

To All Managers, Board Members, GSAC Representatives, and other Interested Parties who have provided us with their email addresses, we have received many inquiries about the light situation on GSBN. I attended a two-hour meeting at City Hall on March 10 regarding this very important issue. The meeting was chaired by Naples City Manager Bill Moss and attended by Councilman Finley and three representatives from FPL.

There are two issues—1) The short-term outage issues and 2) The longer-term fix. First let me point out that FPL HAS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STREET LIGHTS. The City Naples pays FPL a fee to cover the pole rental, maintenance and electricity.

Item 1 - Short term. For our members in the Moorings area (south of Horizon Way), FPL put an overhead line up (abandoning) the defective underground line from just north of Harbor Drive and running south for about a block. Linda Black, President of the MHOA, indicated improvement in outages since installation of the overhead line.

The outages occurring north of Park Shore Drive, according to FPL, are unexpected. This area is newer construction than the Moorings area. We have been notifying FPL of these outages. GSAC works through the City of Naples, which has the contract with FPL. The lead person for the City is Gregg Strakaluse, Director of Streets and Stormwater. Councilman Finley and I both report the problems to him and City Manager Bill Moss. The City copies us on all communications they have with FPL and we have been assured by a local representative from FPL that they are trying to free a crew to address the issue. Two weeks ago they said it was fixed; but if it was, it didn't work! I could go into a long list of what they say the problem is, but we are looking for a fix, not excuses. Be assured GSAC will stay on this issue.

Item 2 – Long Term. According to FPL, this will occur beginning this May/June. It appears the City is willing to pay for replacing all our current HP sodium street light on GSBN with LEDs and repair/replace the underground power lines the entire length of GSBN. In addition the LED light fixture will be independently controlled, meaning when one light fails, all others will not. Currently, when one fails on a circuit, all lights on that circuit fail. FPL told us that this upgrade should be completed by September/October of 2016. I am expecting another meeting within a couple of weeks.

Rest assured that GSAC will continue to stay informed on this issue and continue to report outages. Your letting us know of problems in your area is very helpful. Likewise, we will continue to show our support for a permanent fix.