

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
04/05/2021**

Advisory Board Members Present:

Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

Ms. Cecelia Zenti - Advisory Board Member

Also Present:

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

- I. Call to Order:**

The meeting could not be called to order due to a lack of an Advisory Board quorum. Discussion was for informational purposes only.
- II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum**

Attendance was taken, however without an Advisory Board quorum established.
- III. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda could not be approved due to a lack of an Advisory Board quorum.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – March 1, 2021**

The minutes could not be approved due to a lack of an Advisory Board quorum.
- V. Public Comments**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.
- VI. Old Business**
 - a. Spring Fling Event:** The Spring Fling event was held on Saturday, April 3, 2021 at the Community Center amphitheater. There were 150 paid participants, with children under the age of 3 admitted to the event free of charge. The New Horizons band provided entertainment. Staff and volunteers were commended for their assistance with the successful event.
 - b. Summer Camp:** In addition to existing Staff, four counselors will be hired to supervise elementary age camp participants, with 5 groups planned. Two counselors will also be hired to supervise the middle school age participants, with 2 groups planned. There will be an increase in the number of specialty camps offered; BMX camps will offer 3 sessions and skateboarding camp will offer 2 sessions. Summer camp will run for 8 weeks; June 14, 2021 through August 6, 2021, in coordination with the beginning of the new school year, which will begin Monday, August 8, 2021. Accordingly, the after-school program at the Community Center will commence on Monday, August 8, 2021.
 - c. Carnival Vendors:** A Fall carnival is planned, with a new vendor on board for the event. Ms. Tuff suggested consideration of a Cinco de Mayo festival as well, possibly with a carnival, food vendors, live music, and with consideration of beer sales at the event. Mr. Hopkins detailed the procedure for gaining County approval of alcohol sales at the event. Various local charitable organizations were noted as possibilities for assisting with the event, as well as potential sponsors for children to attend summer camp.

- d. **Rita Eaton Park:** The Rita Eaton park is currently being utilized by a local football team. Maintenance will assess the grounds to determine whether the grounds require patching or complete re-sodding.

VII. New Business

- a. **Program Leaders Selections:** Two program leader positions have recently been filled. Mr. Keion Williams, a graduate of Palmetto Ridge High School, was chosen for a Program Leader position, with experience working with non-profit organizations, as well as in athletics. Mr. Williams previously worked with the One by One Leadership Foundation in Immokalee, Florida, and currently works with the children at Youth Haven in Naples. Mr. Williams is a former assistant basketball coach at Immokalee High School, and currently an assistant coach at Naples High School.

Mr. Nick Luviano has been promoted to the Program Leader position which was available at the Wheels facility, and will also oversee the skate park, amphitheater, and community garden. Mr. Luviano is currently studying Recreation in college and brings his prior experience working at the Community Center as a Parks and Recreation Assistant.

One program leader position remains vacant. Mr. Trevor Huey remains as Skating Coordinator and Mr. Mario Lopez will continue to work with cyclists at the BMX track.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Luviano will attend the May 2021 Advisory Board meeting for introduction.

- b. **SnowFest Location:** Consideration is being given for relocation of the annual SnowFest event from the Golden Gate Community Center to another county location, possibly the Paradise Coast Sports Complex. It was noted that the Community Center does not earn revenue generated by the SnowFest event; however, does receive a percentage of profit generated by the winter carnival. The desire was noted by Mr. Hopkins for both the winter carnival and Breakfast with Santa events to continue to be held at the Community Center. Further, Mr. Hopkins expressed a desire to retain the profits associated with the carnival if the event was held elsewhere in conjunction with SnowFest. Ms. Tuff requested that the revenue realized from the 2019 winter carnival be shared at the next Advisory Board meeting. An alternate winter celebration will be considered for the Community Center if SnowFest is relocated.

VIII. Member Comments

+Ms. Zenti inquired whether the Bone Builders class was planned to restart at the Community Center. Mr. Hopkins noted that with the availability of Covid vaccines, the instructors for these classes will be contacted to gauge interest in returning to teach.

+A tour of the Paradise Sports Complex was offered to Advisory Board members.

+ It was noted by Mr. Hopkins that consideration is being given for the formation of a basketball league at the Community Center, which would tie-in to the league at North Collier Regional Park.

IX. Adjournment

With no further topics of discussion, 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, May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Collier County Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room "C"
Naples, FL**