**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**10/05/2020**

**Advisory Board Members Present:**

**Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman**

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

**Mr. Ernie Bretzmann – 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**

***Ms. Zenti entered a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Mr. Bretzmann seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion was carried.***

**IV. Approval of Minutes – August 24, 2020**

***Mr. Bretzmann entered a motion to approve the August 24,2020 meeting minutes. Ms. Zenti 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 – Ms. Wilson**

1. **2021 Budget:** The 2021 Budget has been approved. A request for $50K in CARES Act funding has been made for cost recovery of losses in the after school and VPK programs related to COVID-19. It is unclear how much will be apportioned to the Community Center, as funds distribution remains pending.
2. **Community Center Supervisory Position:** The Community Center Supervisory position has been posted on the Collier County website, for both internal and external candidates. The posting will close on Friday, October 9, 2020. Review of applications will commence the week of October 12, 2020. It is uncertain who will be participating in the interview process; however, one Advisory Board member will be selected to participate. Ms. Wilson’s last day working at the Community Center will be November 30, 2020.

A Program Leader position for the Wheels BMX Skate Park, formerly held by Mr. Pietro Ricci, is available as well and is also advertised on the County website. It was noted that Mr. Ricci’s attempts to initiate a Teen Center program were unsuccessful due to a variety of logistical issues, however Advisory Committee interest remains in pursuit of offering this amenity.

**VII. New Business**

1. **Presentation of Application for New Board Member – Mr. Willie Brice, III**

An application for consideration of membership of the Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board has been received from Mr. Willie Brice, III. Mr. Brice is a full-time resident of Golden Gate City and has lived in Collier County for 61 years.

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He is a graduate of Lely High School and has earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from Bethune Cookman University. Mr. Brice worked for 36 years for Bank of American and is retired, however is currently working on a temporary basis for the U.S. Census Bureau. He has served in a Leadership or Advisory Committee membership capacity for several organizations, including the Optimist Club of Naples, Collier County Branch of the NAACP, Collier County Mental Health Association, and the Naples Pop Warner Football League. Mr. Brice is known by current Community Center Advisory Board members and is fully endorsed. It was clarified that a new Advisory Committee position is being solicited, and not completion of a term due to a vacated position.

***Ms. Zenti entered a motion to approve the application for Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Committee membership submitted by Mr. Willie Brice, III. Mr. Bretzmann seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.***

Mr. Brice will be notified of the approval of his application and will be offered a tour of the facility. Appropriate formal notification will follow from County Administrative Management.

Ms. Wilson will confirm term renewal dates with individual Advisory Committee members.

**VIII. Member Comments**

+Mr. Bretzmann noted that effective January 2021, Collier County Public Schools may be losing State funding supporting home schooling of students, an option which had been initiated in response to the viral pandemic.

+Ms. Zenti noted having visited the Community Center for 19 years and remarked upon the excellent programming and community support provided, as well as the exceptional work done by Ms. Wilson as Supervisor of the facility.

+Mr. Bretzmann inquired whether Ms. Wilson had noted any differences amongst facilities after having worked at several County Park locations. Ms. Wilson noted enjoying the atmosphere and people at the Community Center and Marco Island the most in her career, as recognized the need in the local community for the opportunities afforded by Community Center amenities and programming.

+Ms. Tuff inquired as to the status of mulch bags which have been placed in the parking lot for months. Ms. Wilson stated that in the past, the mulch was distributed by children in the community, under the supervision of the Sheriff’s Office, however this program had been temporarily suspended due to COVID-19. Further investigation will be done as to when the program will be reinitiated or whether a replacement group may be utilized.

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+Ms. Tuff expressed her appreciation to Ms. Wilson for having erected a flag at the Community Center in honor of long-time Advisory Committee member, Mr. Bill Arthur, who has passed away. Ms. Tuff requested contact information for Mr. Arthur’s family so that an invitation for attendance at the Civic Association meeting may be extended.

+Ms. Tuff inquired as to the status of the community garden. Ms. Wilson noted that non-pressurized wood had been utilized three years ago to rebuild the garden beds, which has now deteriorated. Ms. Wilson has had a discussion with Mr. Rob Franco in maintenance on this topic, with a meeting planned to discuss replacement materials to rebuild the garden beds. Ms. Tuff questioned whether there was still interest in the community to maintain the garden, prior to additional investment in repairs. Ms. Wilson noted the extreme success of Cultivate America, a youth and adult-led national nonprofit who farms several of the garden beds, distributing produce grown in the garden to needy families in Immokalee. Ms. Wilson will be in contact with local groups to gauge continued interest in participation.

**IX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was entered by Ms. Zenti. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bretzmann. 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, November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Collier County Golden Gate Community Center**

**4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room “C”**

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