



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

**3299 East Tamiami Trail, Suite 103
Naples, FL 34112**

March 19, 2013

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by Chairman Richard Simms. A quorum established; five voting members were present.

II. ATTENDANCE

Chairman: Richard Sims

Members: Vice-Chair Patricia Spencer, Peggy Harris, Michael McElroy, Barbara Segura

County: Darryl Richard – MSTU Project Manager
Michelle Arnold – Director, ATM Department
Pamela Lulich - Pam Lulich – Land Operations Manager

Others: Michael McGee – McGee & Associates;
Robert Kindelan – Commercial Land Maintenance;
Dale Hannula and Jeremy Hannula – Hannula Landscaping
(JuriStaff – Anne Iacuzzo)

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Richard Simms moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Second by Vice Chair Patricia Spencer. Carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 16, 2013

Vice Chair Patricia Spencer moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting as submitted. Second by Peggy Harris. Carried unanimously, 5 – 0.

(NOTE: Vice Chair Patricia Spencer approved the Minutes of the Non-Working Meeting held on February 19, 2013. A vote was not required since there had not been a quorum for this meeting.)

V. MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT

(Report attached: “Golden Gate Beautification MSTU – Fund 153, dated March 19, 2013”)

• Current Ad Valorem Tax:	\$ 240,800.00	(anticipated to receive)
• Received to date:	\$ 203,697.21	
• To be Collected:	\$ 37,102.79	
• Operating Expense:	\$ 290,838.80	
• Open Purchase Orders:	\$ 145,112.88	
• Expenditures - Paid to date:	\$ 108,078.72	
• Operating Funds Available	\$ 37,647.20	
• Capital Outlay/Improvements:	\$ 448,500.00	
• Open Purchase Orders:	\$ 00.00	
• Spent to Date:	\$ 00.00	
• Available Total:	\$ 448,500.00	
• Reserves (for Contingencies):	\$ 2,700.00	
• Total Budget:	\$ 493,027.85	

Peggy Harris questioned the Purchase Order submitted by Ag-Tronic for \$1,700.

Darryl Richard explained it was the cost for the service call to assess repairs needed for the Motorola Irrigation Controller on Tropicana Boulevard.

VI. PROJECT MANAGER’S REPORT – DARRYL RICHARD

A. Update – Tropicana Blvd. – Irrigation System

- Hannula Landscaping installed the “RainBird” Controller at a cost of \$495. The alternate controller will provide water for the plantings on Tropicana Boulevard until the issues with the existing equipment are resolved by Motorola.

VII. TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE REPORTS

A. RFP (“Request for Proposal”)

- The RFP for maintenance of Sunshine Blvd., Tropicana Blvd., Hunter Blvd., Coronado Parkway and the median at CR 951 (at Green Blvd.) has been released.
- The deadline to submit new bids is April 16, 2013 at 2:30 PM.
- The contract will be awarded by the Board of County Commissioners for a period of one year.
- An RFP for the construction of the flagpole near the sign on the entry median (west) has been released and should be returned by the next meeting.

A question was asked about permitting fees.

Response: The cost to obtain a permit during “season” is approximately \$4,000 while the same permit costs approximately \$2,000 at any other time of year. The Board of County Commissioners approves the permit fee schedule.

B. Hannula Landscaping – Dale Hannula

- Tropicana Blvd.:
 - The new controller was installed and is working.
 - Broadleaf weeds that died will be covered by turf
 - New plant material has been installed.
 - The mulching and fertilizing has been completed.
- Parkway:
 - Water usage differs due to the different plantings
- Sunshine:
 - Mulch has been installed
- Golden Gate:
 - A spraying schedule has been instituted for the Indian Hawthorn
 - It was noted the broadleaf in the turf died
 - No decision has been made regarding plantings (Azalea - ?)
 - Grass trimming has been completed
 - Proposal has been submitted regarding installing sod in certain areas on Golden Gate
 - Installation of trees is in process - beginning at 951 – the area will receive mulch after the installation is complete
- Coronado:
 - New materials have been installed
 - Mulch is ready to be installed
 - All proposals (re: mulch and fertilization) have been submitted

It was noted the worst looking roadways would be treated first due to budgetary issues.

C. Commercial Land Maintenance – Robert Kindelan

- Hunter/Coronado:
 - Monthly maintenance has been done
 - Lantana has been cut back
 - Weeds have been removed from pavers
 - Continuing to spray Mimosa to remove dollar weed
 - Silver saw palmetto – infected with insects – will spray
 - Increased irrigation due to new plant material
 - Trees have been staked where necessary

VIII. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT’S REPORT – MCGEE & ASSOCIATES

- Requested that clipping are to be raked and removed after cutting
- Manual watering was requested on Tropicana until the “RainBird” Controller was installed.
- Amount of water has been reduced at Sunshine Blvd.

- Golden Gate Parkway: (Median #10) Dead turf will be removed and the torpedo grass will be removed. Will re-treat plants to control insect infestation.
- Hunter/Coronado: first spraying has been completed, will monitor
- Oaks are being watered via daily bubbler which will increase usage
- Collier: There are different weed issues and spraying of Indian Hawthorne has begun, as well as mulching.

It was noted the trenches were dug too small and the plants look terrible.

Michael McGee responded the plants will grow quickly and catch up.

A comment was made concerning the “speed bump” at Hunter/Coronado – either it was sunk or the asphalt was raised – poor workmanship. Also questioned was the height of the curbs as too high. Were the curbs inspected when installed?

Pamela Lulich will contact Road Maintenance and will report back to the Committee.

Road Maintenance Report:

- Widening of Green Blvd and 951 to the south will begin in October
- The median will be removed and the opening at 44 will be closed
- There were ill longer return lanes and separators
- 1000 feet down Green Blvd. (to the east), the median will be reworked
- The well on 951 will be capped and removed

Suggestion: Plantings on Green Blvd. could be removed and relocated to other areas. There are a substantial number that should be saved. It was suggested the land at the west entrance to Golden Gate could be used to “home” the plants.

Michael McGee will contact Ms. Lulich to coordinate efforts.

Discussion of the proposed plans took place. Ms. Lulich noted finding funding is a major priority. Other topics included traffic situation, irrigation design, and landscape design.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

(None)

X. NEW BUSINESS

(None)

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A question was asked concerning the Ag-Tronix fee.

Darryl Richard stated it was fixed at \$1,700.

He also noted the hand-watering at Tropicana was only for three weeks.

Re: Motorola Controller:

- The warranty was voided because a door was apparently left, open but there is no way to determine who caused it to happen.

- The new Controller installed by Motorola is not compatible with the County's software.
- The "RainBird" is a temporary solution while Motorola determines how to correct the compatibility issue.

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 16, 2013 AT 4:00 PM
GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER**

There being no further business for the good of the County, the Meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 5:17 PM.

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

Richard Simms, Chairman

The Minutes were approved by the Committee Chair on _____, 2013,
"as submitted" **OR** "as amended" .