

GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD (GGCCAB)
MEETING MINUTES
02/02/2026

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS' PRESENT:

Kaydee Tuff, Advisory Board Chairperson

Willie Brice III, Advisory Board Member

Lizzette Homar-Ramos, Advisory Board Member

Angela Richberg, Advisory Board Member

Constance Bettinger, Advisory Board Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Said Gomez, Interim-Regional Manager – Parks & Recreation

Ray Coriano, GGCC Park Supervisor – Parks & Recreation, Advisory Board Facilitator

Mariah Bosetti, GGCC Customer Service Specialist II – Parks & Recreation, Advisory Board Recorder

- I. **Call to Order**
Ms. Tuff called the Meeting to order at 6:05pm.
- II. **Attendance/Establish a Quorum**
Ms. Tuff took Roll Call. All members were present. A quorum was established.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance**
Mr. Coriano led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. **Approval of Agenda**
Ms. Tuff called for a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Mr. Brice entered the motion; Ms. Homar-Ramos seconded it. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.
- V. **Approval of Minutes – January 5th, 2026**
Ms. Tuff called for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 5th, 2026. Mr. Brice entered the motion; Ms. Bettinger seconded it. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.
- VI. **Public Comments**
Mr. Coriano reintroduced Mr. Said Gomez to the Advisory Board as the Interim-Regional Manager for the Golden Gate Community Center and the Golden Gate Community Park. He will be stepping in for Mr. Michael Osorio, who retired on January 23rd. Mr. Gomez thanked the Advisory Board for their welcome and stated that the hiring process for a permanent Regional Manager was underway.
- VII. **Monthly Budget Report**
Mr. Coriano provided the Budget overview for January.

FY2026 Budget Amended: \$1,023,900.00

A. Revenues:

- 1. **FY2026 Amended: \$1,023,900.00**
- 2. **Actual Monthly Revenues for GGCC: JANUARY: \$32,821.38**
- 3. **FY2026 Total Actuals: \$736,104.91**
- 4. **Available: \$287,795.09**

B. Operating Expenses:

- 1. **FY2026 Amended: \$767,253.00**
- 2. **Actual Monthly Expenses for GGCC: JANUARY: \$10,058.30**
- 3. **FY2026 Total Actuals: \$254,497.73**
- 4. **Available: \$128,709.59**

C. Reserve Funds: \$1,577,900.00

Mr. Coriano stated that Mr. Chris Johnson would not be available to give the Monthly Budget Report. But if the Advisory Board has questions about the reserve funds or thinks something isn't right with the Budget, he would be more than happy to come out to talk with them or to schedule a meeting.

Ms. Bettinger stated that she knows we don't discuss employee pay. Still, Mr. Trevor Huey, GGCC Park Attendant, who is working at the Caxambas Marina, is not receiving pay from Marco Island, yet he is being paid as our employee. Is the Center going to be paid back for his wages when he isn't working at the Center? It would be different if he were working at another park, but this isn't the same. Mr. Coriano stated that Mr. Trevor is still receiving his normal pay because he continues to perform Parks & Recreation duties. He isn't performing his primary duties, but he is performing supplemental duties. Other employees from other parks are performing duties at Caxambas; their payroll is funded from their own park's budget.

Ms. Bettinger stated that she would understand if it were any other park in the system. But we are just different enough that she would like us to keep our employees on-site, if we can. She understands if it doesn't end up that way, though.

Mr. Gomez stated that he understood what Ms. Bettinger was trying to say because he isn't at the Center full-time. Mr. Huey would still need to work 40 hours, even if it is split between locations. Mr. Gomez will try to get a better answer for the Advisory Board if needed.

Ms. Tuff stated that personnel costs had always been a tricky thing for the Center. The MSTU is supposed to pay a portion of the cost, but she doesn't know how it is done now. It was originally supposed to be a 40/60 split with the County. When she met with Mr. Johnson, he said it wasn't done that way anymore, but that the Center came out ahead on it. It begs the question, how are we splitting our MSTU funds? Mr. Coriano stated the MSTU doesn't cover personnel expenses at all. Those are actual costs set by HR and paid by the County. Ms. Tuff stated that we pay for HR out of the Indirect Costs. Mr. Coriano stated that it is for the services they provide. Mr. Gomez stated that one park couldn't use funds to purchase something for another park because they are different funds, and they are funded differently. When it comes to personnel, they are allowed to do that, but they can't do that with items. They can do it with KeyStaff because in the budget, they are treated as a commodity. They can't send Mr. Coriano's KeyStaff to NCRP, because they are coming out of where that split is coming out of. Personnel comes from a separate pot of money. So, we can do that for full-time employees, but not for part-time Key Staff employees. Mr. Gomez will get with Chris Johnson to see what/if anything, there is still a split at 40/60 or otherwise.

Ms. Richberg asked what is important for the Advisory Board to understand about the Budget.

