



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

**8300 Radio Road
Naples, FL 34104
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:29 P.M. by Chair Spencer. Attendance was called and a quorum of four was present.

II. Attendance

Advisory Committee	Patricia Spencer – Chair Paula Rogan – Vice Chair Florence “Dusty” Holmes (Excused) Ron Jefferson Oscar Marimon
Staff	Michelle Arnold – PTNE Director (Excused) Dan Schumacher – Project Manager Rosio Garcia – Administrative Assistant (Excused)
Landscape	Mike McGee – Landscape Architect, McGee & Assoc. Mike Patterson – Grounds Maintenance, Mainscape
Other	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.
Second by Ms. Rogan. Carried unanimously 4 - 0.*

V. Approval of Minutes September 20, 2022

*Chair Spencer moved to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022, meeting as presented.
Second by Ms. Rogan Carried unanimously 4 - 0.*

VI. Landscape Maintenance Report – Mainscape Landscaping Company

Mr. Patterson reported:

- Landscape crews are performing routine maintenance.
- Tabebuia trees on Sunshine Boulevard were re-staked.
- Replacement of deteriorating Bougainvillea Silhouettes is scheduled for week ending November 19, 2022.
- A meeting will be held with the Agronomy Group to ascertain cause for decline in African Iris plants.

Mr. Schumacher reported:

- Duckbill Anchor Cable Stakes have been ordered to replace the wood stakes installed on the Tabebuia trees.
- Tree canopy lifting will be scheduled.
- Mulch will be ordered from Golden Golf for application in early December 2022.

Water Usage – WeatherTrak Controller Estimate

- Tropicana Blvd.
 - September 2022 – 204,607gallons.
 - October 2022 – 198,942 gallons.
- Sunshine Blvd.
 - September 2022 – 215,598.
 - October 2022 – Reading incorrect.
- Coronado Pkwy. & Hunter Blvd.
 - September 2022 - 90,170 gallons.
 - October 2022 - 96,120 gallons.

Irrigation

A capacitor filter was installed in the median on Sunshine Blvd. to resolve the issue with erratic signals for water volumes recorded by the HydroPoint controller. Mr. Schumacher noted water was flowing despite the incorrect reading and confirmed the meter is now registering the usage accurately.

VII. Landscape Architect's Report – McGee & Associates

Mr. McGee summarized the “*Golden Gate Landscape Observation Report FY22*” dated November 7, 2022.

General

Recommend Mainscape's Agronomy Group evaluate the African Iris plants and Paroutis palm trees for health and implement corrective treatment or fertilization program.

Recommend all beds be mulched.

Tropicana Boulevard

- Median #1: Remove dead Sabal palm on north end and replace with fifteen (15) foot clear trunk size Sabal palm.
- Median #2:
 - Replant removed Tabebuia tree, five (5) gallon size container at address 2184.

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Sunshine Boulevard

- Median #1:
 - Replace dead Sabal palm
 - Replace, under warranty, five (5) yellow African Iris.
- Median #2:
 - Address 2160: Remove volunteer Plumbago shrubs from Bougainvillea and treat Torpedo grass.
- Median #6:
 - Address 1770 - Replace twelve (12) yellow African Iris and remove volunteer Blueberry Flax sprouts.
 - Address 1720 - Replace twelve (12) yellow African Iris.

18th Place and 18th Avenue S.W. Medians

- Plant “Raspberry” Bromeliad and mulch entire median with Rice Rock mulch during 2023 rainy season.

Coronado Parkway

- All locations:
 - Recommend developing fertilization recovery plan for all Paroutis palm clumps per UF/IFAS Extension recommendations for deficiencies as specified in the summary report.
- Median #3
 - Remove and schedule replacement of southernmost Alexander Palms.
- Median #13:
 - Westernmost Alexander palm was run over by a vehicle. Remove stump and replant with ten (10) foot clear trunk Alexander palm.

