**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**03/04/2019**

**Advisory Board Members Present:**

**Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman**

**Mr. Bill Arthur - Advisory Board Member**

**Ms. Ernie Bretzmann - Advisory Board Member**

**Ms. Cecelia Zenti - Advisory Board Member**

**Also Present:**

**Ms. Vickie Wilson – Supervisor, Golden Gate Community Center**

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**I.** **Call to Order:**

Ms. Tuff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum**

Roll call was taken, with a quorum established.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

***Mr. Bretzmann entered a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Arthur seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.***

**IV. Approval of Minutes – February 4, 2019**

*Mr. Arthur entered a motion to approve the February 4, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Bretzmann seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.*

**V. Public Comments**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

**VI. Old Business**

1. **Latin Fest** – Ms. Wilson reported that Mr. Jason Green of God is Good Charities, the promoter of the proposed Latin Fest event, had gone before the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at the February 2019 meeting to seek approval for the sale of alcohol at the event. As there was no quorum for the meeting, Mr. Barry Williams, Director, approved the application for permission to sell alcohol at the event. Mr. Green is moving forward with planning the Latin Fest event, which will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at the Golden Gate Community Center.
2. **Senior Expo** – The Senior Expo was held on February 13, 2019. There were 86 vendors on hand, down from 120 vendors at the 2018 event. Attendance was down as well, with approximately 100 participants, perhaps due to the cold and rainy weather conditions.

**VII. New Business**

1. **Easter Event –** The annual Easter event will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No Easter egg hunt is planned, however there will be games and each participant will receive an Easter egg with a small prize inside.
2. **Teen Center –** Ms. Wilson reported that a Teen Center has been proposed for the current Wheels Pro Shop. Tutoring and counseling from Golden Gate High School staff is planned, with teen access to onsite computers and gaming systems. A yearly membership fee between $10-$25 is being considered. Ms. Tuff suggested that $10 would be less of a financial burden for local families and further suggested possibly giving away some memberships in order to encourage more teens to use the facility.

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Ms. Tuff also suggested establishing a relationship with the local middle school and volunteered to contact Ms. Valerie Hernandez, Principal at Golden Gate Middle School in this regard. Ms. Wilson stated that furniture and equipment costs for the Teen Center are being included in the current budget process.

Dances were discussed as a possible activity at the Teen Center, however; teen dances have historically not been consistently well attended at the Community Center. Concerns regarding issues with inappropriate contact on the dance floor were also discussed. Mr. Bretzmann shared the difficulties he had encountered in the past with teen attendance at dances that he had organized in the past on Marco Island, however; was in favor of a structured environment where teens could gather. Ms. Zenti was in favor of the Teen Center and stated that it may take time to grow attendance. Ms. Wilson inquired as to whether the Boys and Girls Club offered a similar type of teen center, so that they may be contacted for information and ideas. Mr. Bretzmann stated that the focus at the Boys and Girls Club was on academics, with the availability of a pool and onsite activities. Ms. Tuff stated that in the past, she had organized an event at the Boys and Girls Club called, “Are you Better,” which was a competition type activity between a local community leader and the children at the Boys and Girls Club, however it was uncertain as to whether there was a designated teen center.

The availability of computers raised some concern with regard to children accessing inappropriate websites; however, Ms. Wilson pointed out that County computers limit access to inappropriate sites and that the Teen Center will be supervised.

Ms. Wilson stated that Pietro, the current Pro Shop supervisor, will be invited to attend the April Advisory Board meeting to provide more information regarding the plans for conversion to a Teen Center.

**VIII. Member/Staff Comments**

+Ms. Tuff remarked upon the significant growth of some plantings in the Community Garden, as well as having received some questions from Parrs residents regarding the garden. Residents have been encouraged to contact the Community Center for more information.

+Ms. Tuff remarked upon the excellent senior community band which she had seen practicing at the Community Center. Ms. Wilson stated that the band practices on Thursdays, October through March, with a concert held at various locations once a month throughout the county. Ms. Wilson expressed an interest in planning a performance onsite at the Pavilion; however, was uncertain as to the promotion of the event. Ms. Tuff suggested a possible performance at the next Christmas tree lighting event as well. Ms. Wilson stated that she had given Ms. Tuff’s name and contact information to the band representative for further discussion.

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+Ms. Tuff encouraged the recruitment of qualified individuals to apply for Advisory Committee membership.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was entered by Mr. Bretzmann. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arthur. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

**Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board**

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**Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman**

**These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as presented, or as amended \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Next meeting, April 1, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Collier County Golden Gate Community Center**

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