Mr. Coriano replied that what makes us different from all the other parks or centers is that the majority of our funding comes from the MSTU. The Ad Valorem is the taxation for our MSTU that is applied to our Budget. No other park has that. We are very fortunate to have the MSTU. Mr. Gomez can attest that our Budget is much larger than that of other parks. Other parks have to share certain things, but we don't. That's what makes us different. So, because of that, the Advisory Board has the right to know how we are going to use it. That is why we have an Advisory Board, and other parks don't.

Mr. Coriano stated that Revenues are the money that we need to make for the fiscal year. Anything that is an Expense is something that we spend money on. Whenever there is a large number, and you want to know where it came from, ask, and Mr. Coriano will happily look it up in SAP and give the Advisory Board a breakdown of the costs.

Mr. Brice stated that as long as Mr. Coriano can/will do that, he's satisfied. Mr. Brice added that if the Center's operations were at all hindered by the loss of personnel to the marinas, Mr. Coriano should inform the Advisory Board. Adding their voice to his might hold more sway.

Ms. Bettinger asked if, at a later date, she could have the Capital Outlay line item explained to her. Does it roll over? How/what is it used for, etc?

Mr. Coriano stated that if money is not used in the Budget at the end of the fiscal year, then it rolls over into the Reserve fund. The Capital Outlay is for the Center to purchase an item that costs more than \$5,000. Ms. Tuff asked for some examples. Mr. Coriano stated that we most recently purchased the new commercial refrigerator. We are now trying to use it to purchase a utility cart to replace the golf cart that Fleet Management decommissioned. Mr. Gomez added that it could also be used for improvements.

Mr. Coriano asked if this, more detailed version, of the Budget Report was what Ms. Tuff was looking for. Ms. Tuff confirmed that this type of Budget Report was what she was referring to and that if the Advisory Board sees a discrepancy, they can ask about it.

Mr. Coriano stated that he could continue with this type of Budget Report in the future and also make an extended comparison with last year's numbers when needed. Mr. Brice suggested conducting the extended comparison quarterly.

Ms. Bettinger entered the motion to accept the monthly Budget Report as presented by Mr. Coriano; Mr. Brice seconded it, and all members were in favor. The motion was carried.

VIII. Community Center & Wheels Park Facilities Updates

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following Community Center & Wheels Park Facilities projects.

A. Community Center:

1. Restroom Floors (Open Item)

Only minor items remain on the first set of bathrooms. (Toilet seat cover dispensers need to be hung on the wall, etc.) They were unable to replace the extractor fans because of how the original ductwork was installed, but they did take them down and thoroughly clean them.

Mr. Brice asked if we could look at a cover for under the sink. Ms. Tuff added that maybe a skirt or something to keep the kids out from under the sink. Mr. Coriano stated that he would talk to Mr. Kevin Brock in Facilities Management and ask him. The second set of bathrooms has already been stripped; demolition starts tomorrow, and this one should go more quickly. They aren't putting up wet walls, just floors, dumb walls, counters, etc.

2. Gym Floor (Open Item)

Growth Management (GMD) was seeking a contractor to handle everything. The floors, gym curtain, bleachers, backboards, hoops, etc. They found a contractor who was willing to do everything. The general contractor's (GC) contract with the County is no longer valid because the GC's contract with Procurement has expired.

So, the GC would have to submit a new one and then rebid for the project. In the quote from before, costs for the full renovation of the gym would include: \$249,000 for the gym floor; \$25,000 for the gym stage floor; \$21,000 for new bleachers; \$25,000 for a new divider; \$40,000 new basketball backboards for main hoops; \$13,000 for the side basketball hoops; \$13,000 for the sound panels on the side walls, \$33,000 for cleaning of the acoustic sound panels. We would be looking at \$461,450ish plus \$60,000 for labor and supplies, for a total of \$559,750.

Ms. Tuff asked if we could just bid on the floor, instead of everything in the gym. Mr. Coriano stated that was what they were trying to do.

3. Shade Panel in Playground

This item will also need to be rebid because the GC's contract with Procurement has expired. So, the GC would have to submit a new one.

4. Marquee Sign (Open Item)

We are still waiting on an update on this item from Ms. Roxberry, Operations & Regulatory Management, and Lykin's Signtek.

B. Wheels Skate & BMX Park

1. Skate Park Maintenance (Open Item)

He had the chance to talk with Mr. Ben Johnson (formerly Ramp Drs). He started a new company called RD Ramps. He is currently contracted with the City of Naples. Mr. Johnson stated that he could resume work on the Skate Park once Mr. Coriano opened a Purchase Order (PO) for him.

2. BMX Track Turns (Open Item)

Mr. George Suarez of Naples BMX is not currently concerned about turn conditions and is willing to wait for the turns to be resurfaced. He is concerned that if the County goes into resurfacing the turns, they will end up too smooth and may initiate unsafe conditions for the riders.

3. Camera System

He received an email from Mr. James Hanrahan, Director - Parks & Recreation, saying essentially that we don't need to monitor our own cameras. Facilities will do that for us.

Ms. Tuff stated that she didn't see how safe that was. She asked Mr. Coriano if he wanted her to talk to the Commissioner about that. Mr. Gomez stated that this was just standard practice across all the parks. It is pretty expensive to get the feed in.

