



Golden Beach Newsletter April 2022

Golden Beach Community Advisory Vote: Should Golden Beach install a pedestrian gate at the beach access?

Golden Beach Board recently concluded an advisory vote, designed to solicit the opinion of the Golden Beach Subdivision community on whether a pedestrian gate should be installed at the beach access. All Golden Beach property owners – both GBAI members and non-members – were asked to express their view.

Participation was very high: 318 ballots were sent out to property owners, and 248 (78%) were completed and returned. Just 5 could not be included in the final count for technical reasons such as ballot not marked. The final total of countable responses was 243.

Total Ballots Received	248		
Total Countable Ballots ("the total vote")	243		
Ballots Opposed to Gate	76	31%	of the total vote
Ballots In Favor of Gate	167	69%	of the total vote
Members of GBAI	232	95%	of the total vote
Ballots Opposed to Gate	69	30%	of the GBAI member vote
Ballots In Favor of Gate	163	70%	of the GBAI member vote
Non-Members of GBAI	11	5%	of the total vote
Ballots Opposed to Gate	7	64%	of the non-member vote
Ballots In Favor of Gate	4	36%	of the non-member vote
Ballots that included Comments	87	36%	of the total vote
Ballots Opposed that included Comments	28	12%	of the total vote
Ballots In Favor that included Comments	59	24%	of the total vote
"In Favor" Ballots that suggested			
Only if the gate is unlocked	3	2%	of the "In Favor" vote
Try unlocked first, go to locked if needed	5	3%	of the "In Favor" vote
"In Favor" Ballots with a Design preference			
Prefer "Maximum View" open design	5	24%	of those expressing a preference
Prefer "More Privacy" solid design	16	76%	of those expressing a preference
"In Favor" Ballots with a Height preference			
Ballots expressing an opinion on height	6	4%	suggested a preferred height
Height suggested	5' 6"		mean value of heights suggested
Ballots suggesting stronger signage	13	5%	of the total vote

Of those 243 countable responses, 69% favored the installation of a gate, while 31% preferred that no gate be installed. Many participants also included their written thoughts on the question, or expressed their preference as to the nature of a possible gate. Tabulated results of the advisory vote responses are shown above.

GBAI Board approves next steps in installation of a pedestrian gate



At the March 5 meeting, the Golden Beach Board of Directors reviewed the results of the community advisory vote, in which a majority of property owners expressed the opinion that a pedestrian gate should be installed. The Board voted unanimously to approve the

installation of a replacement white vinyl fence and a see-through ADA-compliant pedestrian gate. The eventual installation will be similar to the above image: a solid fence at the end of the parking lot sections, with lockable but see-through gates spanning the center opening. At installation, the gates will be unlocked. The Board will evaluate over time whether the unlocked gates have solved trespass issues. A working committee of five GBAI directors and officers was formed, and will begin securing bids from several reputable local fence companies. Separately, the Board is considering changes to make our signage more visible to visitors.



Bird of Paradise is Blooming

In 2021, our Bird of Paradise plant was not thriving. It was seldom watered, badly overgrown, full of dead stems and failing to flower. Local volunteers began providing regular care to the plant, which is happier and healthier now – in fact, it has begun to bloom again! The Bird needs repotting, and local green thumbs say it may be possible to separate the plant's bulbs for multiple plantings along

the east side of the new fence. Many thanks to all who have been providing tender care to the Bird – notably Katie Flynn and Peter Virgilio for regular watering and grooming, and Kate Harrigan and Bill Collins for beautiful thinning and pruning.



Happy Hour Social Events

There was a good turnout at the sunset happy hour on Sunday, March 3rd. Neighbors gathered at the gazebo, sheltering from some unpredictable weather, and shared appetizers. Our next Golden Beach Sunset Happy Hour will be at 5:00pm on Sunday, May 29th,

with future Happy Hour events planned for the beach access on the last Sundays of June, July and August.

Your \$\$ can go twice as far! Sarasota Giving Challenge, 4/26 & 4/27



A wonderful opportunity to double a gift to charity! From noon on 4/26 through noon on 4/27 the Sarasota Giving Challenge is offering a terrific deal: the Community Foundation of Sarasota will match individual charitable contributions of from \$25 up to \$100 made to any of 700+ local nonprofit organizations. Golden Beach neighbors are directly involved in supporting many of these organizations, including Venice Area Mobile Meals (“meals on wheels”), Good Samaritan Pharmacy and Health Services, and the Suncoast Humane Society. For detailed information please visit the 2022 Giving Challenge at <http://givingchallenge.org>, or visit the pier at Sharky’s on 4/26 from noon until 7:00 for the opportunity of meeting representatives of local nonprofit organizations in person.

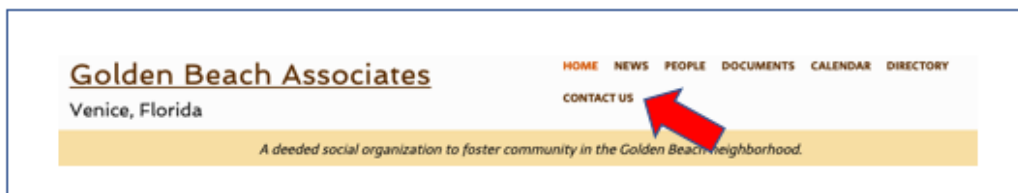
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