



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

**8300 Radio Road
Naples, FL 34104**

AUGUST 16, 2022

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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 four was present.

II. Attendance

Advisory Committee	Patricia Spencer – Chair Paula Rogan – Vice Chair Florence “Dusty” Holmes Ron Jefferson Vacancy
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 Dawn Breheney Barnard - Resident

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. Holmes. Carried unanimously 4 - 0.*

V. Approval of Minutes May 17, 2022

*Mr. Jefferson moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022, meeting as presented.
Second by Chair Spencer. Carried unanimously 4 - 0.*

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VI. Landscape Maintenance Report – Mainscape Landscaping Company

Mr. Patterson reported:

- Routine landscape maintenance is being undertaken on schedule.
- The replacement plant proposal was approved, and material ordered. Installation will be scheduled on receipt of plants, currently anticipated week ending August 27, 2022.
- Dead Juniper on Sunshine Blvd., Median #2, was cut out and bed cleaned.
- Bougainvillea shrubs continue to decline.

Mr. Schumacher will apply Wet & Forget product to pavers in a single median as a test for effectiveness at the end of the rainy season.

VII. Landscape Architect's Report – McGee & Associates

Mr. McGee summarized the "Golden Gate Landscape Observation Report FY22" dated August 2, 2022.

General

Yellow African Iris are not doing well. Recommend Mainscape's Agronomy Group evaluate the plants' health and implement corrective treatment or fertilization program.

Tropicana Boulevard

- Median #1: Prune dwarf Jasmine away from plants and off tree trunks.
- Median #3:
 - Remove volunteer Blueberry Flax.
 - Replace five (5) yellow African Iris.
- Median #5
 - Replace missing or damaged White African Iris.
 - Remove volunteer Crape Myrtles from Bougainvillea bed.

Sunshine Boulevard

- Median #1:
 - Replace dead Sabal palm
 - Replace, under warranty, five (5) yellow African Iris.
- Median #2:
 - North end – Prune out dead and brown foliage in Juniper Parsonii. *Contractor treated approximately thirty-nine (39) – forty (40) Juniper for Blight disease.*
 - Address 2248 – Replace eight (8) declining yellow African Iris.
 - Remove center metal support poles from Tabebuia trees. Reposition and loosen staking straps so not to girdle the tree trunks.
- 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 Avenue S.W. Median

- Mow and/or spray weeds with herbicide.

Coronado Parkway

- All locations:
 - Recommend developing recovery fertilization plan for all Paroutis palm clumps per UF/IFAS Extension recommendations for deficiencies as specified in the summary report.

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- Median #3
 - Remove and schedule replacement of southernmost Alexander Palms.
- Median #4:
 - Replace Yellow Flag Iris, installed incorrectly, with Yellow African Iris.
- Median #7
 - Remove Brazilian Pepper from Firebush.
- Median #10
 - Heavily prune back all Muhly grass.
 - Address 5237 - Fill in missing Perennial Peanut plants; quantity required fifty (50).

Hunter Blvd.

- Median #2:
 - Recommend removal of Big Rose Crown of thorn and continue planting Perennial Peanut. 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 #4
 - Remove Brazilian Pepper in Saw Palmetto plants. Keep clear of the pump station.
 - Cut back and remove Palmetto stems and foliage within three (3) feet of the pump station box.
- Median #6
 - Remove wood debris from median.
 - Address 2018: Replace missing Jatropha tree, six (6) foot height.
 - Address 2007: Replace thirty (30) missing or declining Society Garlic plants.
- Median #7
 - Address 1980: Replace missing Alexander palm.
 - Address 5261: Remove volunteer plants in Saw Palmetto plants.
 - Address 5261: Remove volunteer Schefflera plant growing on Sabal palm.

Mr. Schumacher will submit a list of plant items for replacement to Mainscape Landscaping and Request a Quote.

Water Usage

June and July 2022 water use per WeatherTrak controller estimates:

- Tropicana Boulevard: June - 300,499 gallons; July – 334,790 gallons.
- Sunshine Boulevard: June- 412,097 gallons; July – 401,237 gallons. *
- Coronado Pkwy & Hunter Boulevard: June - 308,222 gallons; July - 363,165.

* The Measured Usage History Report recorded a six (6) day gap. A median pump station component, the variable frequency drive keypad, failed and a new control pad was installed by Naples Electric Motor Works.

VIII. Project Manager’s Report

A. Budget Report

Golden Gate MSTU Fund Budget 153 dated August 16, 2022

- The FY-22 Millage rate remains constant at 0.5000 mills.
- Current Ad Valorem Tax, Line 1, is \$533,600.00; an increase of 8.10% over FY-21.
- Transfers and Contributions, Line 13, are \$1,136,560.68; a carry-over of unexpended FY-21 funds.

