

MINUTES SOUTH GULF COVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 28, 2004

Commissioners' Conference Room 536 – 9:00 a.m.

Members Present

Sandy Slater, *Chairperson*
Carol Reynolds, *Secretary*
Mike Post
Rich Redican

Staff

Martina Kuche, *Planner II, Liaison*
Judy Hunter, *P W, MSBU Rep.*
Desi Rawson, *Recording Secretary*

Guests

Sarah Katz
Robert Mahone
Renee Godbout
Ray Warner
Dennis Curtis
Gerald Covey
Gloria Lee
Chris Ahern

Excused

Ken Stachowski, Vice Chair



I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Sandy Slater called the January 28, 2004 meeting of the **South Gulf Cove Advisory Committee** to order at 9:06 a.m. in the BCC Conference Room 536 and it was noted a quorum was present. **Chairperson Slater** noted Ken Stachowski was excused from the meeting. **Rich Redican** was introduced and has joined the Board. **Chairperson Slater** introduced the new Recording Secretary, Desi Rawson.

II. Additions/Deletions to Agenda - none

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was presented by Mike Post, seconded by Carol Reynolds and unanimously carried to approve the December 10, 2003 minutes of the South Gulf Cove Advisory Committee as corrected.

➤ Procedures/Letters

Chairperson Sandy Slater requested name cards for Members and Staff and, for the record disclosed exparte communication that took place with an email between Board Members. The drafts of two letters were reviewed and edited for final distribution.

a) A letter identifying the Advisory Boards responsibility regarding Implementation of the South Gulf Cove Community Plan.

b) A letter to the County Commissioners requesting an additional South Gulf Cove MSBU to implement improvements in the Community Plan.

A motion was presented by Carol Reynolds, seconded by Mike Post and unanimously carried to accept and distribute the letters.

IV. Old Business

➤ Committee Members Report on Individual Action Items

Mike Post – None

Carol Reynolds – None

Rich Redican –requested a copy of the Advisory Committee's response to the letter from the Homeowner's Association Zoning Committee.

Chairperson Sandy Slater – agreed to bring the completed response to the next meeting and go over it in depth at that time.

Rich Redican – questioned the removal of the weight limit signs on the bridges in the community and whether a scale from the State to record the weight of the traffic in the community could be brought in.

Judy Hunter – stated the response received from State, County and Traffic Engineers determined that the signs were removed because the weight restrictions were unnecessary, and that she would bring copies of the bridge reports to the next meeting. She noted that Standard Operating Procedures for the State have not included bringing in a scale for C.R. 771 without paying for it. A discussion ensued.

Mike Post – asked about the status of the second lock. He noted that there is a crossover within the covenant of the SGCAC to other areas such as the Streets and Drainage Committee or West County Storm Water Advisory Committee, and there may be a need to meet with these other committees and work together on some of SGC's issues.

Carol Reynolds – noted that the SGCAC is an Advisory Committee, and the community has other Committees already in place who make decisions and implement the services for MSBU's, Waterways, Streets and Drainage, etc., and that it would be beneficial to have these other committees include SGCAC in their reports as to their progress, so that the Committee might advise them on issues as a collaborative effort.

Chairperson Sandy Slater – submitted an outline plan to the Charlotte County Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for elevating South Gulf Cove Park to a County priority in 2004. She stated that Laura Kleiss Hoeft, Director, Charlotte County Parks & Recreation strongly supported the completion of this park, with funding to be available as early as October.

- a) Announced that she has resigned from the CCT Committee as a regular board member due to time constraints, but will remain on as an advisor as per the SGCAC's request.
- b) Attended the two MSBU meetings to ensure money in the Street and Drainage FY05 budget for the linear park along St. Paul is budgeted.
- c) Announced that a council has been formed consisting of the four organizations in the SGC community; Homeowners, Property Owners, CCT and the Yacht Club.

Jerry Covey reported on a plan for an educational/environmental park (1 ½ acres). The Park will be paid for solely by grant monies, of which the first grant was received (from SWFMD) in the amount of \$3,450, and Sarah Katz was appointed as the lead person in establishing and running the park initiative. Another grant has been applied for – notification should be received by the end of February as to whether the community is chosen for the second grant. The County has recommended that this educational/environmental park be located on Santa Cruz Road, off Ingraham Blvd.

