills is for beautification improvements and maintenance within the taxing district.
    2. The Ad Valorem taxable value increased 8.94% for fiscal year 2025 over 2024 generating additional revenue of \$129,275.
    3. 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 Capital Projects category will fund pump station repairs and the proposed irrigation and landscape project(s) on Golden Gate Parkway.
- 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 requested to add a line item in the FY-26 budget to allocate \$150,000 for each of the four MSTU roadways in the Capital Improvements category dedicated to funding expenses incurred for disaster/catastrophic events.
- The Ad Valorem taxable value increased 8.94% for fiscal year 2025 over 2024 generating additional revenue of \$129,275.
- Funds not spent in FY-25 will be carried forward into FY-26.

### Fiscal Year 2026 Millage Neutral Motion

#### **Mr. Schumacher** reported:

- The Office of Budget and Management was notified of the Advisory Committee's recommendation to maintain the current millage rate of 0.5000 for Fiscal Year 2026.
- Asset Management Plan assets and expenditure projections to fund maintenance will be updated for 2026.

### Landscape Maintenance Contract

- Award of a new three-year contract with two (2) one-year renewal options is pending review by the Procurement Division and approval by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC).

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- A & M Property Maintenance's contract was extended for two months to provide continuity in landscapes services for the Golden Gate MSTU.

### IX. ONGOING BUSINESS

#### A. Parkway Sign Light

Simmonds Electrical has scheduled installation of the new light for the week of June 9, 2025.

#### B. Light Pole and Lamp Replacements

- Quote proposals will be solicited from Lumec and Sternberg for streetlamp conversion to LED. The purchase of the lamps will be funded by the Capital Projects category.
- Light poles, particularly on Tropicana Boulevard, are corroded from water accumulating at the base of the fixture and age. Cost of replacing some poles will be researched with Sternberg.

### X. NEW BUSINESS

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

An Invitation to Bid on the restoration of the irrigation and landscaping on Golden Gate Parkway, west of the welcome sign at the intersection of Santa Barbara Boulevard, and east toward the bridge over the canal, was posted on OpenGov.com.

- Irrigation plans prepared by McGee & Associates, Landscape Architects, for the proposed project were reviewed.
- A list of plants available for transfer from another County project will be provided for incorporation into the landscape design.
- The Committee agreed to consider the Road Maintenance contribution of up to \$50,000.00 for the project.
- The Road Maintenance Division will be responsible for installing and maintaining the improvements.
- An update on project status will be provided at the July meeting.

#### B. Sunshine Irrigation Pump Station

Mr. Schumacher reported:

- The pump station and irrigation system on Sunshine Boulevard are not functioning.
- Agricultural Services International (ASI) diagnosed the system on-site and recommended a complete pump station replacement.
- A Purchase Order was issued to ASI to install a *Rain Bird* Compact Low Profile VFD Pump Station.
- Replacement of the flow meter will be determined upon installation.
- Lead time for material delivery and installation is 8 to 10 weeks.

### XI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

#### The Gate Golf Club

- Construction is underway for The Gate Golf Club with opening slated for Spring 2026.
- Conversion of the Quality Inn and Suite Golf Resort to community housing, The Teale, is progressing.

#### Sidewalk Construction

- A portion of asphalt sidewalk at the west end of Coronado Parkway is not being replaced with a concrete sidewalk.

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Fiber Internet Installation

- PRIME FIBER is installing high-speed fiber internet in Golden Gate City.
- The provider is required to repair residential property damage caused by installation. Residents should call Collier County 311 to register for landscape refurbishment.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:16 P.M.*

**GOLDEN GATE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Patricia Spencer

**Patricia Spencer, Chair**

The Minutes were approved by the Committee on 8/19, 2025 as presented ✓ or as amended \_\_\_\_.

**Golden Gate Beautification MSTU/Collier PTNE**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**JULY 15, 2025 – 4:30 PM**  
**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**4701 GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY**  
**NAPLES, FL 34116**