

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
03/01/2021**

Advisory Board Members Present:

Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

Mr. Ernie Bretzmann, Advisory Board Member

Ms. Cecelia Zenti - Advisory Board Member

Mr. Willie Brice, III – Advisory Board Member

Also Present:

Mr. Aaron Hopkins, Regional Manager, Parks and Recreation Division

Mr. Ray Coriano, Supervisor, Golden Gate Community Center

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Tuff called the meeting to order at 6:10p.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 meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bretzmann. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes – February 1, 2021

Mr. Bretzmann entered a motion to approve the February 1, 2021 minutes as presented and praised the attention to details on the minutes. Ms. Zenti seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

V. Public Comments

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

VI. Old Business

- a. **Naples BMX State Qualifier:** All the preparation for the qualifier are on the way and on time. Mr. Coriano explained there are minor details taken care by not only Parks & Recreation maintenance personnel, but also Mr. Alex Tranchand (Naples BMX Track Operator). All maintenance to the track is completed and awaiting on the arrival of USA BMX registration trailer later on the week and maintenance personnel are in the process of cleaning and setting last minute details. Skate park renovation will be completed or halted prior to the start of the event, and any incompletions will be barricaded to ensure the safety of personnel and materials. All final preparation will be taken care by no later than Friday when USA BMX personnel will begin their event registration along with rider's practice.

- b. **Capital Project Updates:** The latest update on the capital project was the ordering of new signs for the Community Center and Community Garden. In the Community Center the front entrance logos will be replaced along with all "No Loitering" signs. In the Community Garden a new metal sign will be installed to replace the old banner which was removed due to weather breakdown. New tables and chairs will be ordered to replace the existing ones in Room C, Wheels Park, and Auditorium. Ms. Tuff suggested using darker colors for the tables due to all arts and crafts activities by summer campers and after school participants. Mr. Hopkins stated Aaron Lutz and Rita Eaton Neighborhood Parks will be included in the county's five-year capital project plan for improvement opportunities and will provide more information about the parks during the new business section.

- c. **Community Garden:** With the help of Ms. Ivette Williams, member of Naples Chrohn's Charity Service Foundation and her sponsorship with University of Florida/IFAS Extension a total of 12 growing beds will be restored in preparation of their local program. The other beds will be restored with the help of parks & recreation maintenance staff.

VII. New Business

- a. **Spring Fling Event:** The Community Center will be hosting their Easter Bunny Spring Celebration on March 27, 2021 starting at 10:00am. The event will have different play stations for children of elementary age, arts & craft tables, local food vendors and live music by the New Horizon Band. The entry fee will be of \$3 per person and will be an opportunity for the community to come and enjoy a spring celebration.
- b. **Summer Camp:** Preparations for summer camp is on the way with online registrations starting on March 1, 2021 and in-person registration on April 1, 2021. Camp will run from June 14 – August 6, 2021 for eight weeks “Places Around the World” theme. Camps times will be from 9:00am to 5:00pm, with availability of before and after care times. Camp Counselors will be hired through Human Resources Office and Junior Leader program will be available for this year camp. Mr. Bretzmann asked who the counselors report to, and Mr. Hopkins explained the counselors reports to the program leader which in turn reports to the Center Supervisor. Mitigation plan for Covid-19 will be in place reducing the normal size of group. Community Center will be able to provide camp for both, Elementary and Middle School students. This year Parks & Recreation are anticipating a normal summer which may also include field trips, but all dependent on local operating procedures.

+Mr. Hopkins added this year challenge will be the use of Junior Leaders. They require training prior to assisting in the camp and typically this training is conducted in a classroom environment. This year's training may be a combination of virtual and in-person classroom environment thus forcing a change of curriculum for the training.

- c. **Carnival Vendors:** Parks & Recreation has contracted Carr Expositions as a carnival vendor for all parks. Communications with this vendor has been initiated to host a carnival at the Golden Gate Community Center. Contractor's short schedule during this spring and the current scheduling of the County Fair did not provide the opportunity to schedule a spring carnival. Mr. Coriano explained the possibilities of having a carnival during Snowfest in December 2021 and a spring carnival in March 2022. Ms. Tuff expressed her concern with the new company using uniforms to differentiate themselves from the public. Mr. Hopkins agreed to provide her concern to the new vendor and hopefully introduce the vendor to the Board Members.

Mr. Brice asked about the process for accepting a vendor with the County, and Mr. Hopkins explained the vendor must place a bid with the County, after all bids are entered the County Commissioners makes their selection, and then the appointed vendor is made available to County's Departments.

- d. **Rita Eaton Neighborhood Park:** The open field at Rita Eaton Park was deteriorated by the use of a local sports group during their football practice. Mr. Hopkins explained the group was denied the use of the open field and were provided the opportunity to become a sports partner with Parks & Recreation. There were several concerns from citizens neighboring the park on how crowded the park was, the parking issues, and noise pollution existing at the park during their practices. Currently this group has been assisted in the finding of an appropriate field for their use, including the use of County's and City parks. Ms. Tuff explained her concern about providing support to this local group and suggested contacting local schools or other parks for their use. Mr. Hopkins commented local schools are not allowing the use of their field at this time which makes matter more challenging for all sports groups. Mr. Brice provided his experience in dealing with local schools during his coaching experiences and noted the difficulty of the approval process for use of school's fields. The support of this local group will be on-going process, including the use of the Community Center for their cheerleading and tutoring programs. Follow-on will be provided for this point in future meetings.

VIII. Member Comments

+Mr. Brice commented he noticed issues with the sidewalks around the Community Center. Sidewalks around the outside of the center have raised edges creating safety concerns for people walking or biking in these areas. Mr. Hopkins explain these sidewalks are the responsibilities of County's Road & Bridges and a concern should be created by calling the County 311 Service Request. This service connects the public to county government for any non-emergency question, concern or request. Mr. Coriano will conduct an inspection of all sidewalks and place a work order if applicable.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was entered by Ms. Tuff. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenti. All members were in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board

Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____ as presented, or as amended _____.

**Next meeting, April 5th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Collier County Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room "C"
Naples, FL**