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).
- Median #3:
 - Address 2330 – Replant twenty-five (25) Bougainvillea ‘Silhouette’ shrubs.
 - Address 2337 & 2340 - Replace twenty-three (23) Ms. Alice Bougainvillea shrubs; install twenty (20) additional shrubs on south end of bed.
- Median #6
 - Remove wood debris from median.
 - Address 2018: Replace missing Jatropha tree, six (6) foot height, multi-stem.
 - Address 2007: Replace thirty (30) missing or declining Society Garlic plants.
 - Address 2090: Remove Oyster plants from valve boxes.
- Median #7
 - Address 1980: Replace missing Alexander palm.
 - Address 5261: Remove volunteer Schefflera plant growing on Sabal palm.

Mr. Schumacher submitted a list of tree replacements to Mainscape Landscaping and Requested a Quote (RFQ). One (1) Alexander palm damaged by an auto on Coronado Pkwy., Median #13, will be added to the request.

VIII. Project Manager's Report

A. Budget Report

Golden Gate MSTU Fund Budget 153 dated November 15, 2022

- 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 \$1,826,800.00, including investment interest, transfers, and contributions (minus a 5% reserve).
- Purchase Orders: (Contractors)
 - Hart's Electrical – Lighting Maintenance & Repair. *A photo sensor was replaced.*
 - 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.
 - Thomas Marine Construction – Santa Barbara Canal Bridge Railing Infill Panel.
- Operating Expense, Line 35, is budgeted at \$348,565.94; with current Commitments of \$198,670.16, Expenditures of \$9,483.34, and a Budget Remainder (unspent operating funds) of \$140,412.44.
- Capital Outlay, Line 37, 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 38, 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 39, 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 40, 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 38, lists FY23 M.S.T.U. budgeted funds at \$1,891,365.94; with tabulated Commitments of \$198,670.16, Expenditures of \$10,701.77, and a Budget Remainder (total unspent funds) of \$1,681,994.01. 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 MSTU ordinance, can be requested upon recommendation by the Advisory Committee and executed upon 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.

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The Committee discussed Holiday Décor:

- Holiday lighting installed by an outside source will be considered for 2023 and a cost quote will be solicited for the work at that time.
- Staff will determine available locations for the décor. The Traffic Operations Division would be consulted to coordinate installation on arterial roadways.

B. Replacement Bridge – Santa Barbara Canal

It was noted during discussion:

- The replacement bridge in on Golden Gate Pkwy, east of Santa Barbara Blvd.
- Construction was delayed due to Hurricane Ian and relocation of County utilities is scheduled to commence the week of November 14th. or 21st.
- Removing the existing bridges and installing the new bridge is estimated to take one (1) year.
- Traffic on the parkway is expected on one lane in each direction during construction.

C. December Meeting Date

The Committee agreed to hold a meeting December 20, 2022, if business necessitates. A decision will be rendered, and members notified by December 13, 2022.

D. Secondary Bridge Locations – Repainting

A project to water blast and seal nine (9) secondary bridge locations is under review by the Road Maintenance Division.

- Mike Stone, Sr. Field Inspector for the project, was notified of the M.S.T.U.'s interest in repainting the bridges.
- The County does not have a painting contract on file and Daryll Richard, Landscape Architect, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was contacted for guidance on the painting standards for bridges.
- The M.S.T.U. would consider making a capital contribution to the project but the County would remain responsible for custodial maintenance of the assets.

Mr. Schumacher will update the Committee on the project status at a future date.

VIII. Old Business

None

IX. New Business

None

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 5:21 P.M.

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GOLDEN GATE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Patricia Spencer

Patricia Spencer, Chair

The Minutes were approved by the Committee on 1-17, 2023 as presented or
as amended _____.

NEXT MEETING:

**DECEMBER 20, 2022 – 4:30 PM
GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER
4701 GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY
NAPLES, FL 34116**