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- Total Revenue, Line 14, is \$1,675,060.68, including investment interest, transfers, and contributions.
- Purchase Orders: (Contractors)
 - Hart's Electrical – Lighting Maintenance & Repair.
 - Howard Fertilizer – Landscape Fertilizer.
 - HydroPoint Irrigation– Cloud Software Renewal.
 - Mainscape Landscaping -
 - Incidentals is for landscape refurbishment and miscellaneous.
 - Grounds Maintenance includes irrigation repairs.
 - McGee & Associates – Landscape Architecture.
 - Naples Electric Motor Works – Pump Station Repair.
 - Premier Staffing – Transcription Services.
 - SiteOne Landscape Supply – Irrigation Parts & Pumps.
 - Varian Construction – Bus Shelter Repainting.
- Red indicates the Purchase Order is closed and the money expended.
- Operating Expense, Line 31, is budgeted at \$422,060.68; with current Commitments of \$118,155.99, Expenditures of \$199,764.95, and a Budget Remainder (unspent operating funds) of \$104,139.74.
- Capital Outlay, Line 33, budgeted at \$1,181,200.00, is available to fund planned long term projects, consistent with the M.S.T.U. ordinance and upon a motion from the Advisory Committee.
- Transfer to Fund 111, Line 34, in the amount of \$56,000.00, is for MSTU Staff salaries and accrued County overhead related to M.S.T.U. operations.
- Transfer to the Property Appraiser, Line 35, in the amount of \$4,500.00, is for computation of MSTU Ad Valorem data for the tax rolls.
- Transfer to the Tax Collector, Line 36, in the amount of \$11,300.00, is for collection of M.S.T.U. millage as part of the tax bill, currently 0.5 mills.
- Total Budget, Line 38, lists FY-22 MSTU budgeted funds at \$1,675,060.68; with tabulated Commitments of \$118,155.99, Expenditures of \$270,339.47, and a Budget Remainder (total unspent funds) of \$1,286,565.22. The \$1,675,060.68 amount does not change during the fiscal year.

Unexpended FY-22 funds will be carried-over to the FY-23 budget and recorded as a line item under Transfers & Contributions.

B. Committee Application(s)

Mr. Schumacher reported there are two (2) advisory seats available on the Golden Gate Beautification M.S.T.U. Advisory Committee. The four (4) year terms commence October 2022.

Ron Jefferson is eligible for reappointment to the Advisory Committee for a four (4) year term. His application has been received.

Oscar Marimon applied for consideration to fill the Advisory Committee vacancy.

Mr. Schumacher will confirm his residency is within the M.S.T.U. property boundaries and invite him to attend the September 2022 meeting.

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Candidates' applications will be considered by the Committee for recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners at the September meeting and placed on the BCC's October 2022 *Consent Agenda* for approval.

C. Replacement Bridge – Golden Gate Pkwy over the Santa Barbara Canal

The plans include replacing the three existing bridges with a single bridge including shoulders and sidewalks on each side. Improvements are anticipated to enhance mobility and maintain connectivity for vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Railing Design

- The upgraded *Sunshine Motif Infill Panel* for the railing, funded by the M.S.T.U., has been ordered at a cost of approximately \$45,000.00.
- Funds for the railing upgrade will be expensed from the M.S.T.U. Capital Outlay budget after installation, in the later stages of bridge construction.

Removing the existing bridge and installing the new bridge is estimated to take one (1) year and will commence in October 2022. One lane of bridge traffic will be maintained throughout construction, with Coronado Pkwy and Sunshine Blvd available as alternate routes.

Mr. Schumacher notified Mainscape Landscaping to prune hedges away from the curbs on Coronado Parkway in consideration of increased traffic during construction.

D. Canal Bridge Location – Golden Gate Pkwy & CR-951

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved the location of the Canal Bridge at the intersection of 27th Avenue SW and Collier Boulevard-951. A graphic was distributed showing the bridge location.

Mr. Schumacher will invite Lorraine Lantz, Principal Planner, to the September meeting to update Committee members on activities in Golden Gate.

E. Secondary Bridge Locations – Repainting

A Road Maintenance Division project to water blast and seal nine (9) secondary bridge locations is under review. A street map with secondary bridge locations highlighted in purple was distributed.

- **Mr. Schumacher** contacted Mike Stone, Sr. Field Inspector for the project, to share the M.S.T.U.'s interest in repainting the bridges.
- Noting Collier County does not have a painting contract on file, Daryll Richard, Landscape Architect, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) was contacted for guidance on the painting standards for bridges.
- **Mr. Schumacher** noted the M.S.T.U. would consider making a capital contribution to the project, with the Road Maintenance Div. responsible for ongoing maintenance.

IX. Old Business

None

X. New Business

None

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XI. Public and Board Comments

Dawn Barnard commented on the East Naples Civic Association's experience with banner flag restrictions on light poles.

Staff suggested contacting Florida Power & Light (FPL) to determine if a removable "clamp on" mechanism would be acceptable to display flags during holiday periods.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:22 P.M.

GOLDEN GATE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Patricia Spencer, Chair

The Minutes were approved by the Committee on 9-20, 2022 as presented or as amended _____.

NEXT MEETING:

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