

**GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
08/02/2021**

Advisory Board Members Present:

Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

Mr. Ernie Bretzmann, Advisory Board Member

Mr. Willie Brice, III – Advisory Board Member

Ms. Cecelia Zenti - Advisory Board Member

Also Present:

Mr. Ray Coriano, Center Supervisor, Parks and Recreation Division

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Tuff called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

II. Attendance/Establish a Quorum

Roll call was taken, with a quorum established.

III. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Tuff entered a motion to approve the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Zenti. All members were in favor. The motion was carried.

IV. Approval of Minutes – June 6th, 2021

Ms. Zenti entered a motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bretzmann. 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. Carnival Scheduling Request

Mr. Coriano explained he spoke to Larry Carr, Owner of Carr Enterprise, contracted by Collier County for Carnival Events, and tried to schedule a carnival date for the period of March or April 2022. Mr. Carr's dates availability was limited due to the fact he's out of state by the end of February after completing the Italian Festival in Naples. The latest date available was Feb 17th – 20th, 2021 which Mr. Coriano agreed to a tentative scheduling. Ms. Tuff question the possibilities of requesting a different company since the period we're requesting are not available. She explained it would be a great idea to have carnival for the actual spring period and maybe Cinco de Mayo, but if Mr. Carr can't accommodate for those periods it may be a good idea to find a different company. Mr. Coriano stated he'll inquire more info from Parks & Recreation Operations concerning the possibility of using someone else. Mr. Brice asked how many carnivals we are planning to book during the year. Mr. Coriano explained he would like to schedule one early April for the spring period, another in September during Hispanic Heritage month, and the last one in December during the scheduling of Snowfest. Mr. Brice stated if the current company can't accommodate for those dates, then he agrees, we should find a different company.

b. Senior Programs for Fall

Mr. Coriano stated the Bone Builders Program scheduled for the fall will be replaced by the new Senior Fit Program which will be facilitated by Vickie Wilson, previous Center Supervisor. Program is schedule to start on September 7th and run until December 16th on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30am-10:30am. Participant's requirements will be the same from the previous program

c. Paradise Coast Sports Complex Tour

Mr. Coriano stated Snowfest event will be reschedule back to the Community Center for this year on December 4th, 2021. He explained the Sport Complex added a new co-management company to the current administration and for this year they agreed not to host Snowfest since they scheduled a sporting events during the same weekend Snowfest was scheduled. According to Mr. Coriano this will be the last year Snowfest is scheduled at the Center since the new locations may include Big Corkscrew Regional Park or Paradise Coast Sports Complex. Mr. Brice stated the event will experience the same parking issues as previous years. Ms. Zenti expressed her concerns about the parking as well and asked about the possibilities of using the Winn Dixie parking area. Mr. Coriano explained Winn Dixie parking lot will be used this year again. Ms. Tuff asked if the Church parking can be used, but Mr. Coriano responded the Church patrons will not allowed for their parking lot to be used for this event. Ms. Zenti recommended in researching the availability of the old Sweet Bay Plaza parking lot. She added it may me a bit fatter away from the event, but the parking area seem available. Ms. Tuff expressed her concern about the event capacity the facility played during Snowfest when it came to the use of restrooms, gym, auditorium, and amphitheater. Mr. Coriano explained the facility is only used a staging area for event staff, and the gym and amphitheater are used in conjunction to support the event. Ms. Tuff asked if there are any revenues received from the event, and Mr. Coriano explained all revenues are directed to the Parks & Recreation Operations. Ms. Tuff stated an inquiry should be done on why there's no revenues received by the Center and requested Mr. Coriano to research the inquiry.