5-Year Implementation Plan Discussion:

Chairperson Sandy Slater emphasized the importance of completing the 5-Year Implementation Plan within the next few months. It's difficult to pursue funding and

assistance without a definitive plan.

Stormwater Management and Water Quality

Carol Reynolds reported there are stormwater projects in place now in SGC, that have been handled sufficiently by the MSBU Committees. There has been a considerable amount of money spent in SGC recently, due to the pipes and drainage, etc. However, at this point in time, SGC does not have an updated quality testing. It was to be done by the County, but was stopped a few years ago. There is a concern that there is no baseline established for quantifying the data.

Judy Hunter stated that the problem with this issue is the permit that requires the testing to be done, does not require the testing to be analyzed. SGCAC needs the specifications to read, that the data should be analyzed.

Mike Post pointed out that he did not see the necessity of analyzing the tests previously taken, that testing needs to be initiated from this point forward.

Sarah Katz explained that stormwater management and water quality is largely affected by urbanization. She felt that SGC should study an existing urbanization model, which would show what urbanization of the community is going to do to the water quality and to the storm water management system in the future, should the density continue at the current pace in SGC. SWFMD would pay 50% of retrofitting the SGC system.

Ray Warner pointed out two issues; one that allows certain homeowners an exemption from the 35% County code regarding building area; and the other being that all houses will have to be built with stem-walls, which would allow more time for more water to seep into the soil.

Park Plans

Chairman Sandy Slater outlined the SGCAC 5-Year Plan Draft (copy for the record) for area Parks and noted that there may need to be a committee to reacquisition grants from numerous sources to present to the County for submittal to the various government agencies.

Judy Hunter stated that funds have been budgeted and can be used to install recycled plastic benches and landscaping to block entrance to the illegal boat launching sites. A discussion ensued on acquiring nearby properties for parking.

Public Safety and Health

Rich Redican reported that street signs have already been looked at and the size and designs have been changed through Streets and Drainage. He inquired whether the EMS location in SGC had been acquired. A secondary lock appears to be doubtful at this time, although the D.E.P. may need to be contacted for further information and assistance. A discussion ensued on the widening of certain roads in the community.

Chairperson Sandy Slater stated that she had taken a look at needing an EMS location in the community, and felt that the Committee should identify the location and design a plan for submittal.

Density and Land Banking

Mike Post discussed numerous concepts to reduce future density and submitted an outline with specific goals toward these ideas, including ideas about Land Banking and Land Swapping.

Judy Hunter inquired as to whether the North portion of the "Paper" road through the park area adjacent to the boat ramp could be made Public Access if SGC would hydro-axe down the exotics at the water access and "sign it" Public Access.

Mike Post determined that he will further investigate the answer to that question. He also stated that they need a designation from the County as to whether they will be labeling this action as Land Banking or Land Swapping. Once there is some type of tacit agreement with the County, the Board will be able to prioritize what their action will be.

Grants, Zoning and Deed Restrictions

Ken Stachowski – EXCUSED

V. Staff Comments

Martina Kuche had a County owned property map copied for the board. Martina needs to answer!

VI. Member Comments

Chairperson Sandy Slater stated that she would review correspondence with Staff to expedite distribution to the Commissioners.

Carol Reynolds – questioned direction for the next SGCAC meeting and stated the Land Swapping and Land Banking proposal needs to be made a priority with another letter drafted to the County. It was agreed that the Committee would focus on Mike Post's Density Reduction and Land Banking 5-year plan proposal at the next meeting and everyone else would come prepared to discuss this as well as continue to work their areas.

Rich Radican – *questioned the need for 3 hour meetings. It was discussed that extra time may be needed until the 5-year plan is complete.*

Mike Post – *None*

VII. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the **South Gulf Cove Advisory Committee** is **Wednesday, February 25, 2004** from 9 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Administration Conference Room, 5th Floor.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

A motion was presented by Carol Reynolds, seconded by Mike Post and unanimously carried to Adjourn the meeting.

