



2023 Gulf Park Civic Association Annual Meeting Minutes

WHEN: Tuesday, January 31, 2023 from 7:00 -8:00 pm

WHERE: Peace Lutheran Church – John Wendelken hosting

AGENDA:

1. Introduction of Gulf Park Civic Association Officers:

President: Vacant (looking for volunteer)

Vice President: Vacant (looking for volunteer)

Treasurer: John Wendelken – lives on Suwannee Road since 1974

jfwendelken@gmail.com

Secretary: Carol Berry– lives on Suwannee Road since 2019 carber53@comcast.net

Board of Governors:

Phil Dampf phildampf4@gmail.com

Jay Brodman jaybrodman@att.net County Liaison (non voting member)

Francie Brodman fbrodman@gmail.com Media Coordinator

Vivian Vega vegav912@hotmail.com

Bruce Berry carber53@comcast.net

Leona Porteous lawport@hotmail.com

Alison Ross

- #### 2. Budget and Neighborhood Dues:
- (John W) Budget listed on the [Gulf Park Website](http://gulfpark.net/)(<http://gulfpark.net/>). Purpose of dues: Lights (\$2,300), Front Entrance mowing and landscaping, signs, and operating expenses. We have approximately 23 lights. Dues collection this year were at 46.4% of the community. Routine expenses for this year are budgeted for \$4,200. There is room in the budget to put about \$5,000 into a project for new entrance signs.

Old Business:

1. Use PayPal, Venmo or a check to pay your dues (John). Instructions for using the Paypal or Venmo App is posted on the [Gulf Park Website](http://gulfpark.net/). Please note that if you pay by PayPal, please choose the "Friends & Family" option for Payment Type so no extra fees are incurred".
2. **Signage** (John): Still looking into signage for Sanders and Bob Gray Roads. Contacted the County and they now say that signs cannot go in the right of way and must be 10 feet away from the right of way. We are investigating both the legal and financial aspects of this project. Our last major project was the addition of fire hydrants in Gulf Park, in the early '80s.

The hope is to purchase signage for the remaining **8** entrances.

We would probably start with Tallahassee/Sanders and either Cedar Grove or Delray on Bob Gray.

- 1 Sanders (east side)/Tallahassee
- 2 Sanders (east side)/Naples
- 3 Sanders (east side)/Venice S
- 4 Sanders (west side)/Venice S
- 5 Sanders (west side)/Panama
- 6 Sanders (west side)/Venice N
- 7 Bob Gray/Cedar Grove
- 8 Bob Gray/ Delray

A vote was taken on signage and the consensus was for a dark base.

3. **Dues Collection Signs:** The new signs were a success.
4. **Internet Goddess:** Francine Brodman reminded us to access Gulf Park News via Facebook, NextDoor or our website. 39 new members were added last year and 12 had to be removed. The automatic enrollment feature had to be disabled.
5. **Report from Gulf Park Recreation Association** – Pool and Tennis report (Kimberly Evers) The GPRA is linked from our website, the direct link is <http://gulfparkrecreation.org/>

New Business:

1. Visit from our District 3 County Commissioner. Gina Oster (she lives in Belmont West). She encouraged people in Gulf Park to attend County Commission Meetings (posted on <https://commission.knoxcountyttn.gov/documents/scheduled-meetings>) and other informational meetings which may be posted on Ms. Oster's page <https://commission.knoxcountyttn.gov/people/commissioner-gina-oster/>

She discussed that there would be an informational meeting in March on the proposed Andy's Frozen Custard drive through on Cedar Bluff (in front of the pool). Ms. Oster also mentioned that the country has purchased some land off of Cedar Bluff and by Dutchtown.

Ms. Oster welcomes you to contact her with any questions or concerns.

2. Volunteers Needed!

- a. Open Officer positions (2) Vice President and President
- b. Board of Governors open positions
- c. Hospitality Coordinator
- d. Volunteer to work on signage.

• GPCA Bylaws:

- XI. (1) The election of officers shall be held annually at the January General Meeting.*
- (2) No officer may be elected to the same office consecutively but may again be elected to the same office after an interval of one year.*
- (3) To be a duly constituted executive officer, the person must receive a majority of the votes of those present at the annual election meeting.*
- (4) The elected officers will take office at the end of the January General Meeting.*
- (5) In the event that a member of the Board of Governors is unable to fulfill their term of office, the remaining members of the Board of Governors shall elect a person to fulfill the rest of the term.*

Thank you to all our new and past volunteers!