VII. New Business

a. Program Leader & Park Assistant Position

Mr. Coriano explained some of the difficulties he's experiencing in hiring for the Program Leader and Park Assistant positions. For the Child Care Program Leader position their hasn't been a good number of applicants with the required training and certification. He stated there are two internal applicants, Carla Del Pozo, current Customer Service Specialist, and Kelsey Puentes, current Key Staff Counselor. Ms. Puentes have all DCF requirements for the job, while Ms. Del Pozo is currently enrolled in DCF training. There're two other external applicants who have some of the training and were accepted by Human Resources to be considered for interview. Interviews for this position will start by the following week. Mr. Coriano stated the Park Assistant potion has created a bit more challenge due to the high numbers of applicant with hardly any custodial experience. Applicants are been screened by both Mr. Coriano and Human Resources specialist in order to minimize the number of unqualified applicants. This position has been reposted three times in a six-month span and Mr. Coriano expects this to be the last time where all candidates have the necessary requirements to start scheduling for interviews. Mr. Bretzmann agreed with Mr. Coriano's concern in the case

of making sure the correct applicants get an opportunity of an interview so it would not create a revolving door effect in fulfilling these positions.

b. Facility Upgrades

Mr. Coriano stated he's in the process of extending the fence by the open field and Community Garden so it can deter personnel in using the field and amphitheater during the times the Center is closed. Individuals are leaving garbage and utilizing these areas at their own convenience. This will also provide a physical barrier which can be used as an entry point for special events. He also stated receiving a quote for the replacement of tables and chairs for Room C and additional chairs for the auditorium. Mr. Coriano is working towards replacing the Parks & Recreation logos previously located in the front main lobby entrance. The replacements of these logos has been a challenge due to the cost and picture format requested by the original company. Ms. Tuff asked if bids can be taken from different companies in order to search for the best price and quality. Mr. Coriano responded he's currently researching different companies who can offer the same type of logos. The other facility issues Mr. Coriano explained was the loitering issue at the pavilions. He stated thanks to Park Ranger Carol Buckler and the assistant of CCSO they were able to clear the pavilions of personnel who been loitering at the pavilions for a few months. They provided trespass notice and maintained constant patrolling which in turn helped clearing the area from these individuals. This gave the opportunity to start cleaning the areas from trash, pressure washing, painting and replacing the broken water fountains at the pavilions. Ms. Zenti did agree in seeing these individuals not only loitering at the Center, but at the library building as well. Pavilions have been maintained clear of these individuals since the latest incident.

c. Advisory Board Member Applicants

Mr. Coriano provided all board members with a copy of two applicants for the current vacant Advisory Board member position, Ms. Lizette Homar-Ramos and Mr. Alex Lubin. Board members took time to review the applicants and expressed both applications seem to be sincere and do show an interest in being part of the board. Mr. Bretzmann along with Ms. Tuff agreed in having both individuals attend the next meeting and create an interview opportunity for both applicants.

VIII. Member Comments

+ Ms. Zenti expressed her excitement with the Senior Fit program starting again and how everything in the Center is moving along. She also commended Mr. Coriano for his job at the Center.

+ Mr. Brice added a note of concern with the local Farmers Market. He stated how he personally doesn't feel comfortable attending the market and making a purchase and not knowing the price of the items. He explained there's no price signs or price tags on items giving the impression the prices are open for haggle based on the item. Board members

all agreed in experiencing this issue. Ms. Zenti went to explain on how she feels there is not enough fruits and vegetables at this market, the set-up is not conducive at inviting all people from different areas of the market, and how the high prices stated by the attendants tend to discourage customers from buying the items. Mr. Brice went to explain how other markets he attends do provide price tags and/or signs. Board members all agreed they would like to see prices on items and feel this issue can provide less attraction by the community in attending the market. Mr. Coriano stated he will discuss the issue with Mr. Joey Rakow, Farmers Market Supervisor and hopefully come with an agreement in resolving this matter.

IX. Adjournment

With no further topics of discussion, Ms. Tuff motioned to end the meeting, Ms. Zenti second the motion and All Agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm

Golden Gate Community Center Advisory Board



Ms. Kaydee Tuff, Chairman

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 10/4/2021 as presented,
or as amended _____.

**Next meeting, September 13th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
Collier County Golden Gate Community Center
4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Conference Room "C"
Naples, FL**