4. Iguana Issue

The cold weather has kept them in their burrows out of sight. One of the riders from the BMX Qualifier has been relocating some of them. Maintenance has also been using a spray to repel them.

C. Senior Center Relocation Update

Mr. Coriano has tried to reach out to Ms. Ester Lully, Director of the Collier Senior Center, a few times for any information she might have. He has not received any reply from her. He found out from Mr. Hanrahan that they won't be moving until the fourth quarter of the year. So, as of right now, we won't be impacted for summer camp this year.

IX. Old Business

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following Old Business Agenda items:

A. Naples BMX State Qualifier: January 10th, 2026

They averaged about 750 riders per day, with more than 2,000 attendees in total. Naples BMX did an amazing job with crowd control and organizing the setup. Our maintenance guys were helping out with trash pickup and general maintenance throughout the weekend. Mr. Nick Luviano, Program Leader, GGCC, did an outstanding job representing us and collaborating with USABMX. He also got interviewed by USABMX Media. There were no issues whatsoever with the event.

B. Hosting Judo & Karate Tournaments

This weekend, we will host the Rupert Karate Academy Tournament. They will come in to set up in the evening on Friday, February 6th, and the Tournament will run all day on Saturday, February 7th. Our own judo program will be hosting a Regional Judo Tournament here on February 21st.

C. Next Special Event: Spring Event scheduled for Saturday, March 28th, 2026, 11am – 1pm

We are in preparation for that, and we'll have inflatables, our usual Easter egg corral for the egg hunt, etc.

X. New Business

Mr. Coriano gave updates on the following New Business Agenda items:

i. AARP Tax Aide:

They started at the end of last month. This is a free tax preparation service offered by AARP to anyone from the community, not just seniors. They have appointments available on Mondays and Thursdays, 9am – 1:30pm.

ii. Summer Camp Preparations

Since the Senior Center won't be here until later in the year, we will proceed with regular summer camp plans. We will have one middle school group with six elementary groups, which worked well for us last year. The theme is 'Surfing through TV'. Think Animal Planet, ESPN, History Channel, etc. Registrations and hiring of counselors will start on March 2nd.

XI. Member Comments

+Ms. Richberg – No Comments

+Mr. Brice stated that now that everyone has an idea of what an 'Airnasium' is, he thinks that we should move the project forward and get it done. He wanted to put forward a motion to the Board to proceed with gathering information on the costs of constructing and maintaining an 'Airnasium' in the open field of the Golden Gate Community Center.

Mr. Coriano wanted to explain that the first thing that we would need to do, if we want to move forward with the project, is to hire an engineer. The engineer will provide the blueprints and the project plan. That would include conducting a study of the land to determine whether the area is suited for it. None of that is part of the cost of the build on an Airnasium. The engineer's cost could be about a quarter of the project's total. Mr. Hanrahan, Parks & Recreation Director, mentioned at the last meeting that we would need to consider the facility's maintenance costs. We also have to adjust our Budget because we now have a new facility to maintain. He just wanted the Advisory Board to keep that in mind if we were considering any other improvements to the facility that would significantly affect what we could fund.

Ms. Tuff stated that we had received a grant for it at some point, so it's not impossible to get another. Mr. Brice stated that he just wanted to get the project underway so we could start exploring and assessing costs, etc. We don't have to make the decision now to move forward. If we see that the project isn't feasible, then we don't move forward with it. Mr. Gomez stated that he and Mr. Coriano would do some homework on it and would check in with the County's grant people to see what might be available.

Ms. Bettinger seconded Mr. Brice's motion to move forward with information/cost finding for an 'Airnasium' in the open field of the Golden Gate Community Center. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

+Ms. Tuff asked if there could be a faux cabinet, skirt, or similar cover for the underside of the sinks in the renovated bathrooms to keep kids away from the exposed pipes, since the renovation left them exposed. Mr. Coriano said he'll see what can be done about that issue.


+Ms. Homar-Ramos asked if we were having a carnival anytime soon. Mr. Coriano stated that the only County-approved carnival provider had been Mr. Carr, and the Advisory Board and the County didn't want him back.

+Ms. Bettinger stated that she has a problem with taxi, Lyft, and Uber drivers who park in our parking areas in the early morning hours. They are numerous, annoying & they wash/clean their cars and leave a mess. She also stated that fiber optic cable is being laid along the Parkway from Sunshine Blvd to Coronado Pkwy. She has concerns for the safety of the trees that run along the sidewalk on the Parkway. Lastly, she asked if the TV in the lobby could show the camera feed; if not, maybe we could loop a program with some pictures? Mr. Coriano will follow up with her issues and will provide more info to her at the next meeting.

XII. Adjournment

With no further topics for discussion, Ms. Tuff called for a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Mr. Brice entered the motion; Ms. Bettinger seconded the motion, and all members agreed. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board

 For Kaydee Tuff
Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board on March 2, 2026 as presented,
or as amended _____.

Next Meeting, Monday, March 2nd, 2026, at 6:00pm
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