

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
06/07/2021**

LET IT BE REMEMBERED that the Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board having conducted business herein, met on this date at 6:00 p.m. in **REGULAR SESSION** at the Paradise Coast Sports Complex, 3940 City Gate Blvd. N., Naples, Florida.

Advisory Board Members Present:

Mr. Ernie Bretzmann – Advisory Board Member

Mr. Willie Brice, III – Advisory Board Member

Ms. Cecelia Zenti - Advisory Board Member

Advisory Board Member Not Present

Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

Also Present:

Mr. Aaron Hopkins, Reg'l Mgr. Collier County Government

Mr. Ray Coriano, Program Leader, Golden Gate Community Center

Ms. Marissa Fahey, Reg'l Mgr., Paradise Coast Sports Complex

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I. Call to Order:

Mr. Bretzmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on June 7, 2021

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. Brice seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2021

Ms. Zenti entered a motion to approve the May 3, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Brice 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.

Mr. Hopkins stated the reason for the venue change and his being at the meeting was a specific holiday event item on the agenda for consideration and a tour of the facility.

VI. Old Business

a. Julie Allen Retiring: Mr. Coriano stated that Ms. Allen's retirement from the Center having left a big void because of everything she did, Alex has taken over as the VPK Director and will be assuming the duties of the low ratio camp as the program leader in North Collier. Julie Allen's position has been posted but have yet to interview any applicants.

b. Park Assistant Position: Mr. Coriano stated that this position has been posted, has interviewed candidates, and has extended the posting for additional candidates. Mr. Hopkins added there is a shortage of applicants across the board and the goal is to fill vacant positions with the right people for a good, strong team.

c. Summer Camp Updates: Mr. Coriano stated that as summer camp starts next week on Monday, June 14, 2021, this week will be devoted to getting everything ready and getting our counselors and junior leaders trained. Mr. Hopkins added that summer camp is eight weeks long and Golden Gate will include the traditional elementary camp and middle school camp as well as the specialty BMX and skateboarding camps. The camps will be utilizing several junior leaders that graduated from the junior leadership training and were accepted into Mr. Coriano's junior leadership program, Mr. Hopkins provided details of the leadership five-week course training, obtaining references and being interviewed for acceptance into the junior leadership program as well as

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participation in the summer camps. There will be field trips which include: Sun-N-Fun Lagoon, the movie theater, the bowling alley and the zoo. Mr. Coriano's park is also the recipient of the Summer Food Program. Mr. Coriano added that the camp will include three groups of elementary and one full group of middle school. He then explained the use of the facilities for the activities and stated Wheels will be utilized this summer to give everyone a chance to use it. Mr. Coriano outlined his schedule for training the counselors and junior leaders as well as having an open house on Friday for the parents to explain the processes as well as implementation of the pickup and drop off procedures as was done during the pandemic. There will also be volunteers to help out to maintain the facility and to limit the amount of people coming in and out of the buildings, temperature checks will no longer be required unless a child appears to be ill, the County Manager's office is currently determining COVID protocols and he will provide them upon his receipt.

VII. New Business

- a. **Carnival Scheduling Request** – Mr. Coriano spoke to Mr. Lawrence with regard to moving the Snowfest event to the Paradise Coast Sports Complex but keeping the carnival at Wheels. While they may not have the breakfast event, there will be an event that day, and Mr. Coriano will be discussing the tree lighting in the foyer area with Katie. They are also requesting the tentative dates of March 10-13 for a carnival provided it is not during the Collier County Fair. By doing the Snowfest at the Sports complex, there will be more space for more parking or rides which will generate more revenue.

Public Comment: Marissa Fahey expressed her full support of having Snowfest held at the Paradise Sports Complex.

Ms. Zenti entered a motion supporting approval to move the Snowfest event to the Paradise Coast Sports Complex. Mr. Brice seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

- b. **Senior Programs for Fall** Mr. Coriano discussed the various senior programs including the senior lunch at the community center. The senior center is reopening after having been remodeled and the senior lunch will move back to the senior center. Also, there is a proposed technology class for seniors which he will be following up with the company to gather further details such as fees and schedules. Bone Builders is being closed, and in its place, there will be a senior fit program. Vickie Wilson and Valerie are interested in running the program. The other senior center will also be adding a facility scheduled to open in September which could possibly house the senior fit program.

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- c. **Paradise Coast Sports Complex Tour:** Marissa Fahey provided a background of the complex and explained the Paradise Coast Sports Complex falls under the County Manager’s office since a private company has been retained to manage the Sports Complex along with the advertising and marketing. Upon adjournment of the meeting, Ms. Fahey provided a golf-cart tour of the facility.

VIII. Member Comments: None

IX. Adjournment

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

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

**Next meeting, July 12th, 2021
Collier County Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room “C”
Naples, FL**